

# SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

## FIRST SESSION

### ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1968

No. 15

2.30 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour if he will take steps to establish diplomatic relations with all independent Asian countries irrespective of their political ideologies provided that he is satisfied that these countries will not interfere in the internal affairs of Singapore.
- \*2. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) what economic or other benefits has ASEAN brought to Singapore since its formation; and (b) whether he will inform the House briefly about the future plans of ASEAN.
- \*3. **Enche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) how many applications for Singapore Citizenship were received during the period 1st January, 1967, to 30th June, 1968, from (i) trained teachers in the four language streams; and (ii) Divisions I and II civil servants, other than teachers; (b) how many of the applicants have been interviewed; and (c) how many of the applications (i) were approved; (ii) were rejected; and (iii) are still under consideration.
- \*4. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) how many applications for Singapore Citizenship were received during the period 1st January to 31st October, 1968; and (b) how many of those applications have been approved and how many of them have been rejected.
- \*5. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) whether the Hotel and Catering Training Centre will be expanded to train more personnel in view of expansion in the hotel trade; and (b) the number of employment opportunities which will become available from the hotels under construction and from those now awaiting planning approval.
- \*6. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour the number of (i) strikes, and (ii) work stoppages, during the period 1st January to 31st October, 1968.

- \*7. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) what was the total number of persons registered with the Employment Exchange for employment assistance as at 31st October, 1968; and (b) how many registrants had been placed in employment by the Exchange between 1st January and 31st October, 1968, and whether their registration cards have been taken back by the Exchange.
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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Science and Technology:**  
National Museum (Amendment) Bill.
2. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Supply Bill.
3. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Supplementary Supply (No. 3) Bill.
4. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Financial Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Bill.
5. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Customs (Amendment) Bill.
6. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Cinematograph Film Hire Duty (Amendment) Bill.
7. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Economic Development Board (Transfer of Assets) Bill.  
[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 80, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]
8. **Minister for Communications:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Seamen's Registry Board (Amendment) Bill.
9. **Minister for Law and National Development:**  
Legitimacy (Amendment) Bill.

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10. **Minister for Law and National Development:**  
Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill.
  11. **Minister for Law and National Development:**  
Copyright (Gramophone Records and Government Broadcasting) Bill.
  12. **Minister for Health:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Environmental Public Health Bill.
  13. **Minister for Health:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Abortion Bill.
  14. **Minister for Health:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Voluntary Sterilization Bill.

### **Business Motion**

#### **Minister for Finance:**

BUDGET SITTINGS: That Parliament resolves that notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 85, the days allotted for discussion of the Main Estimates for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 in the Committee of Supply be increased to 5 days, that is to say, the 13th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th of December, 1968.

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

(*Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.*)

#### **1. Minister for Law and National Development:**

NATURE RESERVES ORDINANCE (MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE): That this Parliament, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Nature Reserves Ordinance (Chapter 235), resolves —

- (a) that paragraph 1 of the Schedule of the said Ordinance be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

“All those pieces of land situate in the Mukims of Sembawang, Mandai, Ulu Kalang, Bukit Timah and Toa

Payoh in the Island of Singapore forming part of the Public Utilities Board Catchment Area described as follows:—

Lot. No.	Mukim.	Approximate Area.		
		Acres.	Roods.	Perches.
13-2	Sembawang No. XIII	3	3	13.60
13-3	Sembawang No. XIII	667	2	—
Parts of 31-2	Mandai No. XIV	3,144	0	—
28	Ulu Kalang No. XV	3	2	34.00
29	Ulu Kalang No. XV	0	0	12.00
30	Ulu Kalang No. XV	5	1	14.00
13-16	Ulu Kalang No. XV	3	2	09.2
Parts of 155	Ulu Kalang No. XV	2,687	1	15.0
66	Bukit Timah No. XVI	576	0	—
Parts of 115-2	Toa Payoh No. XVII	900	0	—

The boundaries of these areas are more particularly delineated and edged green on Certified Plan No. 13109 filed in the Office of the Chief Surveyor, Singapore.”; and

(b) that paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the said Ordinance be deleted.

