

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what does Phase Three of the US Rebalancing Strategy entail for Singapore and the region in terms of security; (b) what is the Government's assessment of the associated security benefits, costs, and risks; and (c) how does the Government intend to maximise these gains while addressing the costs and mitigating the risks.
- \*2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health considering that gender bias for Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS) can now be blinded, whether the Ministry will consider permitting women with recurrent miscarriages or a history of infertility to seek PGS in Singapore.
- \*3. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider permitting Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening to improve the chances of healthy live births, subject to strict controls such as banning sex selection and use for other non-medical reasons.
- \*4. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry can consider giving a reduction in rent, up to an annual limit, for NEA hawker stallholders who are unable to work due to sickness and are certified medically unfit to work by a doctor from a polyclinic or government hospital.
- \*5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the criteria that NParks uses to make decisions about tree cutting and/or replanting activities in residential estates; (b) whether these criteria vary according to the location and nature of the residential estate and, if so how; and (c) how are residents consulted in the process.

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- \*6. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (Schools) what is the Ministry's policy regarding (i) students who are injured on school premises and (ii) students who are injured in the course of training for, or participating in, a CCA representing the school.
- \*7. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Total Debt Servicing Ratio (TDSR) restrictions can be relaxed to allow borrowers to obtain credit facilities if they are able to offer unencumbered private property as collateral to financial institutions, even if they have breached the TDSR limits, so as to enable them to manage their overall loan commitments.
- \*8. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what has been the take-up rate for the Singapore Savings Bond since its launch in September 2015; (b) whether the Ministry is satisfied with the interest shown; and (c) what is the Ministry doing to reach out to the man in the street to explain the benefits of the bond.
- \*9. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport given that bicycles and personal mobility devices (PMDs) will share the use of footpaths together with pedestrians (a) what are the criteria used to determine whether an existing footpath will be widened; (b) what is the recommended minimum width for footpaths to ensure safe shared usage between cyclists and pedestrians; and (c) whether Ministry will conduct an islandwide review to ensure that existing footpaths which are often used by cyclists and PMD users are widened in accordance with this minimum width.
- \*10. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the Government's assessment of the current state of bilateral relations with China after Singapore's alleged initiative on South China Sea disputes at the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Venezuela and given Singapore's official stand on the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
- \*11. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry) whether the Ministry will consider compiling anonymised case studies of entrepreneurial successes and failures in Singapore, with an analysis drawing out the concrete success factors and mistakes respectively, to be published as an educational tool for entrepreneurs, would-be entrepreneurs and organizations that fund start-ups.

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- \*12. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) (a) when did the Competition Commission of Singapore first receive a complaint alleging that EM Services Pte Ltd was refusing to supply lift parts for the maintenance of lifts in HDB estates; and (b) which other companies were investigated by the Commission.
- \*13. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the evidence available to the Government that suggests that section 309 of the Penal Code deters attempted suicides; and (b) what efforts will the Government be undertaking to ensure that this law does not deter those who entertain suicidal thoughts from seeking help.

\* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The postponement forms are available at the Chamber entrances. To ensure timely notice of such postponements, Members should submit their notices to the Clerk by the end of Question Time. Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

*(Those marked • are Orders of the Day)*

- 1. Income Tax (Amendment No. 3) Bill [Bill No. 34/2016] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
- 2. Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 30/2016] – (Minister for Communications and Information) – Second Reading.
- 3. Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 31/2016] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
- 4. National Registration (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 32/2016] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
- 5. Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 33/16] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.

- 6. Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 29/2016] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.

7. **Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies:**

GRANTS TO IMF'S POVERTY REDUCTION AND GROWTH TRUST: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, is 14,510,000 Special Drawing Rights (approximately 20,017,415 United States Dollars).

8. **Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies:**

GRANTS TO IMF'S CATASTROPHE CONTAINMENT AND RELIEF TRUST: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act (Chapter 27 of the 2012 Revised Edition), resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust, is 226,000 Special Drawing Rights (approximately 311,781 United States Dollars).

9. **Second Minister for Finance:**

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4(2) of the International Development Association Act, resolves that the total subscription of Singapore to the International Development Association be increased to a sum not exceeding One Million, One Hundred Thousand United States Dollars (US\$ 1,100,000).

**10. Senior Minister of State (Ministry of Finance):**

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: That this Parliament, in accordance with Article 144(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore and section 11(1) of the Government Securities Act (Chapter 121A of the 2014 Revised Edition), resolves that the Minister for Finance be authorised to borrow, by the issue of Government Securities in Singapore under that Act, a further sum not exceeding Two Hundred Thousand Million Singapore Dollars (\$S200,000,000,000), thereby in total a sum not exceeding Six Hundred and Ninety Thousand Million Singapore Dollars (\$S690,000,000,000).

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

<i>2016</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.	191	Aljunied-Hougang-Punggol East Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2014/2015
		..... 9 November 2016
S.L.	183	Road Traffic (Expressway Traffic) (Amendment) Rules 2016
		..... 9 November 2016