

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1957

No. 39

10.00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. RUTHERFORD CARL HOFFMAN, Chief Secretary (*Acting*).

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Minister to state—
 - (a) how many conferences held abroad were attended by Ministers of the Singapore Government this year;
 - (b) the nature and period of such conferences, and the names of Ministers who attended them;
 - (c) the cost to the Singapore Government to send these Ministers to such conferences; and
 - (d) what has the Singapore Government benefited by representation at such conferences.
- *2. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Chief Secretary how many babies were born in the City and the rural areas of Singapore from—
 - (a) 1st November, 1955, to 31st October, 1956; and
 - (b) 1st November, 1956, to 31st October, 1957.
- *3. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary to state as at 31st October, 1957—
 - (a) the number of vacancies in the Police Force for Assistant Superintendents of Police;
 - (b) how many Inspectors who are now in the Force passed the Part I Higher Services Examination and are eligible for promotion to the rank of A.S.P.;
 - (c) how many of such qualified Inspectors have been promoted to be A.S.Ps.; and
 - (d) how many Inspectors who have not qualified under the Part I Higher Services Scheme have been promoted to the rank of A.S.P.
- *4. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware of the hardship and inconvenience experienced by people seeking registration as Singapore citizens by allotting certain days for people with only certain surnames; and whether he will take early action to open registration on all days and at all centres irrespective of the surnames of the applicants.
- *5. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he will consider making a grant to the Singapore Improvement Trust for the purpose of covering the unguarded space between the top rail and the balcony of the 14-storey flats at Queenstown with wire-mesh as a preventive measure against persons falling over the balcony.
- *6. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware of an increasing number of teenagers who are not allowed to continue their studies in the Government and Government-Aided Secondary

Schools; and what steps does he propose to take or has taken to absorb them in other educational establishments.

- *7. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider introducing amending legislation to make inoculation of children against diphtheria compulsory.
- *8. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider putting up a plan at the entrance to every block in the General Hospital indicating the whereabouts of different wards and departments.
- *9. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he will now consider arranging for announcements of the arrivals and departures of planes to be made in Mandarin and Tamil over the public-address system at the Singapore Airport, in addition to the languages now used.
- *10. Mr. SOH GHEE SOON: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he is aware of the pollution of the territorial waters and beaches of Singapore; whether he has ascertained the causes of such pollution; and what measures he will take to prevent such pollution.
- *11. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry if he has received a letter of protest from the Singapore Chinese Seafarers' Association regarding the composition of the Seamen's Registry Board; what action he has taken or will take in the matter; and, in particular, if he will consider taking action whereby a Chinese from the Seamen's Unions and Associations may be included on the Board.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

- **1. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions) Bill.
- **2. The Assistant Minister to the Chief Secretary—
Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill.
- **3. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government (Amendment) Bill.
- **4. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government Elections (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Tan Tock Seng's Hospital (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. †
- 2. Customs (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. †
- 3. Mental Disorders and Treatment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. †
- 4. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,553,080 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. 46 of 1957.

5. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1957, published as Notification No. S 265 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 75 dated 18th October, 1957, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 20 of 1957, be approved.

6. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to section 3 of the Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance (Chapter 55), resolves that the Schedule to the said Ordinance be amended by the deletion under the headings of "Old Title or Name of Office" and "New Title or Name of Office" respectively of the items shown in Part I of the following Schedule, and by the addition under the headings of "Old Title or Name of Office" and "New Title or Name of Office" respectively of the items shown in Part II of the following Schedule:—

