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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing amending legislation to allow income tax reliefs to taxpayers who are maintaining their aged parents.
- *2. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether notices for payment of property tax on attap or wooden houses are sent annually to the house-owners so as to avoid their having to pay accumulated arrears for as many as five years' tax in one payment; and (b) whether he is aware that some such house-owners who had been ordered to demolish their houses have had to pay five years' arrears of property tax.
- *3. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many applications have been received from civil servants for loans to purchase houses built by private developers from 1st January, 1964, up to the latest convenient date, and the total amount of the loans applied for; (b) how many of the applications have been approved, and what is the total amount of the loans granted; (c) what are the reasons or grounds for rejecting an application; and (d) whether he will consider relaxing the rules governing applications for housing loans by granting loans to civil servants who are already living in their own houses and who wish to exchange their existing houses for bigger ones.
- *4. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Education whether free primary education will be given to children born in the Republic of parents who are non-citizens but are permanent residents.
- *5. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Education if he will examine the feasibility of the running of university courses at night to afford young working-class people the opportunity to do a university course.
- *6. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education what action has been taken to deal with (i) players and officials who beat up referees at tournaments sponsored by the Schools' Sports Council at both school and district levels; and (ii) school teams which displayed bad conduct at national tournaments; and what measures have been taken to prevent similar occurrences.
- *7. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware that there are delays in payments to school traffic wardens, and if he will look into the matter.

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- *8. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Communications (a) if consideration will be given to providing luggage storage facilities for transit passengers at the Paya Lebar International Airport; and (b) if he will look into ways and means to speed up the clearance of luggage at the arrival channels.
- *9. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will consider the issuing of a more durable driving licence and including the date of first issue in it.
- *10. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will consider (a) taking steps to enforce more strictly and effectively the regulation that no taxi-driver can refuse a fare on the ground that the passenger's intended journey is too short; and (b) issuing more taxi licences in order to provide more employment opportunities and also to discourage taxi-drivers from refusing a passenger because of the shortness of the intended journey.
- *11. **Mr. Ng Yeow Chong:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs what measures will be taken to improve the standard of the national Badminton Team.
- *12. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Public Utilities Board (a) whether the Board has received any complaints by residents in Jalan Perisai, St. Joseph's Lane and Holy Innocents Lane of low water pressure in these areas; (b) whether any action has been taken to ascertain the causes; and (c) whether any remedial actions have been taken.
- *13. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether he will consider the payment of reasonable compensation when acquiring lands and houses.
- *14. **Mr. N. Govindasamy:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the rate of charges payable by a person who makes use of the services and facilities provided by Government hospitals and outpatient clinics; and (b) whether he will consider waiving the charges payable by a person on the second or subsequent visit to a hospital or outpatient clinic for the change or removal of dressing which does not entail any consultation with the doctor.
- *15. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Culture why non-profit making institutions have now to pay for advertisements on Radio and TV at full commercial rates.
- *16. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Culture whether RTS will conduct a Television and Radio audience rating survey for various programmes.
- *17. **Mr. P. Selvadurai:** To ask the Minister for Culture if he will state whether RTS Enterprises (Pte.) Limited is a limited company wholly owned by Government and whether this company also functions and does business as a travel agency.
- *18. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Culture if RTS has become a Travel Agency, and why.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**Introduction of Government Bills**

- 1. Minister for Finance:**
Customs (Dumping and Subsidies) (Amendment) Bill.
- 2. Minister for Finance:**
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
International Monetary Fund Bill.
- 3. Minister for Finance:**
Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill.
- 4. Minister for Finance:**
Finance Companies (Amendment) Bill.
- 5. Minister for Finance:**
Rubber Association of Singapore (Incorporation) (Amendment) Bill.
- 6. Minister for Finance:**
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Income Tax (Amendment) Bill.
- 7. Minister for Communications:**
Light Dues Bill.
- 8. Minister for Defence:**
Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.
[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 80, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]
- 9. Minister for Social Affairs:**
Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.
- 10. Minister for Law and National Development:**
Statute Law Revision Bill.
- 11. Minister for Law and National Development:**
Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill.
- 12. Minister for Law and National Development:**
Extradition (Amendment) Bill.
- 13. Minister for Law and National Development:**
Professional Engineers Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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

- **1. First Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1st January, 1969, to 31st March, 1970 (Paper Cmd. 24 of 1969) — Committee of Supply. (Allotted Day).**

[For Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 8 dated 15th October, 1969.]

