

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

---

**Second Session**

---

MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2014

*No. 12*

**1.30 pm**

77

---

---

PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health and Government Whip.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HAWAZI DAIPI (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Manpower.

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Whampoa), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Education.

Mr HRI KUMAR NAIR (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr INDERJIT SINGH (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Education.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr K KARTHIKEYAN (Nominated Member).

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Minister for National Development.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Minister of State, Ministry of Health.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEE KUAN YEOW (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms LEE LI LIAN (Punggol East).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of National Development.

Mr MOHD ISMAIL HUSSEIN (Nominated Member).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Minister for Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence and Leader of the House.

Ms IRENE NG PHEK HOONG (Tampines).

Mr DAVID ONG KIM HUAT (Jurong).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Sembawang).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade), Deputy Speaker.

Mr SENG HAN THONG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Communications and Information.

Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms RITA SOH SIOW LAN (Nominated Member).

Dr BENEDICT TAN (Nominated Member).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower.

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Prof TAN TAI YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang), Deputy Government Whip.

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Moulmein-Kallang).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr WONG KAN SENG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (West Coast), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Communications and Information.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development.

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister for Culture, Community and Youth.

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport.

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Nee Soon).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

---

- 
- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
- 1.1 Second Report of the Special Select Committee on Nominations for Appointment as Nominated Members of Parliament – Presented on 11 August 2014 (Parl. 3 of 2014).
  - 1.2 Singapore Polytechnic Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 71 of 2014).
  - 1.3 Ngee Ann Polytechnic Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 72 of 2014).
  - 1.4 Temasek Polytechnic Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 73 of 2014).
  - 1.5 Nanyang Polytechnic Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 74 of 2014).
  - 1.6 Republic Polytechnic Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 75 of 2014).
  - 1.7 Institute of Technical Education Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 76 of 2014).
  - 1.8 Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 77 of 2014).
  - 1.9 Science Centre Singapore Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 78 of 2014).
  - 1.10 Council for Private Education Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 79 of 2014).
  - 1.11 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2013 – Presented on 13 August 2014 (S. 80 of 2014).
  - 1.12 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2014 – Presented on 14 August 2014 (S. L. 137 of 2014).
  - 1.13 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2014 – Presented on 14 August 2014 (S. L. 138 of 2014).
  - 1.14 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2013/2014 – Presented on 15 August 2014 (S. 81 of 2014).
  - 1.15 Land Titles (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 18 August 2014 (S. L. 139 of 2014).

- 
- 1.16 Land Titles (Electronic Lodgement) (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 18 August 2014 (S. L. 140 of 2014).
  - 1.17 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 19 August 2014 (S. 82 of 2014).
  - 1.18 Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2014 – Presented on 19 August 2014 (S. L. 141 of 2014).
  - 1.19 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Family Justice Bill [Bill No 21/2014(Amended)] – Presented on 20 August 2014 (Pres. Co. 22 of 2014).
  - 1.20 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Transboundary Haze Pollution Bill [Bill No 18/2014] – Presented on 20 August 2014 (Pres. Co. 23 of 2014).
  - 1.21 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Attorney-General (Additional Functions) Bill [Bill No 19/2014] – Presented on 20 August 2014 (Pres. Co. 24 of 2014).
  - 1.22 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 20/2014] – Presented on 20 August 2014 (Pres. Co. 25 of 2014).
  - 1.23 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2013 – Presented on 21 August 2014 (S. 83 of 2014).
  - 1.24 Employment (Recommendations for Annual Wage Adjustment) Notification 2014 – Presented on 21 August 2014 (S. L. 142 of 2014).
  - 1.25 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment and Appointment of Members of Presidential Council for Religious Harmony (PCRH) – Presented on 22 August 2014 (S. 84 of 2014).
  - 1.26 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 – Presented on 25 August 2014 (S. L. 143 of 2014).
  - 1.27 Annual Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights for the period from 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014 – Presented on 27 August 2014 (Cmd. 8 of 2014).
  - 1.28 National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2014 – Presented on 28 August 2014 (S. 85 of 2014).
  - 1.29 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Directors to the Board of MND Holdings (Private) Limited – Presented on 28 August 2014 (S. 86 of 2014).
  - 1.30 National Council of Social Service Annual Report 2013/2014 – Presented on 1 September 2014 (S. 87 of 2014).

