

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH 2016

No. 10

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-YewTee)).

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

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

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

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

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

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

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

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Acting Minister for Education (Schools) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

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

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Finance and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Mr TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

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

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Transport.

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

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development.

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

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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- 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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 6/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 1 of 2016).
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 8/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 2 of 2016).
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 4/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 3 of 2016).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Banking (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 1/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 4 of 2016).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Pioneer Generation Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 5/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 5 of 2016).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the National Environment Agency (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 7/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 6 of 2016).
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 10/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 7 of 2016).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 11/2016] – Presented on 16 March 2016 (Pres. Co. 8 of 2016).
 - 1.9 Report of the Special Select Committee on Nominations for Appointment as Nominated Members of Parliament – Presented on 17 March 2016 (Parl. 2 of 2016).
 - 1.10 Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Chief Valuer Under the State Lands Act – Presented on 17 March 2016 (S. 75 of 2016).
 - 1.11 Statement of the Minister for Finance [Under Article 147(4) (a) of the Constitution] – Presented on 24 March 2016 (Misc. 1 of 2016).
 - 1.12 The Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for the Financial Year 2016/2017 – Presented on 24 March 2016 (Cmd. 2 of 2016).

- 1.13 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 – Presented on 24 March 2016 (Cmd. 3 of 2016).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mdm Speaker made the following communication to the House:
- "I wish to inform Members that pursuant to Standing Order No 102, I have on 18 March 2016 nominated Mr Christopher de Souza to be a Member of the Estimates Committee, to fill a vacancy that has arisen in that Committee."
- 3 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:
- Mr Azmoon Bin Ahmad;
Ms Chia Yong Yong;
Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng;
Mr Ganesh Rajaram;
Mr Kok Heng Leun;
Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin;
Asst Prof Professor Mahdev Mohan;
Assoc Prof Randolph Tan Gee Kwang; and
Ms K Thanalechimi.
- On 22 March 2016, President Tony Tan, by Instruments of Appointment dated on the same day, appointed the nine Members as NMPs for a term of two and a half years with effect from 22 March 2016.
- The Nominated Members are present today to take their seats. They will now take their oath or affirmation of allegiance."
- 4 Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance – The following Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance or made and subscribed the Affirmation:-
- Mr Azmoon Bin Ahmad (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Ms Chia Yong Yong (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Mr Ganesh Rajaram (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Mr Kok Heng Leun (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Asst Prof Mahdev Mohan (Nominated Member of Parliament);
Assoc Prof Randolph Tan Gee Kwang (Nominated Member of Parliament); and
Ms K Thanalechimi (Nominated Member of Parliament).
- 5 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 6 Budget Statement – (Minister for Finance) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017."; Debate stood adjourned under Standing Order 89(1); to be resumed on Monday, 4 April 2016.

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- 7 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to Monday, 4 April 2016."

Adjourned at 5.27 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Monday, 4 April 2016.
