

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL, 1969

No. 25

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Department of Statistics will compile a list of prices of basic food-stuffs in the main markets in Singapore and make such information available to the public daily through radio, television and the press to keep the people informed of price trends so that they may avoid being overcharged by unscrupulous vendors.
- *2. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Finance why is the annual value of certain dwelling houses in a housing estate assessed at double that of other houses in the same estate where the houses are each of similar construction and size and owner-occupied.
- *3. **Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Finance what measures have been taken or are being taken to speed up the work at the Stamp Office in order to cope with the increased pressure on that Department as a direct result of the recent amendment to the Stamp Ordinance.
- *4. **Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing legislation similar to the Trade Description Act, 1968, of the United Kingdom.
- *5. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will encourage the setting up of another iron and steel mill in Singapore.
- *6. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct officers of the Radio and Television Licencing Section to investigate complaints of the non-receipt of renewal forms by radio and television licence-holders; and if he will instruct those officers not to institute prosecutions in cases where the complaint is well founded and the licence-holder renews his licence at the first opportunity after expiry.
- *7. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he is aware that some Government quarters, for example, those in the Haig Road and Farrer Park areas, are old and are rented out to civil servants at un-economic rents, and if he will consider pulling down such quarters and erecting multi-storey flats instead, so that more families of civil servants can be accommodated and more rents collected.

- *8. Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he will consider the levy of a national defence tax on capital investments by Singapore Citizens in commercial and industrial undertakings on the following scale:—
- (a) 1 per cent on investments between \$100,000 and \$500,000;
 - (b) 2 per cent on investments between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000;
 - (c) 3 per cent on investments between \$1,000,000 and \$5,000,000; and
 - (d) 5 per cent on investments of \$5,000,000 and above;
- and if he will introduce the necessary legislation.
- *9. Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour what is the number of workers retrenched during each of the years 1966 to 1968, and what is the percentage of these numbers in the private sector.
- *10. Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour whether the Government proposes to provide a retraining scheme for retrenched workers in the private sector similar to that offered to retrenched workers of the British military establishments.
- *11. Mr. Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour what is the estimated cost for organising the retraining scheme for retrenched workers of the British military establishments; and what will be the estimated cost for providing similar facilities to retrenched workers in the private sector.
- *12. Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour (a) what is the number of foreigners who have been granted Singapore citizenship under the 5-year rule; (b) how many of them are employed by the Government and statutory bodies; (c) how many such persons have left the service of the Government or statutory bodies; and (d) what were the criteria adopted in granting Singapore citizenship under the 5-year rule.
- *13. Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Education whether and when the Senior Cambridge Examination will be replaced by an examination to be conducted by a local examination board.
- *14. Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Nanyang University graduates have served as teachers in (i) Government Chinese secondary schools; (ii) Government-aided Chinese secondary schools; (iii) Integrated secondary schools; and (iv) other secondary schools up to the end of February, 1969; (b) how many of those teachers have been promoted to the post of principal; and (c) whether he will consider taking steps to enable more trained Nanyang graduate teachers to be appointed principals in the Chinese secondary schools.
- *15. Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education how many untrained teachers are at present serving as principals in primary schools

in the four language streams; and whether he will take steps to have them replaced by trained and qualified teachers.

- *16. Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Tamil-medium schools there are in Singapore; (b) where the teachers for those schools are recruited from; (c) what type of students attend those schools; (d) what are the quality and standard of education imparted to children in those schools; and (e) what are the future prospects in Singapore of children educated in those schools.
- *17. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Education how many bursaries the Government intends to offer in 1969 to students in the University of Singapore, the Nanyang University, the Singapore Polytechnic and the Ngee Ann College; and the basis on which the bursaries will be awarded.
- *18. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many Police officers have lost their service weapons from 1st January, 1968, up to the latest convenient date in 1969, and under what circumstances the weapons were lost; (b) how many of the lost weapons have been recovered; and (c) what disciplinary action has been taken against those officers who negligently or carelessly lost their weapons.
- *19. Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether some Police officers were interrogated in investigations following the arrest and detention of certain persons for activities connected with illegal *Chap Ji Kee* operators, and the number of such officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
- *20. Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what is the total number of traffic offences committed by drivers of Singapore military vehicles during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1968; (b) whether disciplinary action is taken against the drivers in each case; and (c) whether it has been impressed upon military personnel that they should at all times endeavour to maintain a high standard of road courtesy.
- *21. Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Defence if he is aware that some employees in the private sector who were volunteers in the People's Defence Force were sometimes late for, or even absent from, training because their employers would not grant them time off from work to attend training and because of their frequent absences were dismissed from the Force though they were very keen to continue in the Force; and what steps he has taken or proposes to take in the matter.
- *22. Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs whether he will consider introducing a scheme for allowances to cancer patients, similar to the T.B. Treatment Allowances Scheme, in view of the increasing number of cancer patients.
- *23. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development how many pedestrian overhead bridges have been built to-date and the total cost incurred; and how many such bridges will be built in 1969.

