



**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF SINGAPORE**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Prime Minister if consideration will be given to appointing a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the causes of the strike by employees of the People's Association. [*Resumption of proceedings stood over from 16th November, 1961.*]
- *2. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Labour whether he will consider introducing legislation to amend the Central Provident Fund Ordinance to enable a contributor to withdraw the amount standing to his credit in the Fund, or part thereof, if he has been unemployed for a period of 12 months or more.
- *3. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Labour whether it is his intention to introduce legislation for the unification of the trade union movement, and when.
- *4. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour whether Team Leaders, Centre Leaders and Assistant Centre Leaders of the People's Association are permitted to become members of political parties, and whether they are allowed to take an active part in running political party branches.
- *5. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) how many people were employed by the Government to man the Community Centres where the employees are on strike; (b) what are the basis and the procedure adopted for the selection of these new employees of the People's Association; (c) whether these new employees are employed on a permanent or temporary basis; and (d) what is the total sum of money spent per day by the Government for the employment of these new employees.
- *6. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) what was the number of unemployed persons in Singapore registered with the Labour Department as at 30th September, 1961, and (b) how many unemployed persons were registered for the first time between 31st December, 1960, and 30th September, 1961.
- *7. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour the reason or reasons for the cancellation of the registration of trade unions or federations of trade unions effected between June and December, 1959, and since January, 1961.

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- *8. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Labour what are the reasons for the decline in employment over the past four years.
 - *9. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Labour what are the reasons for the recent crop of strikes in Singapore, and what measures he proposes to take to promote harmonious relations between labour and management to ensure industrial peace.
 - *10. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether he will make a statement on the subject of the negotiations for a Common Market with the Federation of Malaya and whether the Government will table a Report dealing with the said negotiations.
 - *11. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether Singapore has applied, or intends to apply, for membership in any form of the European Economic Community.
 - *12. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance what is the total value of Portuguese trade with Singapore during 1960 in respect of (i) imports, and (ii) exports.
 - *13. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether it is Government's intention to establish Trade Missions in Peking and New Delhi.
 - *14. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Finance how many monthly paid temporary officers in the Government service, including the City Council, have been dismissed since 21st July, 1961, and what were the reasons for these dismissals.
 - *15. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to appointing a Commission of Inquiry to investigate into the causes of the strike by the Public Daily Rated Employees' Unions Federation.
 - *16. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Health and Law whether consideration will be given to the conversion of the former Community Centre in Buona Vista Road into an outdoor dispensary.
 - *17. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Culture how many people are on the staff of the Dewan Bahasa dan Kebudayaan Kebangsaan, and what are the publications issued so far by this body.
 - *18. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many summonses for overloading with passengers were issued to taxi drivers and to Singapore Traction Company bus conductors respectively between 1st January and 31st August, 1961.
 - *19. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many detainees under the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Ordinance, 1955, are there at Pulau Senang; (b) how many have been released since the beginning of this year; and (c) how many of the detainees now at Pulau Senang have been detained there for over a year.
 - *20. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many people have been detained under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, since 3rd June, 1959; and (b) of these, how many have been released.
 - *21. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs since 3rd June, 1959, (a) how many applications have been received for Singapore citizenship; (b) how many of these have been rejected; and (c) how many are still under consideration.

- *22. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many people have been issued with immigration permits into Singapore since 1952; and (b) of these, how many have been given Singapore citizenship.
- *23. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many Commonwealth citizens acquired Singapore citizenship by the two-year residential qualification required under the Singapore Citizenship Ordinance, 1957; and (b) of these, how many were from the Federation.
- *24. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many schools from each of the four streams of education received grants-in-aid of capital expenditure since 1959; (b) how many applications for such grants have been rejected; (c) how many applications are still under consideration; (d) what is the total sum asked for by all the schools concerned; and (e) what is the total sum approved.
- *25. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Chinese and English School teachers have had their registration certificates cancelled since 3rd June, 1959, and the reasons for such cancellations; and (b) how many applications for registration as teachers have been rejected since 3rd June, 1959 and the reasons for such rejections.
- *26. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for Education what consideration was given to Government's proposal to introduce the 4-year system for Chinese secondary education by the Education Advisory Council before June, 1961.
- *27. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Education what is the number of pupils registered in the Primary I classes of each of the four streams of education for 1962.
- *28. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Education what assistance the Government has given the Nanyang University since June, 1959, to a latest convenient date; what financial assistance it proposes to give in future; and what is the present stage of the negotiations with that University.
- *29. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education what financial aid does the Government propose to give to the Nanyang University.
- *30. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education when the Government intends to recognise the degrees of Nanyang University.
- *31. Mr. Teo Hock Guan: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many graduates of Nanyang University who graduated in the second batch in 1960 are now employed as teachers in Government schools and in Government-aided schools; and (b) of these, how many are still being paid the salary of a teacher with middle-school qualification, and why.
- *32. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Education whether consideration will be given to the setting up of a department in the Singapore Polytechnic using Mandarin as a medium of instruction to cater for students from the Chinese stream of education.
- *33. Dr. Thio Chan Bee: To ask the Minister for Education if he will appoint an independent Committee of Inquiry to investigate into the effects, both direct and indirect, of the compulsory full six-day week in Singapore's primary schools; especially in regard to the welfare of the school children, and to make recommendations for its continuance or discontinuance with effect from January, 1962.

