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FRIDAY, 4TH MARCH, 1983

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Rohan bin Kamis:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education (i) what is the progress of the construction of the proposed two primary schools in Telok Blangah; (ii) what will be the facilities available; (iii) when they will be operational; and (iv) is there any deviation from the original plans and, if so, what and why.
- *2. **Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education why his Ministry is not willing to shoulder the responsibility of educating our handicapped children like the deaf, the blind and the retarded and whether such a move will deprive them of the best education possible.
- *3. **Dr Toh Chin Chye:** To ask the Minister for Finance, up to 31st December, 1982, (a) how much was collected for the Skills Development Fund; and (b) how much has been disbursed for the purpose of the fund and to which organisations and companies.
- *4. **Dr Toh Chin Chye:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give the expenditure on manpower for each of the grades Superscale, Divisions I, II, III, IV and Others for each of the years 1980, 1981 and 1982.
- *5. **Mr Yeo Choo Kok:** To ask the Minister for the Environment whether his Ministry will consider the issuing of hawker licences on the basis of culinary skills instead of the present criteria of hardship and age limit.
- *6. **Mr M. K. A. Jabbar:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Minister for Labour whether he is aware that only a few taxis were on the road on Chinese New Year and that some of them even failed to stop when flagged down and if he will look into the matter.
- *7. **Mr Rohan bin Kamis:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Minister for Labour what is the latest position of the Mass Rapid Transit project.
- *8. **Encik Abbas Abu Amin:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Minister for Labour what steps are being taken to reduce the number of accidents in the building construction and shipbuilding industries which showed an increase during the year 1982.

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- *9. Mr M. K. A. Jabbar:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Housing and Development Board has any plan to provide a football field in the Telok Blangah/Radin Mas area for the youth there.
- *10. Mr Rohan bin Kamis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many cases there were in 1982 of abuses of public housing by tenants which resulted in their flats being repossessed; and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure that all the abuses are checked.
- *11. Dr Toh Chin Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of hotels and boarding houses and their number of rooms as of 1st January, 1983; and (b) what is the anticipated flow of new hotels and boarding houses for the years 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987.
- *12. Encik Abbas Abu Amin:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether his Ministry has any plans to (a) develop the areas occupied by the former British Army Quarters along Ayer Rajah Road, namely at Medway Park, Wessex Estate and Hyderabad Road; and (b) widen Pasir Panjang Road and Ayer Rajah Road so as to alleviate traffic congestion along these two main approaches to the Jurong Industrial Estate.
- *13. Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for National Development, since it is the declared policy of the Government to periodically review the rates of compensation for those affected by resettlement, (a) if his Ministry will now consider an upward revision of existing rates in the light of inflation; and (b) whether his Ministry will expedite the payment of compensation during clearance.
- *14. Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) if he will give re-housing priority to single persons who are affected by resettlement and who subsequently got married before being cleared; and (b) if he will state the criteria of re-housing priority to purchase Housing and Development Board flats.
- *15. Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) if he will give single persons, who are living together as a family but not with parents and who are affected by resettlement, re-housing priority to purchase Housing and Development Board flats and, if not, why not; and (b) whether he will give priority also to grown-up grandchildren who are not living with their parents but with their grandparents and who are affected by resettlement.
- *16. Dr Tan Cheng Bock:** To ask the Minister of Defence and Second Minister for Health if he will review the allowance of National Servicemen in view of the numerous appeals by Members of Parliament over the years for National Servicemen to be given a higher allowance to meet the high cost of living.
- *17. Mr S. Chandra Das:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what cause or causes led to the major nation-wide power failure on Saturday, 5th February, 1983; and (b) what steps will be taken to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Income Tax (Amendment) Bill.

2. Minister for Law:

Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Law:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Revised Edition of the Laws Bill.

4. Minister for Trade and Industry:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Supply Bill.

5. Minister for Trade and Industry:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Supplementary Supply Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. First Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1st April, 1982 to 31st March, 1983 (Paper Cmd. 1 of 1983) — Committee of Supply (Allotted Day).

- 2. Banking (Amendment) Bill — (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education) — Second Reading.

[For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 4th March, 1983.]

- 3. Development Loan Bill — (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education) — Second Reading.

[For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 4th March, 1983.]

- 4. Estate Duty (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.

[For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 4th March, 1983.]

- 5. Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill — (Minister for Law) — Second Reading.

[For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 4th March, 1983.]

- 6. **Military Manoeuvres (Amendment) Bill — (Minister of Defence and Second Minister for Health) — Second Reading.**

[For note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 10 dated 4th March, 1983.]

7. Minister for Law:

RECLAMATION (PONGGOL): That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4 of the Foreshores Act (Chapter 270), approves the reclamation by Government of that portion of the foreshore and sea-bed off Ponggol containing an area of about 277 hectares, as shown coloured pink on the plan marked "LAND OFFICE RECLAMATION PLAN NO. 1/83" which is deposited in the Land Office, Singapore.

8. Minister for Law:

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON PARLIAMENT STAFF: That this Parliament, noting the Report of the Commission on Parliament Staff as contained in Paper Misc. 8 of 1982, accepts the recommendations of the Commission as contained in paragraph 10 thereof and resolves in accordance with such recommendations.

