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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Tourist Promotion Board has been urged to intensify publicity abroad of the celebrations in connection with the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Singapore, as the varied and interesting programmes will be an attraction to tourists to come to Singapore.
- *2. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ascertain from the Jurong Town Corporation whether and when the Corporation will offer its flats in Jurong Town for sale to the public and under what conditions.
- *3. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider reducing the period of national service from two years to six months for graduates who have specialist qualifications.
- *4. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he has any intention of setting up a committee for the purpose of inviting the public to donate to the National Defence Fund.
- *5. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what is the number of gazetted Police officers who are provided with orderlies; (b) how many of them are engaged (i) in field work which necessitates the use of orderlies; and (ii) in administrative work which does not necessitate the use of orderlies; (c) whether probationary Assistant Superintendents of Police, who are performing the duties of Inspectors and while carrying out routine investigations accompanied by Inspectors, are also provided with orderlies; (d) whether gazetted officers, who are serving in the Reserve Units and who have the use of Riot Squad vans for carrying out field work are also provided with orderlies; (e) what is the average salary of those orderlies and what form of training they have to undergo; (f) how do these orderlies spend their working hours when they are not driving their officers on duty, and whether there are definite instructions to ensure that those orderlies are kept fully occupied during their working hours; and (g) whether he will consider setting up a common pool of drivers/orderlies for the use of officers who are engaged in field work instead of providing drivers/orderlies to every gazetted officer irrespective of the nature of work he is engaged in.
- *6. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether it is necessary for the Police to have the body of a traffic accident victim at the spot of his death for a considerable length of time before removal and thus induce a traffic jam.

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- *7. Enche Rahmat bin Kenap:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs if he will ascertain from the *Majlis Ugama Islam* (a) how much *Fitrah* was collected in the last year of the Muslim calendar; (b) how much was distributed before Hari Raya Puasa and to how many persons; and (c) how much is the undistributed portion and what it is proposed to do with it.
- *8. Enche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs what permanent staff are administering the affairs of the *Majlis Ugama Islam*, and from what sources are their salaries met.
- *9. Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs (a) if he will state the nature and extent of assistance given by the Co-operative Development Division to the co-operative movement in Singapore; (b) whether he is aware that the Co-operative Societies Ordinance which was last amended in 1955, is outdated and if he will consider setting up a committee comprising of officials from the Co-operative Development Division, the co-operative movement and the trade union movement to review the Ordinance; and (c) whether he is aware that many co-operative societies in Singapore are still contributing two per cent of their profits towards the upkeep of the Co-operative College in Malaysia and if he is satisfied that such contribution is of some positive benefit to the Singapore co-operative movement.
- *10. Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs whether a fire station will be built in Jurong Town and when.
- *11. Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Housing and Development Board (a) how many tenants of (i) one-room flats, (ii) two-room flats, and (iii) three-room flats, respectively, were served with eviction notices in each of the years 1966 to 1968 for non-payment of rent; and how many of them were eventually evicted for not settling their arrears of rent; and (b) how many of the tenants evicted were known recipients of public assistance.
- *12. Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider introducing legislation similar to the Misrepresentation Act, 1967, and the Civil Evidence Act, 1968, of the United Kingdom.
- *13. Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will consider introducing legislation similar to the Law Reform (Enforcement of Contracts) Act, 1954, of the United Kingdom which amended section 4 of the Statute of Frauds 1677.
- *14. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (a) for what purpose land is being acquired at Kuala Simpang in the Sembawang Constituency; (b) what plans have been made to resettle the residents; and (c) whether the Government will allocate land to every farmer affected by the acquisition, to enable him to carry on his livestock and poultry farming without interruption.

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- *15. Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what progress has been made in urban renewal and redevelopment since the Government introduced incentive measures to encourage public participation, and if he will state in detail (i) the amount of local capital involved in the various projects; (ii) the amount of foreign capital involved in the projects; the names of countries participating, and the amount of investment by each of them; and (iii) the types of construction projects planned and whether they include shopping centres, hotels and dwelling houses.
- *16. Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Culture if he will make a statement on the proposed conversion of Radio and TV Singapura into a statutory corporation; the need for such a conversion, and if such a conversion will result in changes in the cultural policy hitherto pursued by the Government in relation to Radio and TV programmes.
- *17. Mr. Lim Soo Peng:** To ask the Minister for Culture (a) whether he is aware that the Government Gazette, which is published on every Friday, reaches the public only on the following Monday, and what steps he proposes to take to make the Gazette available to the public earlier; and (b) whether he will consider publishing the Gazette on Mondays instead of on Fridays.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

Minister for Finance:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Parliamentary Pensions Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

● 1. Abortion Bill —

Resumption of Debate on Question (8th April, 1969), "That the Bill be now read a second time." — (Minister for Health).

[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.]