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- 2. Stamp (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
 - 3. National Sports Promotion Board Bill — (Minister for Social Affairs) — Second Reading.
[The Member in charge intends to commit this Bill to a Select Committee after its Second Reading.]
 - 4. Recovery of Possession of Controlled Premises (Special Provisions) Bill [changed to Controlled Premises (Special Provisions) Bill] as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 3 of 1969) — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Third Reading.
 - 5. Cattle (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.†

† It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr. Sia Khoon Seong ... Supply of artificial limbs to injured workmen.
(Member for Moulmein)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many Government enterprises and corporations have been established, up to the latest convenient date; (b) how much capital is invested; (c) how many other enterprises are there in the Republic in which the Government has equity participation, and how much capital is invested; and (d) whether he is satisfied with the progress made by such enterprises.
2. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government has direct or any control over enterprises such as Radio and Television Singapore Enterprises (Pte.) Limited, Chartered Industries of Singapore Limited, Intraco and other similar enterprises wholly owned by the Government; and (b) how many civil servants are administering those enterprises, and how are they paid and from what sources.
3. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Communications whether he will introduce a single fare system for all passengers travelling whatever distance by bus along a bus route in the Republic.
4. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) in how many accidents, fatal or otherwise, were members of the Singapore Armed Forces, involved, up to the latest convenient date; and (b) how much compensation has been paid for loss of lives or limbs as a consequence of those accidents.

5. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) when the first batch of national servicemen was discharged after having served their two-year full-time military service; (b) how many have been offered employment and where; and (c) how many are still unemployed.
6. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) whether there is any scheme of service for the Singapore Armed Forces; (b) when was such a scheme introduced; (c) whether the members of the Forces are satisfied with the scheme; and (d) whether he will table the scheme in Parliament.
7. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many complaints have been received by his Ministry in respect of cleansing workers not performing their duties satisfactorily, from 1st January, 1968, up to the latest convenient date; and (b) what action has been taken against those workers.
8. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many daily-rated cleansing workers have been recruited since the "Keep Singapore Clean" campaign which began last year; (b) whether there is any need to recruit more workers; and (c) whether he is satisfied with their performances.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1969		Date Presented
Parl.	3 Report of the Select Committee on the Recovery of Possession of Controlled Premises (Special Provisions) Bill [title of Bill changed to the Controlled Premises (Special Provisions) Bill]	13th June, 1969.
S.L.	21 Customs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 1969	14th June, 1969.
S.	6 Annual Report of the President, Industrial Arbitration Court, 1968	16th June, 1969.
S.L.	22 Fees (Imports and Exports Control and Registration Department) (Amendment) Order, 1969	16th June, 1969.
S.	7 Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner for the year ended 31st December, 1968	20th June, 1969.
Cmd.	22 Annual Report of the Public Works Department, 1967	23rd June, 1969.
Parl.	4 Third Report of the Committee of Selection	27th June, 1969.
Cmd.	23 Annual Report of the Inland Revenue Department, 1967	16th July, 1969
Cmd.	24 First Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial year 1st January, 1969, to 31st March, 1970, of Singapore	18th July, 1969,

<i>1969</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
Cmd. 25	Annual Report of the Ministry of Education, 1966	23rd July, 1969.
S.L. 23	Anti-Dumping Duty Order, 1969 ...	29th July, 1969.
Parl. 5	Third Report of the Public Accounts Committee	6th August, 1969.
S. 8	Report and Accounts of the Port of Singapore Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1968	8th August, 1969.
S.L. 24	Hindu Endowments Rules, 1969 ...	13th August, 1969.
S.L. 25	Arms and Explosives (Arms) (Amendment) Rules, 1969	14th August, 1969.
S.L. 26	Fees (Winding up of Companies) Order, 1969	16th August, 1969.
S.L. 27	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1969	21st August, 1969.
S.L. 28	Public Entertainments Rules, 1969 ...	22nd August, 1969.
Cmd. 26	Amendment to Ministry of Health Annual Report, 1966	23rd August, 1969.
Cmd. 27	Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, 1968	27th August, 1969.
Cmd. 28	Annual Report of the Trade Division, 1967	3rd September, 1969.
S.L. 29	Free Trade Zones (Prescribed Goods) Notification, 1969	10th September, 1969.
S.L. 30	Free Trade Zones Regulations, 1969 ...	10th September, 1969.
S.L. 31	Free Trade Zones (Manufacture) Regulations, 1969	10th September, 1969.
Cmd. 29	One Year of Technical Education April 1968 — March 1969	16th September, 1969.
S. 9	Annual Report of the Singapore Telephone Board, 1968	19th September, 1969.
S.L. 32	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1969	22nd September, 1969.
Cmd. 30	Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1968	1st October, 1969
S.L. 33	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 8) Order, 1969	9th October, 1969.
S.L. 34	Fees (International Certificate of Inoculation and Vaccination) Order, 1969 ...	10th October, 1969.
Misc. 1	Amendment to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund (Effective July 28, 1969)	10th October, 1969.