



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 4TH APRIL, 1956

No. 28

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Minister if he will state whether an appointment of Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry will be made in the immediate future.
- *2. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Minister whether he will make a full statement on what the Government delegation intends to ask for at the London Conference.
- *3. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether an Industrial Development Corporation is now in process of being set up; and whether he will make a statement detailing the economic policy of the Government.
- *4. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will make a statement on the result of the investigations into the causes of the incidents which took place at the Kallang Mass Rally.
- *5. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Malayisation Commission to Malayalise the police force in three years.
- *6. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Chief Secretary when it is proposed to hold the City Council elections.
- *7. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Chief Secretary what steps have been taken by the Government to bring the electoral register up to date.
- *8. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Financial Secretary what is the position regarding the establishment of a Central Bank.
- *9. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education (i) how many new students were admitted to Government primary schools at the beginning of the present school year; (ii) how many students of the age of 7 years who applied were admitted and how many were refused admission; and (iii) how many students of the age of 6 years were admitted.
- *10. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government has plans for building more schools on a cheaper basis than that of the Jerois Road Primary School, in respect of the construction of which a tender for \$236,700 was recently accepted.
- *11. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware of the delay, in some cases of three months, in the payment of salaries to the teachers of the Grant-in-Aid and fully aided Chinese schools; whether he is aware that this delay in payment of salaries to these teachers has not only caused hardship, but also created resentment; and what action he proposes to take in this matter.
- *12. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Mistri Wing at the General Hospital is now in full operation.

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- *13. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health whether he can confirm that there is now no shortage of doctors in Singapore.
 - *14. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare if he will give details of strikes which remain unsettled.
 - *15. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing the reasons for the delay in the payment of *ex-gratia* and other allowances to Queenstown families moved into, or about to be moved into, resettlement areas.
 - *16. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether the Working Committee investigating the problems of semi-permanent housing has made its report; and what the Government's intentions are in this matter.
 - *17. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what progress has been made in respect of the construction of roads in Ama Keng Resettlement Area.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Chief Secretary—
Hotels (Amendment) Bill.
 2. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Ports (Amendment) Bill.
 3. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Legal Aid and Advice Bill.
 4. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- †1. Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †2. Omnibus Services Licensing Authority Bill—Second Reading.
- †3. Pensions Bill—Second Reading.
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)
4. The Chief Minister to move—
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly affirms, in the name of the people of Singapore, its belief in the principle of "the basic right of peoples to governments of their own choice", as enunciated in the Washington Declaration signed by Sir ANTHONY EDEN, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and President EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, on the 1st of February, 1956;

And its belief that the long term welfare of Singapore lies in close and friendly co-operation with the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth territories;

Therefore the Assembly instructs its All-Party Delegation to the forthcoming Constitutional Talks in London to seek forthwith for Singapore the status of an independent territory within the Commonwealth,

and to offer an agreement between the United Kingdom Government and the Singapore Government whereby the Government of the United Kingdom would in respect of Singapore exercise control over external defence and give guidance in foreign relations other than trade and commerce.

5. The Minister for Education to move—

That this House approves the adoption of the Education Policy outlined in the White Paper on Education Policy as contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 15 of 1956.

6. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (4) of section 12 of the Military Manœuvres Ordinance (Chapter 103), resolves that the Raffles Lighthouse Bombing Area Rules, 1956, published as Notification No. S 107 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 769 of the 29th March, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 15 of 1956, be approved.

7. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 174 of the Labour Ordinance, 1955, (No. 40 of 1955) resolves that the Labour (First-Aid Equipment) Regulations, published as Notification No. S 110 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 25 of 29th March, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 13 of 1956, be approved.

8. The Chief Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly, having taken note of the Second Report of the Select Committee on the Assembly Staff, hereby resolves that the following revised salaries be approved with effect from 1st April, 1956:—

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly	...	\$1,670
Clerk Assistant	...	\$630: 680: 715: 750-35A-1,030/bar/ 1,100-40A-1,420.
Second Clerk Assistant	...	\$560: 630: 660: 690-30A-930/bar/ 960-35A-1,240.
Chief Reporter and Editor	...	\$820-30A-940.
Reporters	...	\$730-25A-880.

9. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$2,500,000 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. 17 of 1956.

10. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$5,390,559 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. 18 of 1956.

11. The Financial Secretary to move—

(With Mr. Speaker's consent, under Standing Order 23, but subject to the general assent of Members present to the dispensation with the requisite five clear days' Notice under Standing Order 69A.)

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$146,920 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. 19 of 1956.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†1. *Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill:*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Chief Secretary will move the Committee Stage and Third Reading.

†2. *Omnibus Services Licensing Authority Bill:*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Communications and Works will move the Committee Stage and Third Reading.

The Minister for Communications and Works will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

(i) *Clause 2, page 1, line 13:* leave out "Omnibus" and insert "omnibus".

(ii) *Clause 2, page 1, lines 16 and 17, and page 2, line 1:* leave out 'and includes an "omnibus" within the meaning of the Singapore Traction Ordinance'.