9. Minister for Trade and Industry:

CIVIL LIST: That this Parliament, pursuant to section 7 of the Civil List and Pension Act (Chapter 52), resolves that the Schedule to the said Act be varied by deleting the figures "\$385,000", "\$15,000", "\$1,495,500", "\$346,600" and "\$87,900" in the second column and substituting the figures "\$409,000", "\$16,000", "\$1,960,700", "\$380,900" and "\$40,000" respectively.

10. Minister for Trade and Industry:

BUDGET STATEMENT: That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April, 1983 to 31st March, 1984.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education (i) whether his Ministry employs untrained teachers (i.e. those with G.C.E. 'O' or 'A' level) in schools on a temporary arrangement; (ii) if so, the number of such teachers who were employed in 1982; (iii) the terms of their employment; and (iv) the names of the schools to which they were posted showing the duration of their posting in the schools.
2. **Mr Rohan bin Kamis:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs if he will report on the progress of the Construction Brigade.
3. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Minister for National Development if he will furnish a statement of all fees other than the service and conservancy fee of whatsoever kind and for whatsoever purpose or service charged to or levied on tenants and owners of Housing and Development Board properties whether commercial or residential showing in each case the fee charged and the purpose, service or transaction for which the fee is charged or levied.

4. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Minister for National Development if he will furnish a statement of all Housing and Development Board properties occupied by the People's Action Party for whatsoever purpose whether as offices or for activities conducted by the Party listing severally the addresses at which the properties are occupied, the arrangements under which they are occupied and the rentals that are charged for the occupation.
5. **Mr J. B. Jeyaretnam:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry if he will furnish a statement of all Public Utilities Board properties occupied by the People's Action Party for whatsoever purpose whether as offices or for activities conducted by the Party listing severally the addresses at which the properties are occupied, the arrangements under which they are occupied and the rentals that are charged for the occupation.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1982		<i>Date Presented</i>	
S.	40	Annual Report of the National Theatre Trust, 1981/82 ...	3rd December, 1982.
Cmd.	23	Report of the Auditor-General for the financial year 1981/82 ...	6th December, 1982.
Cmd.	24	Financial Statements for the financial year 1981/82 ...	6th December, 1982.
S.L.	85	Pedestrian Crossing Rules, 1982 ...	8th December, 1982.
S.L.	86	Fees (Storage of Ashes in Mount Vernon Columbaria Extension) Order, 1982 ...	14th December, 1982.
S.L.	87	Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules, 1982 ...	15th December, 1982.
Cmd.	25	Annual Report of the Ministry of Social Affairs, 1981 ...	17th December, 1982.
S.	41	Annual Report of the Housing and Development Board, 1981/82 ...	17th December, 1982.
Pres. Co.	27	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 20/82 (Amended)] ...	20th December, 1982.
Pres. Co.	28	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Trade Development Board Bill [Bill No. 21/82] ...	20th December, 1982.

PAPERS PRESENTED — *continued.*

<i>1982</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.	42 Annual Report and Accounts of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, 1981	23rd December, 1982.
S.	43 Annual Report of the Timber Industry Board, 1981/82 ...	27th December, 1982.
Misc.	8 Report of the Commission on Parliament Staff	30th December, 1982.
Misc.	9 Annual Report of the Singapore Red Cross Society, 1981/82 ...	30th December, 1982.
<i>1983</i>		
S.L.	1 Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) (Surcharge) (Amendment No. 9) Order, 1982	5th January, 1983.
S.L.	2 Poisons (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1982	6th January, 1983.
S.L.	3 Planning (Development) (Amendment) Rules, 1982	7th January, 1983.
S.	1 Annual Report of the Free Trade Zone Advisory Committee, 1981/82	13th January, 1983.
S.L.	4 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Rules, 1982	19th January, 1983.
S.L.	5 Motor Vehicles (Seat Belts) (Amendment No. 3) Rules, 1982	21st January, 1983.
S.L.	6 Fees (Public Works Department) Order, 1982	27th January, 1983.
S.L.	7 Customs Duties (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1982	27th January, 1983.

PAPERS PRESENTED — *continued.*

<i>1983</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	8 Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) (Surcharge) (Amendment No. 10) Order, 1982	27th January, 1983.
S.L.	9 Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Inspection) Rules, 1982 ...	28th January, 1983.
S.L.	10 Education (Grant-in-Aid) Regulations, 1982	29th January, 1983.
S.L.	11 Port of Singapore Authority (Pension Scheme) (Amendment) Rules, 1982	3rd February, 1983.
S.L.	12 Fees (Imports, Exports, Transshipments and Certificates of Origin) (Revocation) Order, 1982 ...	17th February, 1983.
Cmd.	1 First Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1982/83	23rd February, 1983.
S.	2 Annual Report of the National University of Singapore, 1981/82 ...	24th February, 1983.
S.L.	13 Customs Duties Order, 1983 ...	25th February, 1983.
Cmd.	2 Budget for the financial year 1983/84	1st March, 1983.
Misc.	1 Memorandum on the Budget for the financial year 1983/84 ...	1st March, 1983.
S.L.	14 Government Hospitals (Fees) Rules, 1982	1st March, 1983.