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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Dr S. Vasoo:** To ask the Minister for National Development if he will state (i) the number of rent and instalment arrear cases served with notice of compulsory acquisition of flat, (ii) the types of problems faced by such cases and (iii) the various steps that will be taken to enable particularly those facing financial hardship to cope with payment of their arrears without undue stress.
- *2. **Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Housing and Development Board and the Urban Redevelopment Authority will consider replacing the coupon parking system with season parking for periods of 6 and 12 months for the car parks under their charge or, alternatively, privatising these car parks.
- *3. **Mr Heng Chiang Meng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he has followed up on the request by the Minister for Home Affairs to check on whether Edgar D'Souza has obtained Australian permanent residence and, if so, the grounds for it.
- *4. **Dr Aline K. Wong:** To ask the Minister for the Environment what steps his Ministry is taking to ensure that the ash from incinerated garbage which is dumped in landfills does not contain toxic substances.
- *5. **Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information since the operation of the Mass Rapid Transit system, what problems have been encountered and what remedial steps have been taken to overcome them.
- *6. **Mr Eric Cheong Yuen Chee:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether he will request the Singapore Mass Rapid Transit Limited to consider (i) extending the MRT services beyond 11.30 pm on weekends, eve of public holidays and during festive seasons, and (ii) extending the validity period of stored value tickets.

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- *7. **Dr Wong Kwei Cheong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how serious is the brain drain problem for Singapore in terms of the number of Singaporeans who have emigrated and renounced their Singapore citizenship over the last ten years; and (b) under what conditions the Government will allow such ex-Singaporeans to return and work in Singapore.
- *8. **Mr Chiam See Tong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs why is it that the recent detainees, after having given written undertakings not to take part in 'Marxist activities', should be deprived of their constitutional rights to participate in constitutional political activities.
- *9. **Mr Heng Chiang Meng:** To ask the Minister for Labour whether Singapore permanent residents need work permits if they are earning below \$1,500/- per month and, if so, the rationale for this policy.
- *10. **Mr S. Chandra Das:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what is the impact of the strengthening of the Singapore Dollar on the economy, particularly on new investments, exports and tourist trade.
- *11. **Mr Chew Heng Ching:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what is the economic outlook for Singapore in 1988.
- *12. **Mr Chew Heng Ching:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health if he will explain the policy on the use of Medisave by account holders and whether there are plans to extend it for other uses.
- *13. **Dr S. Vasoo:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health (a) what is the number of reported or known cases of abuse of Medisave; and (b) what other follow-up measures will be taken to prevent abuse of Medisave besides those reported recently in the press.
- *14. **Mr Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many blocks/units in the old Housing and Development Board estates have been demolished to date and in how many constituencies; (b) whether the programme has been carried out according to schedule; and (c) whether the HDB will consider building smaller and compact types of flats with separate entrances to encourage more 3-generation families to live together.
- *15. **Mr Heng Chiang Meng:** To ask the Minister for National Development when the northward extension of the Central Expressway to Yio Chu Kang Road will be ready.
- *16. **Mr Yeo Choo Kok:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information if he will allow distributors other than the one already nominated by the Far Eastern Economic Review to import the restricted 500 copies of the magazine, in view of the FEER's declared refusal to circulate the magazine in Singapore.

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- *17. **Mr Chiam See Tong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether the drastic curbing on the sale in Singapore of the Far Eastern Economic Review and three other international foreign publications has hurt Singapore's effort to promote it as a regional communications centre.
- *18. **Mr Chew Heng Ching:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the measures taken by his Ministry to reduce the demand for health care through health education and preventive health services.
- *19. **Mr Goh Choon Kang:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health whether his Ministry will consider building a community hospital in Serangoon New Town.
- *20. **Mr Lau Ping Sum:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the pedestrian overhead bridge under construction at Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 near the Yio Chu Kang Mass Rapid Transit station will be provided with shelter; and what will be the cost of providing such a shelter.
- *21. **Mr Chiam See Tong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether he is aware that the television and radio have blacked out all news concerning the Workers' Party and, if so, what are the reasons for doing so.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bill

Minister for Communications and Information:

Newspaper and Printing Presses (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)

- 1. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill — (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence) — Second Reading.
[For Note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 11th January, 1988.]
- 2. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 2) Bill — (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence) — Second Reading.
[For Note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 11th January, 1988.]
- 3. Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill — (Second Minister for Law) — Second Reading.
[For Note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 11th January, 1988.]

●4. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 11th January, 1988.]

●5. Child Care Centres Bill — (Minister for Community Development) — Second Reading.

[For Note on the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 11th January, 1988.]

PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>1987</i>	<i>Date Presented</i>
Cmd. 17 Annual Report of the Ministry of National Development 1986 ...	28th November, 1987.
S. 38 Annual Report of the National University of Singapore 1986/87 ...	1st December, 1987.
S. 39 Annual Report of the Nanyang Technological Institute 1986/87 ...	3rd December, 1987.
S. 40 Report of the Legal Service Commission 1986 ...	5th December, 1987.
S.L. 49 Animals and Birds (Quarantine) (Amendment) Rules 1987 ...	5th December, 1987.
S.L. 50 Central Provident Fund Regulations 1987 ...	9th December, 1987.
Pres. Co. 22 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 19/87] ...	14th December, 1987.
Pres. Co. 23 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 20/87] ...	14th December, 1987.
Pres. Co. 24 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore Totalisator Board Bill [Bill No. 21/87] ...	14th December, 1987.
S.L. 51 Fees (Storage of Ashes in Mount Vernon Columbaria Extension — Second Phase) Order 1987 ...	17th December, 1987.
S.L. 52 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) Regulations 1987 ...	17th December, 1987.

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S.	41 Annual Report of the Housing and Development Board 1986/87 ...	19th December, 1987.
S.	42 Annual Report of the Science Council of Singapore 1986/87 ...	22nd December, 1987.
S.L.	53 Immigration (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 1987 ...	23rd December, 1987.
S.	43 Annual Report of the Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises 1986/87 ...	23rd December, 1987.
S.	44 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Charities 1986 ...	28th December, 1987.
Cmd.	18 Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Investigations concerning the late Mr Teh Cheang Wan ...	28th December, 1987.
S.	45 Annual Report of the Economic Development Board 1986/87 ...	29th December, 1987.
S.	46 Annual Report of the Skills Development Fund 1986/87 ...	29th December, 1987.
S.L.	54 Public Utilities (Licences to use or operate Electrical or Supply Installations) (Amendment) Regulations, 1987 ...	31st December, 1987.
 <i>1988</i>		 <i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	1 Port of Singapore Authority (Dangerous Goods, Petroleum and Explosives) (Amendment) Regulations 1987 ...	4th January, 1988.
S.L.	2 Employment (First-Aid Equipment) Regulations 1987 ...	6th January, 1988.
S.L.	3 Employment (Procedure-Reciprocal Provisions) Regulations 1987 ...	6th January, 1988.
S.L.	4 Employment (Prescribed Form) Regulations 1987 ...	6th January, 1988.
S.L.	5 Employment (Register of Employees) Regulations 1987 ...	6th January, 1988.