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- *34. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for National Development what steps have been taken to prevent further flooding of the Sungei Pandan area.
- *35. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for National Development when will the construction of the road deviation caused by the extension of the Tengah airfield runway be completed.
- *36. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) when will the link road between Serangoon Garden Estate and Braddell Road be completed; (b) how many squatters will be affected by the construction of this road; and (c) what are the terms of compensation given to such squatters.
- *37. Mr. Leong Keng Seng: To ask the Minister for National Development when will work be started on the proposed link road between Boundary Road and Jalan Teck Kee, and how long will its construction take.
- *38. Mr. Tee Kim Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development whether it is intended to set up a fertiliser factory.
- *39. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Clearance Sub-Committee for the Toa Payoh Housing Scheme is still in existence, and whether it has called any meeting since July, 1961.
- *40. Mr. Wong Soon Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development what is the policy of the Government towards the memoranda submitted by the Member for Toa Payoh and by the Rural People's Association on the question of resettlement of the 25,000 squatters in the Toa Payoh Area affected by the Housing Scheme, and whether he will meet representatives of these squatters and the Assemblyman concerned to settle the problem.
- *41. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Prime Minister when will Kampong Kranji get electricity supply and street lights.
- *42. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Prime Minister to state the qualifications required for the posts of Senior Cost Accountant and Secretary of the Electricity Department, the name of the present holder of these two posts, the qualifications he possessed when he was first appointed to them in a dual capacity, what are his present qualifications, whether he is a contract officer, how many times has his contract been renewed, and whether the posts had been circularised before the contract was renewed.
- *43. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance (a) what was the amount of entertainments duty collected on public performances of professional boxing (i) in 1960; and (ii) in the first nine months of 1961; and (b) whether consideration will be given to the removal or reduction of entertainments duty on public performances of professional boxing.
- *44. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Government will give consideration to the question of variation of the remuneration of Judges.
- *45. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance to clarify what is an "appointment allowance" and a "personal allowance", who are eligible for which allowances, and in which category are principals' and specialists' allowances of teachers classified.

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- *46. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware that copies of the General Orders have not been made available for sale at the Publication Sales Bureau for the last few years, and the reasons therefor.
- *47. Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Health and Law whether he has any information as to the effect on the people of Singapore of the reported recent nuclear bomb tests carried out by the Russians.
- *48. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Health and Law whether he is aware of the filthy conditions of the drains along Geylang, Mountbatten and Tanjong Katong Roads, and what steps will be taken to clean them.
- *49. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Health and Law whether he is aware that the vacant land adjacent to houses Nos. 24 to 38 in Haig Road is being used as a refuse dump and that the backlane of these houses is in a filthy condition, and what steps are proposed to be taken in these matters.
- *50. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Culture when the National Cultural Brigade will be set up and if he will make a statement on the progress of its formation.
- *51. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Culture what was the total amount of public donations to the National Theatre Fund from July to October, 1960, and from July to October, 1961.
- *52. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether he will make a statement on the refusal of the entry into Singapore of one Mr. Kong Soon Seng of Sibul, Sarawak.
- *53. Mr. Low Por Tuck: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many applicants for Singapore citizenship by naturalization since 1st January, 1961, were unable to obtain Singapore citizenship because of their failure in the Malay language test.
- *54. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Education how many integrated secondary and primary schools were opened in 1960 and 1961 respectively.
- *55. Mr. Ong Chang Sam: To ask the Minister for Education how many unoccupied classrooms are there in the Ama Keng English School, and whether consideration will be given to the setting up of a Chinese primary school next year in these unoccupied classrooms.
- *56. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development what steps does the Government propose to take with regard to people who have lived in unauthorised huts for more than two years.
- *57. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development what consideration has been given to the request of the residents of the Housing and Development Board flats at Kallang for increasing the number of lights in the common corridors of these flats.
- *58. Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for National Development whether he is aware that at the Housing and Development Board flats at Kallang some refuse chutes are without covers and the refuse containers at the bottom of the chutes are full of big holes, and what steps are proposed to be taken in the matter.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**Introduction of Government Bills****1. Deputy Prime Minister:****Legislative Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Bill:**

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 2.]

