

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL 2016

No. 12

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many Government and statutory board car parks as a proportion of the total number of these car parks provide free parking on Sundays; (b) how has this proportion varied from 2005 to 2010; and (c) whether the Ministry has plans to change this proportion in the years ahead.
- *2. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there are guidelines on the installation of barriers in void decks, walkways and other common spaces in terms of accessibility for the disabled, elderly and community activities; and (b) what is the Ministry's position on the installation of such barriers in common spaces in HDB estates.
- *3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider (i) putting a speed counter on heavy vehicles that are allowed to ferry passengers which will register each time the vehicle exceeds the speed limit for a prolonged period (ii) establishing a fine and demerit system for drivers caught speeding through these speed counters.
- *4. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry) (a) what is the current number of students studying in international schools in Singapore; (b) how many of them are foreigners; and (c) whether the Government is promoting the private education industry as one of the key engines of economic growth, and if so, whether there are plans to increase the number of international schools and the student numbers.
- *5. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) in view of the forthcoming merger of Bedok North Secondary School with Damai Secondary School in January 2018, whether the Ministry will consider locating the merged school at the premises of Bedok North Secondary School in view of better transportation links at the location of this school.

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- *6. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) (a) how many ex-teachers have rejoined the education service last year; (b) how many of these teachers have resigned as employees of independent schools to rejoin the service; and (c) how are the teachers' experience and skills that are developed in the time after the teachers left service recognised when they rejoin the service.
- *7. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many places for home care and centre-based care services for the elderly are there currently; (b) how many referrals for each of these services have been received by the Agency for Integrated Care in 2015; and (c) how many of these referrals have been turned down and what are the main reasons for turning them down.
- *8. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many engineers are there currently working in Singapore; and (b) how many of these are Singaporeans and permanent residents, and foreigners respectively.
- *9. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider planning for two direct bus services to the Geylang Serai market in the month before Hari Raya Puasa and Hari Raya Haji from main roads around Bedok South, Bedok Central and Bedok North.
- *10. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development which three Town Councils have the largest number of flats eligible for upgrading under the Home Improvement Programme.
- *11. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last 12 months, how many Singaporeans who have purchased BTO flats have requested for a deferment of collection of keys; (b) what proportion of such requests have been due to inability to sell their existing flats; and (c) how will the Government assist residents in such situations.
- *12. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development what assistance plans does HDB have in place with regard to mortgage payments by those in their late 40s or 50s who have been retrenched, particularly where the husband and wife both lose their jobs at the same time.
- *13. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether any Government studies have been undertaken on the feasibility of online voting for overseas Singaporeans using SingPass which can overcome security and secrecy concerns relating to postal voting; (b) if so, whether they can be made available; and (c) if such studies do not exist, whether the Government can share with Singaporeans the obstacles preventing these studies from being undertaken.

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- *14. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) (a) what is the Ministry doing to (i) cope with the demand for more engineers and (ii) get more students interested in taking up engineering in our universities and polytechnics; and (b) how many students will be graduating from our universities with engineering degrees this year.
- *15. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) (a) what has been the enrolment rate at junior colleges (JCs) over the past three years; (b) whether there are JCs with excess capacity; and (c) what is the building programme for JCs in the next two years.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The postponement forms are available at the Chamber entrances. To ensure timely notice of such postponements, Members should submit their notices to the Clerk by 1.30 pm. Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **BUDGET STATEMENT:** *Resumption of Debate on Question (24th March 2016) (2nd Allotted Day)*, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017." – (Minister for Finance).
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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many cases has IRAS investigated for fraud under the Productivity and Innovation Credit (PIC) scheme since the inception of the scheme; (b) how many court convictions for PIC fraud have been obtained and what are grant amounts involved in these cases; (c) how many cases of suspected PIC fraud are pending before the courts; and (d) how many and in what percentage of cases in (a), (b) and (c) are consultants the subject of proceedings.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2016</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>
S.	78	Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Person to be Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Housing Development Board (HDB) during the temporary absence of the Chief Executive Officer 1 April 2016
S.L.	96	Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment) Rules 2016 4 April 2016
S.L.	97	Housing Developers (Amendment) Rules 2016 4 April 2016