- 
- 1.31 Air Navigation Act (Chapter 6, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 1 September 2014 (S. 88 of 2014).
- 1.32 Frustrated Contracts Act (Chapter 115, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 1 September 2014 (S. 89 of 2014).
- 1.33 Singapore Management University Act (Chapter 302A, Revised Edition 2014) – Presented on 1 September 2014 (S. 90 of 2014).
- 1.34 Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review Report – Presented on 2 September 2014 (Misc. 3 of 2014).
- 1.35 ComCare Annual Report 2013 – Presented on 4 September 2014 (S. 91 of 2014).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker on Nominated Members of Parliament – Mdm Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, the Special Select Committee nominated the following nine persons to the President for appointment as Nominated Members of Parliament:
- Ms Chia Yong Yong;  
Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng;  
Mr Karthikeyan s/o R. Krishnamurthy;  
Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin;  
Mr Mohd Ismail Bin Hussein;  
Ms Rita Soh Siow Lan;  
Dr Benedict Tan Chi'-Loong;  
Assoc Prof Randolph Tan Gee Kwang; and  
Prof Tan Tai Yong.
- On 26 August 2014, President Tony Tan, by Instruments of Appointment dated the same day, appointed the nine Members as NMPs for a term of two and a half years with effect from 26 August 2014.
- The Nominated Members are present today to take their seats. They will now take their oath or affirmation of allegiance."
- 3 Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance – The following Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance or made and subscribed the Affirmation:-
- Ms Chia Yong Yong (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Mr Karthikeyan s/o R. Krishnamurthy (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Mr Mohd Ismail Bin Hussein (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Ms Rita Soh Siow Lan (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Dr Benedict Tan Chi'-Loong (Nominated Member of Parliament);  
Assoc Prof Randolph Tan Gee Kwang (Nominated Member of Parliament); and  
Prof Tan Tai Yong (Nominated Member of Parliament).



- 
- 4 13 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 5 Remote Gambling Bill – "to regulate remote gambling and remote gambling services affecting Singapore and to make related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2014].
  - 6 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Bill – "to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2014].
  - 7 Companies (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Companies Act (Chapter 50 of the 2006 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 25/2014].
  - 8 Business Names Registration Bill – "to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Business Registration Act (Chapter 32 of the 2004 Revised Edition) so as to provide for the registration of persons carrying on business in Singapore and their business names, to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws and for matters connected therewith" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 26/2014].
  - 9 Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Stamp Duties Act (Chapter 312 of the 2006 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 27/2014].
  - 10 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act (Chapter 117A of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 28/2014].
  - 11 Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act (Chapter 257 of the 2001 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 29/2014].

- 12 Education Endowment and Savings Schemes (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Education Endowment and Savings Schemes Act (Chapter 87A of the 2009 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Education; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 30/2014].
- 13 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 28 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 14 Applied Study in Polytechnics and Institute of Technical Education Review (ASPIRE) – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education) – Motion made, and Question proposed – "That this House (1) endorses the Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review Report (Paper Misc. 3 of 2014), which sets out this Government's policy to ensure that all Singaporeans, whatever their qualifications, enjoy full opportunities to upgrade and progress during their working lives; and (2) supports a tripartite approach to instil a culture of life-long learning, and to recognise and reward individuals based on their skills and performance."; Debate arising.
- 15 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.
- 16 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 6.51 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*Speaker*

---

**MEMORANDUM**

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 September 2014.

---