

# FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## THIRD SESSION

SINGAPORE, TUESDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1959

No. 23

10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare if he can give an assurance that all donations, whether in cash or in kind, sent to the Social Welfare Department, the Council of Social Service and various collection centres, in connection with the recent Kampong Tiong Bahru Fire, will be equitably distributed in full to all victims of the fire, and to state what steps will be taken to achieve this end.
  - \*2. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Secretary whether a Malayan Officer who had been promoted to the post of Director of Special Branch as a result of Malayanisation has asked to retire on terms under the Retirement from the Public Service (Compensation) Ordinance, 1956, and on what grounds is the request made; and whether he will make a statement in the matter.
  - \*3. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Financial Secretary whether investigations regarding an account in the First National City Bank of New York in Singapore in which a very large sum of money was alleged to be under the control of a Minister were commenced by the Income Tax Department but subsequently stopped, and whether he will make a statement on the matter.
  - \*4. Mr. R. C. H. LIM: To ask the Minister for Education to state—
    - (a) the amount of money spent by the Government on vernacular schools in respect of (i) school buildings, and (ii) grants-in-aid, during each of the years from 1954 to 1958; and
    - (b) how many Chinese schools were given money by the Government in respect of (i) school buildings, and (ii) grants-in-aid, during each of the years from 1954 to 1958, and the amount of money granted in each case.
  - \*5. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works, in view of the different conditions under which licences to operate passenger transport services are granted to the Singapore Traction Company Limited under the Singapore Traction Ordinance and to other passenger-transport companies under the Omnibus Services Licensing Authority Ordinance, 1956, whether he will introduce amending legislation to apply uniform conditions of licensing.
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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Rubber Regulation (Repeal) Bill.
2. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Rubber Estates (Surcharge on Assessment) (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Financial Secretary—  
Appropriation (No. 2) (1957) Bill.
4. The Financial Secretary—  
Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Attorney-General—  
Financial Secretary (Incorporation) Bill.
6. The Attorney-General  
Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill.
7. The Chief Secretary—  
Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.
8. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—  
Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill.
9. The Chief Secretary—  
Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Bill.
10. The Attorney-General—  
Laws of Singapore (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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

- 1. Adoption of Children (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 2. Immigration (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 3. Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 18.]
- 4. Minor Offences (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 5. Midwives (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†

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

- 6. Mental Disorders and Treatment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- 7. Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill—Committee.††  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 18.]

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

## 8. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,975 shall be supplied to the Government under the head of expenditure and for the service specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 11 of 1959.

## 9. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$106,705 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 13 of 1959.

## 10. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$414,635 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 12 of 1959.

## 11. The Minister for Education to move—

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Nanyang University Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 3 of 1959, be adopted.

## 12. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House deplores the payment of Malayanisation Compensation terms to any Malayan officer who had been given and had accepted promotion on account of Malayanisation.

## 13. Mr. WILLIAM TAN (Member for Tiong Bahru) to move—

That this Assembly expresses its sympathy with the victims of the Kampong Tiong Bahru fire and deplores the electioneering propaganda at the scene and in the vicinity of the fire.

## 14. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this Assembly is of the opinion that a Commission of Inquiry should be appointed under the Inquiry Commissions Ordinance or otherwise to investigate and report on the facts regarding an account of about \$500,000.00 in September 1958 in the First National City Bank of New York in the name of the Honourable Mr. Chew Swee Kee and regarding the reasons why investigations in the matter for the purposes of Income Tax were not pursued by the officers responsible in the Income Tax Department.

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### MEMORANDUM

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

Mr. Lee Choon Eng (Member for  
Queenstown)     ...     ...

Operation of passenger-transport services by the Singapore Traction Company and other passenger-transport companies under different Ordinances.

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**QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the Government has received a report from the Public Service Commission Standing Committee on recognition of foreign University degrees; whether and when the report will be published; and what is the reason for the delay in its publication.
2. Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS: To ask the Minister for Education to state—
  - (a) the number of Primary and Secondary Schools functioning during each of the years 1952 to 1958;
  - (b) the number of pupils who sat for the Secondary Schools Entrance Examination and the number of places available in Secondary Schools during each of the years 1952 to 1958;
  - (c) the estimated number of pupils who will sit for the Secondary Schools Entrance Examination at the end of 1959; the number of places that will be available for them in Secondary Schools; and what plan the Government has for educational facility for those who fail in the Examination.
3. Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS: To ask the Minister for Education whether he has proposals for a part-time education service, and if he will state them.
4. Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS: To ask the Minister for Education to state—
  - (a) the number of graduates employed in Government and Government-Aided Schools who are from—
    - (i) British Universities,
    - (ii) American Universities,
    - (iii) Australian Universities,
    - (iv) Indian Universities,
    - (v) Ceylonese Universities,
    - (vi) Chinese Universities,
    - (vii) Hongkong University;
  - (b) the number of graduates in each category who, being neither Singapore citizens nor possessing the requisite residential qualification for citizenship, have been absorbed into the permanent establishment; and
  - (c) the number of graduates in each category who are (i) on contract; and (ii) on a month-to-month basis.

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**SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED**

1959	<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 6 Annual Report of the Administration of Justice for 1957 ... ..	12th February, 1959.
Cmd. 10 Income Tax Department, Colony of Singapore: Statistical abstracts showing particulars of all assessments made and tax collected in 1957 with details of assessments made for 1956 up to 31st December, 1957, and for 1957 up to 31st March, 1958	19th February, 1959.

1959		<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 11	Schedule of application for supplementary provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	24th February, 1959.
Cmd. 12	Schedule of applications for supplementary provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	24th February, 1959.
Cmd. 13	Schedule of applications for supplementary provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	24th February, 1959.
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S.L. 6	The Customs (Offices and Stations) (No. 2) Regulations, 1958 ...	6th February, 1959.
S.L. 7	The Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1959 ...	21st February, 1959.
S.L. 8	The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules, 1959 ...	21st February, 1959.
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S. 1	Accounts of the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the half year ended 30th June, 1958 and the Report of the Director of Audit thereon ...	11th February, 1959.
S. 2	War Damage Commission: Report and two sets of accounts for the period from the close of the Commission's books to 31st December, 1956 and for 1957 respectively	21st February, 1959.