

# SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## FIRST SESSION

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### ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1968

No. 16

2.30 p.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether it is an appropriate time now to consider the lowering of the minimum age qualification for electors from 21 to 18 years and the introduction of the necessary amending legislation.
- \*2. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government will consider introducing the Metric System at this stage of the Republic's development so as to conform with the practice obtaining in most developed countries.
- \*3. **Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether, in view of the policy of the Government to promote home ownership by workers of Housing and Development Board flats, the Government will consider revising the present rate of assessment, which is 36 per cent of the annual value, or the basis of assessing the annual value, of flats purchased under the Board's "Home Ownership Scheme".
- \*4. **Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he will consider conducting a further campaign to remind civil servants that courtesy and willing assistance are expected of them at all times when dealing with members of the public.
- \*5. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether his attention has been drawn to complaints by the public against Government officers in certain departments for their arrogant attitude and incompetency; and (b) if he will take steps to maintain administrative efficiency at a high level and ensure that Government officers adopt a proper attitude when dealing with the public.
- \*6. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Finance what measures are in force to prevent a waste of public funds by the resignation of a civil servant who has been sent abroad for further or specialised training at considerable public expense.
- \*7. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Finance if civil servants are dismissed from the Service for indebtedness as a rule; and whether he will consider applying a rule to give a civil servant, who is indebted, a second chance to prove his worth in the Service if his case deserves it.
- \*8. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many public officers were serving in an acting capacity on 1st October, 1968, and

how many such officers have acted for more than two months; and (b) whether there are officers "officiating" in unfilled posts in the Service, the number of such "officiating" officers in the various Ministries and departments, and why such "officiating" capacity is necessary.

- \*9. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance the number of licences for (i) television receivers, and (ii) radio sound receivers, issued during the year ended 31st October, 1968.
- \*10. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Finance what percentage of the weekly Toto takings is apportioned to the first prize; and, on the average weekly prize money, what is the estimated first prize for the fourth week immediately following three consecutive weeks during which that prize has not been won.
- \*11. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Defence the number of cases of head injuries suffered by scooterists, motor-cyclists and pillion-riders in road accidents during the period 1st May to 30th September, 1968; in how many such cases were the injuries (i) serious but non-fatal; and (ii) fatal; and what percentage of the serious and fatal cases were instances of persons not wearing crash helmets.
- \*12. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what action is taken on information received from members of the public of vehicles which emit excessive exhaust smoke; (b) how many cases of prosecutions there were against owners or operators of vehicles emitting excessive exhaust smoke between 1st January and 30th September, 1968; and (c) what were the results of such prosecutions.
- \*13. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) whether there have been cases of contraventions of the National Service Ordinance, and how many; (b) what penalties have been meted out to the offenders; and (c) if he is satisfied with the manner in which the Ordinance has been implemented.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Stamp (Amendment) Bill.
2. **Minister for Finance:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) Bill.
3. **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:**  
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)  
Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Bill.
4. **Minister for Communications:**  
Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill.

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**Business Motion****Minister for Finance:**

CONSIDERATION OF MORE THAN ONE ITEM OF SUPPLY BUSINESS: That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the Second and Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 and the First Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for 1968, be taken today.

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

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

- 1. (A) Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 of Singapore (Paper Cmd. 16 of 1968) — Committee of Supply. (Allotted Day).
  - (B) Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 of Singapore (Paper Cmd. 25 of 1968) — Committee of Supply. (Allotted Day).
  - (C) First Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for 1968 of Singapore (Paper Cmd. 24 of 1968) — Committee of Supply. (Allotted Day).
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