THE SCHEDULE

PART I

<i>Old Title or Name of Office</i>	<i>New Title or Name of Office</i>
Auditor, S.S. and F.M.S.	} Director of Audit, Malaya.
Director of Audit, Malayan Union and Singapore	
Government Analyst, Straits Settlements and Deputy Commissioner of Excise	} Chief Chemist.
Government Analyst	
Senior Assistant Analyst, Singapore	Senior Chemist.
Assistant Analyst, Straits Settlements	} Chemist.
Assistant Government Analyst	
Singapore Establishment Officer	Director of Personnel.
Director of Gardens, S.S.	Director of Botanical Gardens.
Assistant Director of Gardens, S.S.	Assistant Director of Botanical Gardens.
Director of Civil Aviation, Malaya/Borneo	} Director-General of Civil Aviation, Singapore.
Director-General of Civil Aviation, Malaya/Borneo Region	
Director of Civil Aviation	
Superintendent Engineer, Headquarters	} Assistant Director of Public Works, Singapore.

PART II

Secretary for Internal Affairs	} Secretary for Home and External Affairs.
Secretary for Chinese Affairs	
Principal Assistant Secretary, Internal Security	
Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs	Assistant Secretary (Chinese Affairs).
Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs	} Chinese Affairs Officer.
Director of Personnel	
	Permanent Secretary (Establishment).

PART II—*continued*

<i>Old Title or Name of Office</i>	<i>New Title or Name of Office</i>
Staff Training Officer	{ Deputy Secretary (Training and Organization).
Secretary for Defence and Internal Security	} Secretary for Defence.
Branch List Officer or Branch Officer	Officer of the Special Duties List.
Commissioned Officer or Commissioned Officer (Branch List)	} Sub-Lieutenant (Special Duties List).
Senior Commissioned Officer or Senior Commissioned Officer (Branch List)	} Lieutenant (Special Duties List).
Officer-in-charge Volunteer Forces Record Office	} Defence Forces Record Officer.
Chief Administrative Officer, Broadcasting	} Principal Administrative Officer.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Broadcasting	} Administrative Officer, Broadcasting.
Director of Engineering, Broadcasting	Chief Engineer, Broadcasting.
Director of Schools Broadcasts	Superintendent of Schools Broadcasts.
Chief Chemist	{ Chief Chemist and Chief Inspector of Dangerous Materials.
Senior Chemist	{ Senior Chemist and Senior Inspector of Dangerous Materials.
Chemist	{ Chemist and Inspector of Dangerous Materials.
Director of Botanical Gardens	Director of Botanic Gardens.
Assistant Director of Botanical Gardens	Assistant Director of Botanic Gardens.
Assistant Botanist, Botanical Gardens	Botanist, Botanic Gardens.
Deputy Financial Secretary	Permanent Secretary (Treasury).
Director of Audit, Malaya	Director of Audit, Singapore.
Director-General of Civil Aviation, Singapore	} Director of Civil Aviation, Singapore.
Assistant Director of Public Works, Singapore	} Chief Engineer, Singapore.
Chief Medical Officer	{ Assistant Director of Medical Services (Hospitals).
Chief Health Officer	{ Assistant Director of Medical Services (Health).
Senior Port Health Officer	Senior Health Officer.
Medical Officer-in-charge, Maternity and Child Welfare Services (Rural)	{ Health Officer-in-charge Maternal and Child Health Services (Rural).
Sanitary Engineer	Public Health Engineer.
Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon, Physician and Lecturer in Ophthalmology	} Senior Ophthalmic Surgeon.
Ophthalmic Surgeon and Physician	Ophthalmic Surgeon.
Surgeon	Orthopædic Surgeon.

††7. The Minister for Education to move—

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Education Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 19 of 1957, be adopted, subject to the recommittal of the Bill in respect of Clauses 2, 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 31, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 53, 62 and 66 to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Members in charge will move their Committee Stage and Third Reading.

MEMORANDA

**The Members in charge propose, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with these Bills throughout all their stages until the Bills have been read the third time.

††7. *Education Bill:*

Subject to the motion being agreed to, the Minister for Education will move the following amendments to the Bill on recommittal to a Committee of the whole Assembly:—

(1) **Clause 2:**

Note:—In page 27, line 4: to leave out “Health Inspector” where they first occur, and insert “health inspector”.