(iii) *Clause 2, page 2, line 2:* leave out "that" and insert "the Singapore Traction".

(iv) *Clause 2, page 2, line 7:* after "Colony" insert "and shall be deemed to include the President of the City Council".

(v) *Clause 12, page 5, line 39:* after "granted" insert "to the Company".

†3. *Pensions Bill—*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Chief Secretary will move the Committee Stage and Third Reading.

The Chief Secretary will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

(i) *Clause 10, page 7, line 20:* after "pension", add "and in the case of Home Civil Service Pension to be four-thirds of its actual amount".

(ii) *Clause 18, page 12, line 9:* leave out "17" and insert "16".

Second Schedule:

(iii) *Page 14, line 8 of regulation 5:* after "Ordinance", insert "other than an officer appointed to the Malayan Establishment, after 31st December, 1939,".

(iv) *Regulation 20, page 24, line 10 of paragraph (1):* leave out "17" and insert "16".

(v) *Regulation 21, page 27, line 3 of paragraph (6):* leave out "17" and insert "16".

(vi) *Regulation 21, page 27, line 5 of paragraph (6):* leave out "diseased" and insert "deceased".

(vii) *Schedule B, page 35:*

- (a) after "East African Railways and Harbours Administration", add "Eastern, Northern and Western Regions of Nigeria".
- (b) after "Federation of Malaya", add "Federated Malay States", "Federation of Nigeria" and "Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland".
- (c) after "Leeward Islands", add "Malayan Union".
- (d) after "Nyasaland", add "Overseas Audit Department (Home Establishment)".
- (e) after "Tanganyika Territory", add "Tonga".

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether he will state (i) the number of families (a) applying for Public Assistance and (b) being granted Public Assistance in each month from May 1955 to February 1956; and (ii) the total amount paid out in Public Assistance in each month from May 1955 to February 1956.
2. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether he will state—
 - (a) the number of workmen (as defined by the Labour Ordinance) employed in Singapore on (i) 30th June, 1955, (ii) 30th September, 1955 and (iii) 31st December, 1955;
 - (b) the monthly figures of new applicants for registration for employment at the Government Employment Exchanges for each month from May 1955 to February 1956;
 - (c) the total number of applicants, both new and old, registered for employment at the Government Employment Exchanges for each month from May 1955 to February 1956;
 - (d) the monthly figures of placings in employment by the Exchanges for each month from May 1955 to February 1956.
3. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether he will supply the following information regarding the admission from China of wives of Singapore residents:—
 - (a) the number of applications (i) approved and (ii) rejected during (1) the period June–December 1955, and (2) the first two months of 1956;
 - (b) the number of applications (1) received and (2) still outstanding during (i) July–December 1952, (ii) January–June 1953, (iii) July–December 1953, (iv) January–June 1954, (v) July–December 1954, (vi) January–June 1955; and whether he is satisfied with the speed with which these applications are cleared.
4. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will give details of how many housing units in each category were completed by the Singapore Improvement Trust in each month of the year 1955; how many in each category were completed or were expected to be completed in each of the first three months of 1956; and how many in each category were expected to be completed in the period April–December, 1956.
5. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing (a) what percentage of the housing units built by the Singapore Improvement Trust in 1955 carried the lowest rent of \$30 per

month, and what percentage of the housing units expected to be built in 1956 will carry such rentals; (b) how many families are on the waiting list for this category of house, and how they will be accommodated.

6. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware that the promised installation of electricity supply to Changi Village, 14th milestone, Changi Road has not yet been carried out; and what steps can be taken to solve this immediate need of the people of this area.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 15. White Paper on Education Policy. (19th March, 1956).
- Cmd. 22. The Malayan Rubber Export Registration Board: Report on the Operations of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1955. (23rd March, 1956).
- Cmd. 16. Reports of the Marine Department and Marine Surveys Department 1954. (28th March, 1956).
- Cmd. 17. Schedule of Application for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (28th March, 1956).
- Cmd. 18. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision approved under authority delegated by the Legislative Assembly. (28th March, 1956).
- Cmd. 19. Schedule of Application for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (28th March, 1956).
- Cmd. 21. Certificate of the Director General of the Oversea Audit Service. (3rd April, 1956).
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- L.A. 3. Report from the Select Committee on the Land Titles Bill. (14th March, 1956).
- L.A. 4. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee on 29th February, 1956. (20th March, 1956).
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- S.L. 11. Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (19th March, 1956).
- S.L. 12. Customs Duties (Exemption) Order, 1956. (26th March, 1956).
- S.L. 13. Labour (First-Aid Equipment) Regulations, 1956. (29th March, 1956).
- S.L. 14. Proclamation: Declaration of specified area to be a firing ground. (29th March, 1956).
- S.L. 15. Raffles Lighthouse Bombing Area Rules, 1956. (29th March, 1956).
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- S. 1. Report of a Court of Inquiry into Trade Disputes at the Adelphi, Gleneagles and Singapore Hotels. (29th March, 1956).
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- Misc. 1. Messages to the Chief Minister of Singapore from the Prime Minister of India, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Australian Minister for External Affairs. (29th March, 1956).
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