

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2016

No. 4

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the 14 January 2016 bombing in Jakarta, what is being done to (i) step up Singapore's border security and internal security and (ii) increase the vigilance of Singaporeans, the resident population and the Home Team.
- *2. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the number of terrorist incidents globally and Singapore's status as a travel hub, what new measures are put in place to ensure our domestic security while maintaining our lead as a travel destination and attraction.
- *3. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what has been Singapore's position regarding Syrians who have been forced to flee from their homeland; and (b) what is the Government's assessment on what should and can be done at an international level to provide assistance to those who have been left behind in exceedingly difficult circumstances.
- *4. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources with regard to the increasing number of dengue cases (a) whether current enforcement and fines are sufficient to deter owners of properties that are breeding grounds; and (b) what financial and resource support are provided for research to combat and reduce the Aedes mosquito population.
- *5. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the measures which the Ministry has put in place to ensure that the materials used in the construction of new HDB flats meet the standards required to minimise noise transmission between floors and flat units.

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- *6. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide the data that compares the workload and work stress faced by doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals at various levels in public hospitals with equivalent professionals in other developed countries such as Australia, Japan, USA and the UK.
 - *7. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) whether the revamped social studies syllabus, and/or other elements in the primary and/or secondary school curriculum, will provide detailed explanations for why ballot secrecy is inviolate in elections.
 - *8. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many prospective Singaporean-foreigner couples have participated in the Pre-Marriage Long-Term Visit Pass Assessment (PMLA) since its introduction.
 - *9. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the manpower crunch and constraints in the public sector, what more can be done by the Home Team to leverage on new technology to detect and deter crime, and to assist with typically manpower-intensive investigations.
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ORDER OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

(That marked • is Order of the Day)

- 1. **PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS):** *Resumption of Debate on Question (25 January 2016) (3rd Allotted Day)*, 'That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:-

"We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the First Session of this Parliament."'
— (Mr Christopher de Souza).

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2. **Mr Low Thia Khiang (Aljunied)**
Mr Chen Show Mao (Aljunied)
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)
Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap (Aljunied)
Mr Png Eng Huat (Hougang)
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied):

NON-CONSTITUENCY MEMBER: That this Parliament, pursuant to section 53 of the Parliamentary Elections Act –

- (a) declares that the seat of Ms Lee Li Lian, who was elected a non-constituency Member of Parliament under section 52 of the Act, has become vacant by reason of her having failed to take and subscribe before Parliament the Oath of Allegiance under Article 61 of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore at the first and second sittings of the first session of the present Parliament; and
- (b) resolves that the seat be filled in accordance with sections 52(2) and 52(3B)(a) of the Act.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether cases of employees being terminated with notice are included in the definition of redundancies in the redundancy data published in the Ministry's Labour Market Survey; (b) if not, what is the Ministry's estimate of the number of employees who have been made redundant by way of termination with notice in 2013-2015; and (c) what percentage of employees made redundant in 2013-2015 in the Ministry's published data have been made so as a result of publicly announced retrenchment exercises by employers
2. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether measures can be taken to prohibit trailers for horror or violent movies with ratings of PG13 and above, like "Pay the Ghost", "The Activity" and "Crimson Peak", from being displayed in public places which are frequented by young children such as MRT stations.

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3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how much of the Agriculture Productivity Fund has been disbursed in each year since 2009; (b) what categories of projects have attracted the largest funding amounts; (c) what are the criteria for determining the size of the grants received; and (d) how does the Ministry ensure that these recipients perform as expected.
 4. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) whether the Ministry will consider utilising portable airconditioners and air purifiers in school classrooms whenever the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) reading reaches the Unhealthy range and beyond (PSI readings of >100).
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