

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

---

## First Session

---

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2012

No. 17

11.00 am

107

---

---

PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr MICHAEL PALMER (Punggol East)).

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports and Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mrs LINA CHIAM (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Joo Chiat), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms FAIZAH JAMAL (Nominated Member).

Mr NICHOLAS FANG (Nominated Member).

Assoc. Prof. FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr ARTHUR FONG (West Coast).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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 GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

---

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).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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

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

Ms JANICE KOH (Nominated Member).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Ms ELLEN LEE (Sembawang).

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

Mr DESMOND LEE TI-SENG (Jurong).

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

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LAURENCE LIEN (Nominated Member).

Ms MARY LIEW (Nominated Member).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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

Mr RAYMOND LIM SIANG KEAT (East Coast).

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

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Nee Soon).

Ms PENNY LOW (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LUI TUCK YEW (Moulmein-Kallang), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

---

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

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc. Prof. Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon).

Dr LILY NEO (Tanjong Pagar).

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 PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Mr R DHINAKARAN (Nominated Member).

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), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Minister for Law.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Acting Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports.

BG (NS) TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower.

Asst. Prof. TAN KHENG BOON EUGENE (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Ms TAN SU SHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Nee Soon).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister, 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), 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, Minister for Finance and Minister for Manpower.

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 of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education.

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEE JENN JONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr ALVIN YEO (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr YEO GUAT KWANG (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Minister for National Development.

Mr TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

---

- 1 1 Question for Oral Answer was answered during Question Time.
- 2 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) (3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day) – Question again proposed on resumption of Debate on Question (17 February 2012), "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013." – Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

- 3 Estimates for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 (Paper Cmd. 2 of 2012) – Committee of Supply (1<sup>st</sup> Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

*(In the Committee)*

Head U – Prime Minister's Office –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head U of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Asst. Prof. Tan Kheng Boon Eugene); Debate arising.

- 4 Announcement by Mr Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-

"I would like to inform hon. Members that I have revised the times for the conclusion of consideration of the Heads of Expenditure in the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 2012/2013 in the Committee of Supply.

For the 1st allotted day which is today, I have revised the conclusion time for Head U – Prime Minister's Office to 6.05 pm.

Hon. Members will be notified of the revised conclusion times for the remaining Heads of Expenditure after the end of today's sitting. The revised guillotine times that I have fixed will also appear in the Official Report."

- 5 Estimates for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 (Paper Cmd. 2 of 2012) – Consideration in the Committee of Supply resumed.

*(In the Committee)*

Head U – Prime Minister's Office –

Debate resumed on Question, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head U of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Asst. Prof. Tan Kheng Boon Eugene).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$302,518,100 for Head U agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$41,897,900 for Head U agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head P – Ministry of Home Affairs –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head P of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Hri Kumar Nair); Debate arising.

---

With the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker, Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the Chairman do leave the Chair."

*Mr Deputy Speaker suspended the proceedings of the Committee and resumed the Chair of the House.*

- 6 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – (With the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business of Supply be proceeded with beyond 7.30 pm."
- 7 Estimates for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 (Paper Cmd. 2 of 2012) – Consideration in the Committee of Supply resumed.

*(In the Committee)*

Head P – Ministry of Home Affairs –

Debate resumed on Question, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head P of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Hri Kumar Nair).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$3,120,074,800 for Head P agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$315,326,900 for Head P agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

With the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker, Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That progress be reported now and leave be asked to sit again tomorrow." – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs).

Progress reported – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs).

Committee to sit again Tomorrow.

- 8 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.36 pm

MICHAEL PALMER  
*Speaker*

---

**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Friday, 2 March 2012.

---