

*FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY STATE OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1960

No. 20

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Prime Minister when the Johore River Scheme will be completed to meet the additional water supplies required for Singapore.
- *2. Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Prime Minister what is the total freshwater storage capacity in Singapore for the City Council Waterworks and the individual storage capacity of each service reservoir.
- *3. Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Prime Minister what steps have been taken in the exercise of the functions, duties, powers, discretions and authorities previously had and exercised by the City Council under the provisions of sections 71 and 72 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1957, with regard to the City Council Budget for 1960.
- *4. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Prime Minister whether the present employees of City Council Departments will be paid a pension or a provident fund on their retirement after the integration of their departments into the Government.
- *5. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many qualified engineers and architects are there in the City Council; (b) how many of these have more than 6 years' experience; and (c) how many engineers and architects have resigned from the City Council since 1st June, 1959.
- *6. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many qualified engineers and architects are there in (i) the Public Works Department, and (ii) the Singapore Improvement Trust; (b) how many of them have more than 6 years' experience; and (c) how many engineers and architects have resigned from these departments since 1st June, 1959.
- *7. Mr. A. P. Rajah: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Chairman of the Singapore Improvement Trust has complied with the provisions of sections 38 and 39 of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Chapter 259) in respect of the Singapore Improvement Trust Budget for the year 1960.
- *8. Dato Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government accepts the Federation of Malaya School Leaving Certificate as equivalent to the Cambridge Oversea School Certificate for the purposes of employment in Government Service.

- ***9**. Inche Mohd. Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Finance to state the number of those persons already in employment other than in Government Service, who are given part-time employment in Government Departments.
- Inche Mohd. Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Finance to state the *10. terms of service (including rates of pay, gratuity, pension, leave, etc.) of the personnel of the Guard and Escort Unit of the Singapore Police Force, and whether such terms of service are the same as those accorded to the Regular personnel of the Force.
- *11. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance with reference to the Government's offer to pay scientific and professional allowances, to state which categories of civil servants will qualify as technical and professional officers eligible for such allowances, and what discussions have taken place with the Associations representing such officers; and whether he will make a statement in the matter.
- Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance whether, in regard *12. to Government employees who do not qualify for the scientific and professional allowances, he has presented for the consideration of their Unions the scheme whereby such employees who experience hardship as a result of the pay cuts can obtain assistance to tide them for the period of their financial difficulties; whether he will disclose details of such scheme; and whether he will make a statement in the matter.
- Inche Ahmad Jabri bin Mohammad Akib: To ask the Minister for Labour *13. and Law to state the number of strikes which took place during the period 3rd June, 1959, to 31st December, 1959, and the number of workers involved.
- Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour and Law (a) how many *14. unemployed persons have registered up to 31st December, 1959; and (b)what is the estimated number of registered unemployed persons apart from the number estimated to benefit under the \$7,000,000 Unemployment Relief Works Scheme, who would gain employment in one or other of the development projects for 1960.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

Minister for Health:

Hospitals Board (Repeal) Bill.

- 2. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance: Exchange Control (Amendment) Bill.
- 3. Minister for Labour and Law:

Women and Girls Protection (Amendment) Bill.

- 4. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance: War Savings Certificates (Winding Up) Bill.
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance: 5. Treasury Deposit Receipts Bill.
- 6. Minister for Education:

Lembaga Gerakan Pelajaran Dewasa Bill.

Minister for Labour and Law:

Industrial Relations Bill.

- 8. Minister for Labour and Law:
 Trade Disputes (Amendment) Bill.
- 9. Minister for Home Affairs:
 Prevention of Corruption Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Statements of Excess: First Report of the Public Accounts Committee [Paper L.A. (New Series) 9 of 1959] and the Statements of Excess [Paper Cmd. (New Series) 28 of 1959]—Committee of Supply (Allotted Day). (Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.)
- 2. Motor Vehicles (Third-party Risks and Compensation) Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 3. Muslims (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 4. Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.† [For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 5. Merchant Shipping (Amendment No. 3) Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For notes on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 6. Control of Rent (Amendment No. 2) Bill—Second Reading.†

 [For notes on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 7. Notaries Public Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 8. Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 9. Defamation Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 10. Road Vehicles (Special Powers) Bill—Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 11. Offences relating to Vehicles Bill—Second Reading.† [For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 12. Second-hand Dealers (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.† [For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]
- 13. Printing Presses (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.† (Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.)
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]

• 14. Societies (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.† [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 10.]

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

15. Deputy Prime Minister:

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION: That this Assembly, pursuant to paragraph (1) (b) of Standing Order No. 93, appoints the following Members to fill two vacancies in the Committee of Selection:—

Enche Baharuddin bin Mohd. Ariff Mr. Ong Chang Sam.

16. Deputy Prime Minister:

SINGAPORE PORT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1959: That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Singapore Port (Amendment) Rules, 1959, published as Notification No. S (N.S.) 190 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 40 of 27th November, 1959, as contained in Paper S.L. (New Series) 29 of 1959, be approved.

QUESTION NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

Inche Mohd. Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Finance to state the number of persons employed in all categories of employment in Government Departments since the Government took office, and to give the number of (1) Chinese, (2) Indians, (3) Malays and (4) others so employed.

PAPERS PRESENTED Date ordered to be 1960 printed L.A. 1 Report of the Select Committee on Criminal the Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill 7th January, 1960. L.A. 2 Report of the Select Committee on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill ... 7th January, 1960. 1959 Date presented Cmd. (N.S.) 39 Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department for 1958 ... 29th December, 1959. Cmd. (N.S.) 40 Annual Report of the Income Tax Department 1958 30th December, 1959. 1960 Cmd. 1 1957 Census of Population, Singapore

-Preliminary Release No. 17

9th January, 1960.

1959		Date presented
S.L. (N.S.) 35	Telegraphs (Amendment) Rules, 1959	2nd January, 1960.
S.L. (N.S.) 33	Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 1959	4th January, 1960.
S.L. (N.S.) 34	Singapore Citizenship (Registration of Citizens outside Singapore) (Amendment) Rules, 1959	4th January, 1960.