**2. Minister for Law and National Development:**

**RECLAMATION (PULAU AYER CHAWAN):** That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4 of the Foreshores Ordinance (Chapter 246), approves the reclamation by Government of that portion of the foreshore and sea-bed at Pulau Ayer Chawan containing an area of approximately 332 acres as shown coloured yellow on the plan marked “LAND OFFICE RECLAMATION PLAN NO. 1/68” which is deposited in the Land Office, Singapore.

**3. Minister for Finance:**

**BUDGET STATEMENT:** That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970.

**4. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Communications) — Second Reading.**

It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.

**5. Singapore Council of Social Service Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 3 of 1968) — (Minister for Social Affairs) — Third Reading.**

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6. Hindu Endowments Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 4 of 1968) — (Minister for Social Affairs) — Third Reading.
  7. Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) (Amendment) Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 6 of 1968) — (Minister for Health) — Third Reading.
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### MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b): —

Madam Chan Choy Siong (Member for Delta) ... Discontinuation of Toto.

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many cases of suicides were recorded for the period 1st January, 1967, to 30th June, 1968; and (b) how many of the recorded cases may be said to be anomic.
2. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development —
  - (a) how many prosecutions were conducted in the High Court for the period 1st January, 1967, to 30th June, 1968;
  - (b) how many of these prosecutions resulted in convictions;
  - (c) how many of these convictions were the result of the accused pleading guilty (i) on the original charges, and (ii) on reduced charges;
  - (d) how many of these prosecutions had been for offences classified as follows: —
    - (i) murder and connected offences;
    - (ii) kidnapping;
    - (iii) gang robbery;
    - (iv) rape; and
    - (v) causing miscarriage and connected offences;
  - (e) how many of the accused convicted for each of the above classifications of offences (other than rape) were women; and
  - (f) how many of the accused convicted for each of the above classifications of offences were 18 years old and below at the time of the offence.
3. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development —

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- (a) how many prosecutions were conducted in the Subordinate Criminal Courts for the period 1st January, 1967, to 30th June, 1968;
- (b) how many of these prosecutions resulted in convictions;
- (c) how many of these convictions were the result of the accused pleading guilty;
- (d) how many of these prosecutions were for offences classified as follows:—
- (i) assault, causing hurt, grievous or otherwise, with or without weapons;
  - (ii) robbery;
  - (iii) extortion;
  - (iv) theft;
  - (v) cheating;
  - (vi) criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of property;
  - (vii) sexual offences;
  - (viii) vagrancy;
  - (ix) drunkenness;
  - (x) gambling and connected offences;
  - (xi) opium-smoking and connected offences; and
  - (xii) smuggling and connected offences;
- (e) how many of the accused convicted for each of the above classifications of offences were women; and
- (f) how many of the accused convicted for each of the above classifications of offences were 18 years old and below at the time of the offence.
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#### PAPERS PRESENTED

1968	<i>Date Presented</i>
S. 8 Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board, Singapore, 1966 ...	3rd August, 1968.
S. 9 Report and Accounts of the War Damage Commission for 1965 ...	5th August, 1968.
S. 10 Report and Accounts of the War Damage Commission for 1966 ...	5th August, 1968.
Cmd. 17 Report of the Singapore Prisons Department, 1963–1965 ...	12th August, 1968.
Cmd. 18 Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1966 ...	15th August, 1968.