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- *24. Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he is aware that persons intending to use the standard type house plan No. 2A of the Chief Building Surveyor's Department usually make certain alterations to the plan before adopting it; and if steps will be taken to make available a revised plan 2A incorporating the alterations generally made.
- *25. Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Health how many refuse disposal plants are operated by his Ministry, and whether there are any plans to erect more of such plants.
- *26. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider setting up an ambulance service centre in Jurong Town, in view of the growing population and the increasing number of accidents there.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:

Economic Development Board (Amendment) Bill.

2. Minister for Communications:

Port of Singapore Authority (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Defence:

National Service (Amendment) Bill.

4. Minister for Law and National Development:

Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.

5. Minister for Law and National Development:

(President's recommendation to be signified.)

Constitution (Amendment) Bill.

6. Minister for Law and National Development:

Supreme Court of Judicature Bill.

7. Minister for Health:

Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Abortion Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.
[The Member in charge intends to commit this Bill to a Select Committee after its Second Reading.]
 - 2. Voluntary Sterilization Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.
[The Member in charge intends to commit this Bill to a Select Committee after its Second Reading.]
 - 3. Hire-Purchase Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 1 of 1969) — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Third Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Mr. N. Govindasamy (Telok Blangah) ... The high cost of secondary education in Singapore.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many abortions have been carried out by the Hospital Authorities from 1st January, 1967, up to the latest convenient date; and (b) how many cases of abortions have been treated or recorded by or reported to the Hospital Authorities, and how many of such cases have been fatal, during the same period.
 - 2. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Health how many births have been recorded by or reported to the Hospital Authorities from 1st January, 1967, up to the latest convenient date —
 - (a) in which the child was born with physical or mental abnormalities as to seriously handicap it;
 - (b) in which a pregnancy had been the result of —
 - (i) rape or incest;
 - (ii) intercourse with an insane person;
 - (iii) intercourse with a feeble-minded person;
 - (c) which resulted in the death of the pregnant woman as the pregnancy had involved risk to her life;
 - (d) which resulted in physical or mental injury to the pregnant woman as the pregnancy had involved such risk to her.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

				<i>Date Presented</i>
1968				
Cmd. 29	Annual Report of the Singapore Prisons Department, 1967			30th December, 1968.
1969				
S.L. 1	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1968			8th January, 1969.
S.L. 2	Fees (Copies of Reports, Statements, Plans and Photographs) (Amendment) Order, 1968			13th January, 1969.
S.L. 3	Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) Order, 1969			23rd January, 1969.
S.L. 4	National Museum Board Rules, 1969			24th January, 1969.
S. 1	Annual Report of the Economic Development Board, 1967			24th January, 1969.
S.L. 5	Customs Duties (Amendment) Order, 1969			29th January, 1969.
S. 2	Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board, Singapore, 1967			5th February, 1969.
S.L. 6	Fees (Airport Fire Services) Order, 1969 ...			14th February, 1969.
Cmd. 1	Annual Report of the Customs and Excise Department, 1967			19th February, 1969.
Cmd. 2	Annual Report of the Ministry of Health, 1966			26th February, 1969.
Cmd. 3	Annual Report of the Marine Department, 1967			1st March, 1969.
Cmd. 4	Annual Report of the National Registration Office, 1968			3rd March, 1969.
Cmd. 5	Annual Report of the Singapore Postal Services Department, 1966			3rd March, 1969.
S.L. 7	Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment) Order, 1969			4th March, 1969.
Cmd. 6	Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department, 1966			5th March, 1969.
Cmd. 7	Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, 1967			6th March, 1969.
S. 3	First Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Singapore, for the period 12th June, 1967 to 31st December, 1967			7th March, 1969.
S.L. 8	Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1969			13th March, 1969.
Parl. 1	Report of the Select Committee on the Hire-Purchase Bill			15th March, 1969.

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1969				<i>Date Presented</i>
Cmd. 8	Report of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo, 1967	18th March, 1969.
Cmd. 9	Annual Report of the Chemistry Department, 1967	...	...	22nd March, 1969.
Cmd. 10	Annual Report of the Botanic Gardens for the years 1966 and 1967	...	...	26th March, 1969.
Cmd. 11	Annual Report of the Telecommunications Department, 1967	...	...	28th March, 1969.
Cmd. 12	Annual Report of the Civil Aviation Department, Singapore, 1967	...	...	28th March, 1969.
Cmd. 13	Annual Report of the Primary Production Department, 1967	...	...	29th March, 1969.
S. 4	Second Annual Report of the Singapore Family Planning and Population Board, 1967	...	...	1st April, 1969.
S. 5	Report and Accounts of the War Damage Commission for 1967	...	...	1st April, 1969.
S.L. 9	Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1969	...	...	2nd April, 1969.
Cmd. 14	Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1967	...	...	2nd April, 1969.