2. Minister for Finance:**Control of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill.**

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

3. Minister for Finance:**Final Appropriation (1959) Bill.****4. Minister for Finance:****Private Lotteries (Amendment) Bill.****5. Minister for Health and Law:****Courts (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Bill.****6. Minister for National Development:****Sand Quarries Bill.****7. Minister for Education:****University of Singapore Bill.**

NOTICES OF MOTIONS,**1. Deputy Prime Minister:**

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION: That this Assembly, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order 93, appoints the following as members of the Committee of Selection:—

Dr. Toh Chin Chye
Mr. Lee Khoo Choy
Mr. Wee Toon Boon
Enche Yaacob bin Mohamed
Tun Lim Yew Hock
Dr. Sheng Nam Chin
Mr. Ong Eng Guan.

2. Deputy Prime Minister:

MAINTENANCE OF ORDER (ASSEMBLY HOUSE): That this Assembly orders that the Commissioner of Police do take care that during the present session of this House the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open, and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in the passages leading to this House, and that there be no annoyance therein and thereabouts; and that the Clerk of this Assembly do communicate this order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

3. Prime Minister:

SALARY OF SPEAKER: That this Assembly, pursuant to section 36 of the Singapore (Constitution) Order in Council, 1958, resolves that the salary of the Speaker with effect from 1st September, 1961, shall be \$3,000 a month.

4. Prime Minister:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (REMUNERATION): That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 79 of the Singapore (Constitution) Order in Council, 1958, resolves that the remuneration of the Chairman and other Members of the Public Service Commission established under section 76 of the aforesaid Order shall with effect from 1st September, 1961, be as follows:—

- (a) for the Chairman, an inclusive salary of \$2,300 per month;
- (b) for the Deputy Chairman, a retainer of \$750 per month, and, in addition, \$50 per day on which he attends a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of twenty days in any one month; and
- (c) for other Members, a retainer of \$500 per month, and, in addition, \$50 per day on which they attend a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of twenty days in any one month.

5. Minister for Labour:

MERGER (SINGAPORE/FEDERATION OF MALAYA): That, whereas it has always been the avowed objective of all nationalists of Malaya to achieve the reunification of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya and to remove the artificial division created by the British by their policy of "divide and rule", this House affirms and declares that the first objective of all true patriots of Malaya is to achieve the reunification of these two territories in a merger of Singapore with the Federation of Malaya.

6. Prime Minister:

FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA: That, in pursuance of this national objective of a united Malayan nation, enlarged and strengthened by the addition of our brothers in the Borneo territories, this House declares its support in principle for the plan proposed by the Prime Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj, and agreed to in principle in the Federation Parliament on 18th October, 1961, for the establishment of the Federation of Malaysia, comprising the eleven States of the present Federation, the States of Singapore and Brunei, and the territories of Sarawak and North Borneo.

7. Prime Minister:

YANG DI-PERTUAN NEGARA'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): That the following Address in reply to the speech of the Yang di-Pertuan Negara be agreed to:—

"We, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Singapore, express our thanks to the Yang di-Pertuan Negara for the speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the opening of the present session of this Assembly."

Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

As an amendment, "at end, to add—

"but regrets that the Government is pursuing a "merger" policy of unequal rights contrary to the interests of the people of the two territories, and urges the Government to re-orientate its policy in conformity with the ardent desires of the people for genuine unification'."

8. Mr. David Marshall (Member for Anson):

Mr. Chan Sun Wing (Member for Upper Serangoon):

POLITICAL NEPOTISM—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: That this Assembly calls upon the Government to appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of at least one High Court Judge and two retired Civil Servants to investigate political nepotism and improper political interference with the Civil Service and employees of Statutory bodies and to make recommendations.

9. Dr. Lee Siew Choh (Member for Queenstown):

Mr. Low Por Tuck (Member for Havelock):

MERGER AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE (SINGAPORE): That this Assembly views with grave concern and anxiety the exclusion of the Opposition Parties in the current 'merger' negotiations, and demands that the Government convene forthwith an All-Party Conference to discuss and to agree on all basic questions on the constitutional future of Singapore; and failing agreement, demands that the Government seek without delay a new mandate from the people.

QUESTION NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

Mr. David Marshall: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the number of persons between the ages of 18 and 21 convicted of capital crimes for each of the years 1955 to 1960, and for the first ten months of 1961; (b) the number of such persons who the Minister is satisfied were secret society members; (c) the number of such persons who were not secret society members; and (d) the number of such persons who were secret society members and were executed.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1961	<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 33 Memorandum setting out Heads of Agreement for a Merger between the Federation of Malaya and Singapore ...	15th November, 1961.
S.L. 30 Imports Certificates (Amendment) Order, 1961	15th November, 1961.