(a) *In page 27, line 10:* to leave out from “means” to the end of line 12 and insert:—

“education beyond the standard normally required for admission to a university;”.

(b) *In page 27:* after line 12, to insert:—

““Local authority” means the City Council, the Rural Board or a District Council;”.

(c) *In page 27:* to leave out lines 19 and 20 and insert:—

““public security” means the security of Malaya and the maintenance of public order therein;”.

(d) *In page 27, line 23:* after “managers”, to insert “and supervisors”.

(e) *In page 27, line 39:* to leave out from “manager” to “supervisor” in line 41 and insert “registered as the”.

(2) **Clause 5:**

(a) *In page 28, line 28:* after “authority,”, to insert:—

“to be nominated by such educational institutions, organizations or associations as may be approved by the Minister for that purpose and”.

(b) *In page 28, line 36:* to leave out “giving reasons”.

(c) *In page 29, line 3:* to leave out “the” where it first occurs.

(3) Clause 8:

- (a) *In page 29, line 30:* after “all”, to insert “other”.
- (b) *In page 30, line 13:* to leave out “giving reasons”.
- (c) *In page 30, line 33:* to leave out “the” where it first occurs.

(4) Clause 12:

In page 32, line 22: to leave out “the” where it first occurs.

(5) Clause 13:

- (a) *In page 32, line 31:* after “a”, to insert “manager or”.
- (b) *In page 32, line 32:* to leave out “registered teacher” and insert “registered manager or registered teacher, as the case may be”.

(6) Clause 14:

In page 33, line 2: after “Director”, to insert “under this Ordinance”.

(7) Clause 18:

In page 34, line 4: to leave out “or”.

(8) Clause 19:

In page 34, line 17: after “manager”, to insert “and of the supervisor”.

(9) Clause 22:

In page 35, line 19: to leave out from “application” to the end of line 20 and insert “with or without conditions, or may refuse such application giving reasons for his refusal”.

(10) Clause 23:

In page 35, line 30: to leave out “enquiry” and insert “such enquiry as may be necessary”.

(11) Clause 24:

(a) *In page 37, lines 4 to 6:* to leave out sub-clause (j).

Note:—Consequential amendments to be made to the letters of the succeeding paragraphs.

(b) *In page 37, line 7:* to leave out from “school” to “or” in line 8 and insert:—
“is designed to accommodate more than one thousand two hundred pupils in any one session;”.

(c) *In page 37, line 13:* to leave out “manager” and insert “Committee of Management”.

(d) *In page 37, line 28:* to leave out “undesirable in” and insert “against”.

Note:—In page 38, to amend the heading of Part VI to read
“MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS — SUPERVISORS
AND MANAGERS”.

(12) Clause 31:

In page 40, line 1: to leave out “other than a manager of a school” and insert
“of a school other than a manager”.

(13) Clause 33:

In page 40, line 24: after “to”, to insert “education or”.

(14) Clause 34:

In page 41, line 17: to leave out “after the date of his registration”.

(15) Clause 37:

In page 41, line 32: to leave out “he may think” and insert “may be”.

(16) Clause 38:

(a) *In page 42, line 22:* to leave out “as a manager or”.

(b) *In page 42, line 27:* to leave out “manager or”.

(c) *In page 42, lines 29 and 30:* to leave out “or of which he was a manager”.

(17) Clause 39:

(a) *In page 43, line 5:* after “if”, to insert “he is”.

(b) *In page 43,* to leave out lines 7 to 11 inclusive and insert:—

“(c) if he is satisfied that the teacher is not competent to perform the duties of a teacher; or

(d) if the teacher has contravened any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the regulations made thereunder.”.

(18) Clause 42:

In page 44, lines 1 and 2: to leave out “an unregistered teacher to teach” and insert “the employment of an unregistered teacher”.

(19) Clause 44:

(a) *In page 44, line 24:* to leave out “revoked” and insert “cancelled”.

(b) *In page 44, lines 26 to 30:* to leave out sub-clause (3).

