

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

No. 16

11.00 am

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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).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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 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.

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 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 TEO SIONG SENG (Nominated Member).
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 ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAINUDIN NORDIN (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr LEE KUAN YEW (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Mr MAH BOW TAN (Tampines).

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

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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 Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order 2012 – Presented on 29 February 2012 (S.L. 49 of 2012).
- 1.2 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2012 – Presented on 29 February 2012 (S.L. 50 of 2012).
- 2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-
- "Pursuant to paragraph (7) of Standing Order 92, I have fixed 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.
- In fixing these times, I have taken into account the reduction of Question Time to 30 minutes on the days allotted for the COS debates and the sitting times of the Committee of Supply.
- I have notified Members that the sittings on the allotted days will commence at 11.00 am. Additionally, pursuant to SO 91(3)(a), I have extended the time for the sitting on these allotted days to 7.30 pm on each day.
- The 'guillotine' times I have fixed have been notified to Hon. Members and will appear in the Official Report."
- 3 4 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 4 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) (2nd 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 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013." – Debate resumed.
- 5 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 6 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013."
- 7 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 set down on the Order Paper for today be proceeded with beyond the time extended by Mr Deputy Speaker for this day's sitting."
- 8 Budget Statement – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013."
- Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned." – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

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

Adjourned at 7.37 pm

MICHAEL PALMER
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Thursday, 1 March 2012.
