

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

STATE OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1959

No. 12 **2.30 p.m.** 23

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

***1.** Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Prime Minister whether he is aware that the Deputy Prime Minister is still a member of the University of Malaya academic staff, that he occupies University staff quarters at a subsidised rent, that he is still a contributor to the University of Malaya Academic Staff Provident Scheme at the rate of 5 per cent of the salary last drawn by him and that the University is still contributing for and on his behalf at the rate of 15 per cent on his said salary to the said Provident Scheme; and whether, in view of the position the Deputy Prime Minister holds in the Cabinet, he will make a statement and say what action he will take in the matter.

***2.** Inche Mohd. Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Prime Minister, with reference to the call by the Minister for National Development for voluntary service on Sundays by civil servants and employees of Local Government Authorities, whether any one is compelled, directly or indirectly, to volunteer; whether the terms of service of those who do not volunteer will be adversely affected; and whether disciplinary action will be taken against such persons.

***3.** Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Minister for National Development how many applications for written permission for the erection of buildings under section 61 of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 259) have been submitted to the Singapore Improvement Trust from the 1st day of June, 1959, up to a latest convenient date; of these how many have been granted, refused or are still awaiting decision; and what the present policy of the Singapore Improvement Trust is with regard to such applications.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. Minister for Culture:

Singapore State Arms and Flag and National Anthem Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

2. Minister for Finance:

Merchant Shipping (Amendment No. 2) Bill.

3. Minister for Labour and Law:

Motor Vehicles (Third-party Risks and Compensation) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

1. Fifth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1959—Committee of Supply. *(1st Allotted Day.) (Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.)*

●2. Pawnbrokers (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†

●3. Transfer of Powers Bill—Second Reading.†

●4. Transfer of Powers (No. 2) Bill—Second Reading.†

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 4.]

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† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

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5. Minister for Finance:

CONTROL OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ORDINANCE: That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (2) of section 1 of the Control of Imports and Exports Ordinance (Chapter 214), resolves that the aforesaid Ordinance shall continue in force for a further period of one year commencing on the 8th day of December, 1959.

6. Deputy Prime Minister:

MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) RULES, 1959: That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Rules, 1959, published as Notification No. S (N.S.) 135 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 27 dated 9th October, 1959, as contained in Paper S.L. (N.S.) 18 of 1959, be approved.

7. Deputy Prime Minister:

MERCHANT SHIPPING (PASSENGER CERTIFICATE PARTIAL SURVEY FEES) RULES, 1959: That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) Rules, 1959, published as Notification No. S (N.S.) 136 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 27 dated 9th October, 1959, as contained in Paper S.L. (N.S.) 19 of 1959, be approved.

8. Minister for Culture:

STATE ARMS AND FLAG AND STATE NATIONAL ANTHEM: That this Assembly adopts the State Arms and Flag and State National Anthem as described and shown in Paper Misc. (New Series) 2 of 1959.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 7 (9)):—

Mr. A. P. Rajah (Member for Farrer Park)	Appointments to the Singapore Telephone Board.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Health—

(*a*) how many medical specialists and doctors have left, or given notice of resignation from, the service of the Government or the City Council since 30th May, 1959;

(*b*) whether he is aware of the considerable discontent among the remaining medical specialists and doctors over their increased duties and emoluments; and

(*c*) what steps he proposes to take in the matter.

2. Mr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Labour and Law to state—

(*a*) the number of unemployed persons registered with the Government Labour Exchange as at the end of October, 1959;

(*b*) the estimated number of additional persons who will be looking for employment in the first quarter of 1960; and

(*c*) what immediate measures the Government proposes to take to solve or relieve the worsening unemployment situation.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1959		*Date presented*
Cmd. (N.S.) 25	Annual Report of the Labour Department 1957 and 1958 ...	13th October, 1959.
Cmd. (N.S.) 26	Annual Report of the Customs and Excise 1958	27th October, 1959.
Cmd. (N.S.) 24	1957 Census of Population, Singapore—Preliminary Release No. 12	28th October, 1959.
Cmd. (N.S.) 23	Fifth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1959 of the State of Singapore	2nd November, 1959.
Cmd. (N.S.) 27	1957 Census of Population, Singapore—Preliminary Release No. 13	2nd November, 1959.
Cmd. (N.S.) 28	Sixth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1959 of the State of Singapore	2nd November, 1959.
S.L. (N.S.) 17	Schools (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1959	13th October, 1959.
S.L. (N.S.) 18	Merchant Shipping (Fees) Rules, 1959	23rd October, 1959.
S.L. (N.S.) 19	Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) Rules, 1959	23rd October, 1959.
S.L. (N.S.) 20	Cinematograph Film Hire Duty Rules, 1959	29th October, 1959.

1959		*Date presented*
S.L. (N.S.) 22	Singapore Citizenship (Registration of Citizens outside Singapore) Rules, 1959	3rd November, 1959.
S.L. (N.S.) 21	Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules, 1959	5th November, 1959.
S. (N.S.) 6	Accounts of the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the half year ended 31st December, 1958 and the Report of the Director of Audit thereon ...	29th October, 1959.
Misc. (N.S.) 1	Report of the Committee to consider the imposition of duties on imports of hard soaps and detergents	29th October, 1959.
Misc. (N.S.) 2	State Arms and Flag and National Anthem of the State of Singapore	7th November, 1959.

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