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Cmd. 19	Annual Report of the National Registration Office, 1967 ... ..	15th August, 1968.
S.L. 40	Customs Duties Order, 1968 ... ..	15th August, 1968.
Parl. 3	Report of the Select Committee on the Singapore Council of Social Service Bill	16th August, 1968.
Parl. 4	Report of the Select Committee on the Hindu Endowments Bill ... ..	16th August, 1968.
S.L. 41	Registration Fee (Industrial Training for Redundant Citizen Employees of the Government of the United Kingdom in Singapore) (Amendment) Order, 1968	23rd August, 1968.
Parl. 5	Second Report of the Public Accounts Committee (First Session) ... ..	26th August, 1968.
S.L. 42	Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1968	3rd September, 1968.
S.L. 43	Authorised Piers and Landing Places Order, 1968 ... ..	3rd September, 1968.
S.L. 44	Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1968	3rd September, 1968.
S.L. 45	Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Regulations, 1968	9th September, 1968.
S.L. 46	Central Provident Fund Rules, 1968 ... ..	11th September, 1968
S.L. 47	Central Provident Fund (British Government Employees) Regulation, 1968 ... ..	11th September, 1968
S.L. 48	Central Provident Fund Regulations, 1968	11th September, 1968
S.L. 49	Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) Regulations, 1968 ... ..	11th September, 1968
S. 11	Annual Report of the Singapore Post Office Savings Bank, 1966 ... ..	11th September, 1968
S. 12	Annual Report of the Singapore Telephone Board for the year 1967 ... ..	11th September, 1968
S.L. 50	Authorised Piers and Landing Places (Amendment) Order, 1968 ... ..	17th September, 1968.
S.L. 51	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1968 ... ..	17th September, 1968.
Cmd. 20	Report of the Ministry of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1965 ... ..	25th September, 1968.
S. 13	Report and Accounts of the Port of Singapore Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1967 ... ..	26th September, 1968,

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S.	14	Loan Agreement (Singapore Sewerage Project) between the Republic of Singapore and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development dated 3rd July, 1968 ... ..	30th September, 1968.
S.L.	52	Fees (Police Force) Order, 1968 ... ..	1st October, 1968.
S.L.	53	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1968 ... ..	4th October, 1968.
S.L.	54	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1968 ... ..	4th October, 1968.
Cmd.	21	Report on the Registration of Births and Deaths and Marriages, 1966 ... ..	5th October, 1968.
S.	15	Central Provident Fund Board: Chairman's Statement and Accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1967	15th October, 1968.
Cmd.	22	Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, 1965 ... ..	17th October, 1968.
S.L.	55	Comprehensive Certificate of Origin Order, 1968 ... ..	18th October, 1968.
S.L.	56	Fees (Imports and Exports Control and Registration Department) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1968 ... ..	18th October, 1968.
Cmd.	23	Annual Report of the Singapore Prisons Department, 1966 ... ..	19th October, 1968.
Parl.	6	Report of the Select Committee on the Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) (Amendment) Bill ... ..	22nd October, 1968.
Cmd.	24	First Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 of Singapore	24th October, 1968.
Cmd.	25	Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 of Singapore ... ..	25th October, 1968.
S.L.	57	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 5) Order, 1968 ... ..	9th November, 1968.
Cmd.	26	Annual Report of the Registry of Vehicles, 1967 ... ..	11th November, 1968.
S.L.	58	Customs Duties (Exemption) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1968 ... ..	20th November, 1968.
S.L.	59	Fees (Airport Passes, Apron Vehicles Permit, Apron Driver Permit) Order, 1968 ... ..	20th November, 1968.



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S.L. 60	Singapore Armed Forces (Enlistment and Discharge) Regulations, 1968 ...	22nd November, 1968.
S.L. 61	Customs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1968 ...	28th November, 1968.
Cmd. 27	Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 ...	29th November, 1968.
Misc. 2	Memorandum on the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 ...	29th November, 1968.
Cmd. 28	Development Estimates of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 ...	29th November, 1968.
Misc. 3	Memorandum on the Development Estimates of Singapore for the financial year 1st January, 1969 to 31st March, 1970 ...	29th November, 1968.

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