(20) Clause 46:

In page 45, line 4: to leave out from “applicant” to “to” in line 7.

(21) Clause 48:

(a) *In page 45, line 20:* after “25,”, to insert “28,”.

(b) *In page 45, line 35:* to leave out from “the” to “of” where it secondly occurs in line 39 and insert:—

“decision has been made under paragraph (o), (p) or (q) of section 24, paragraph (a) or (e) of subsection (1) of section 25, paragraph (f) of section 33, paragraph (f) or (g) of section 34, paragraph (g) of section 38 or paragraph (a) of section 39”.

(c) *In page 45, line 41,* at end: to add:—

“:

Provided that the Minister may direct that any appeal made to him shall be heard by the Appeals Board”.

(22) Clause 49:

In page 46, line 23: after “25,”, to insert “28,”.

(23) Clause 53:

(a) *In page 47, line 36:* after “officer”, to insert “empowered under section 4 of this Ordinance”.

(b) *In page 48, line 7:* after “or”, to insert “such”.

(24) Clause 62:

In page 52, line 24: to leave out “of” and insert “not exceeding”.

(25) Clause 66:

In page 53, line 14: to leave out from "registered" to the end of line 24 and insert:—

"as the supervisor of any school registered at the date of the coming into force of this Ordinance such school shall be deemed to have ceased to be registered unless, within one month of the coming into force of this Ordinance, a manager has been recommended by the Committee of Management of the school to be supervisor thereof for the purpose of this Ordinance and duly registered under the provisions of section 28 of this Ordinance."

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
 - (a) what is the total number of attap-and-plank dwelling houses on Singapore Island built on—
 - (i) Crown land occupied under Temporary Occupation Licences; and
 - (ii) private land; and
 - (b) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to assist the occupiers of such dwelling-houses, when demolished by the owners of the land, to find alternative accommodation or to obtain compensation.
2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state the Government's policy, and the measures already taken or contemplated, to promote and develop the fishing industry of Singapore.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1957	<i>Date ordered to be printed.</i>
L.A. 19. Report of the Select Committee on the Education Bill	23rd October, 1957.
L.A. 20. Report of the Select Committee on Languages in Legislative Assembly Debates	24th October, 1957.

	<i>Date presented.</i>
Cmd. 50. Financial Statements for the year 1956 ...	9th November, 1957.
Cmd. 45. Schedule of Transfers between Subheads approved by the Financial Secretary under G.O. 662 (b) during the period 1st August, 1957, to 31st October, 1957, for the information of the Legislative Assembly	11th November, 1957.
Cmd. 46. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	11th November, 1957.
Cmd. 49. Annual Report of the Commissioner of Lands and Registrar of Deeds, 1956 ...	11th November, 1957.

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| Cmd. 51. | Report of the Director of Audit on the
Accounts of the Colony of Singapore for
the year ended 31st December, 1956 ... | 12th November, 1957. |
| Cmd. 54. | Report of the Commission of Enquiry on
the University of Malaya, 1957 ... | 13th November, 1957. |
| Cmd. 52. | Annual Report of the Administration of
Justice for 1956 ... | 14th November, 1957. |
| Cmd. 53. | Annual Report of the Singapore Prisons,
1956 ... | 14th November, 1957. |
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| S.L. 21. | The Motor Vehicles (Registration and
Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules,
1957 ... | 12th November, 1957. |
| S.L. 22. | The Motor Vehicles (Goods and Public
Service Vehicles Licensing) (Amend-
ment No. 2) Rules, 1957 ... | 12th November, 1957. |
| S.L. 23. | The Telegraphs (Amendment) Rules, 1957 | 12th November, 1957. |
| S.L. 24. | The Singapore Citizenship (Initial) Re-
gistration Rules, 1957 ... | 14th November, 1957. |
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| S. | 10. Report of the Commission of Inquiry into
the Port of Singapore ... | 9th November, 1957. |
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