

# SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## SECOND SESSION

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### ORDER PAPER

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THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1988

No. 50

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#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr Chiam See Tong:** To ask the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence whether, in view of the development of new private and Housing and Development Board housing estates since the last general election in 1984, the Government intends to increase the number of constituencies for the coming general election in 1988/89 and, if so, what steps are being taken in regard to new electoral boundaries and preparation of electoral rolls.
- \*2. **Encik Wan Hussin bin Hj Zohri:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the effect of Prince Norodom Sihanouk's resignation on (i) Asean's support for the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea and (ii) the future of a peaceful settlement in Kampuchea.
- \*3. **Dr S. Vasoo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) if he will give an idea as to the types of housing that are likely to be built in housing estates affected by relocation; and (b) when the rebuilding programmes will be implemented.
- \*4. **Dr S. Vasoo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) if he will indicate the number of 1-room and 2-room Housing and Development Board flats that will be retained after the relocation exercise; (b) whether there will be plans to upgrade these flats; and (c) whether the HDB will review the age criteria set for application for these flats.
- \*5. **Mr Teo Chong Tee:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what measures are being taken by the Registry of Vehicles to ensure that vehicles imported into Singapore are free of manufacturing defects and safe on our roads.
- \*6. **Dr Arthur Beng Kian Lam:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information if he will comment on reports that travellers have difficulties in getting confirmed flights to certain destinations and what has been done to resolve this problem.

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- \*7. **Mr Teo Chong Tee:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Traffic Department has received reports of forged Singapore driving licences and whether a new type of driving licence will be introduced to replace the present handwritten one in the foreseeable future.
- \*8. **Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon:** To ask the Minister for Labour (a) how many local small enterprises applied for work permits to employ foreign workers in 1987; (b) how many were rejected; (c) what is the percentage rejected; and (d) why some small restaurants, confectioneries and motor workshops are not granted work permits to employ foreign workers while restaurants within hotels are granted them.
- \*9. **Dr Wong Kwei Cheong:** To ask the Minister for Labour (a) when amending legislation will be introduced to extend maternity benefits to female employees bearing the third child; and (b) if the Government will take steps to encourage the private sector to amend collective agreements to include such maternity benefits.
- \*10. **Dr Koh Lam Son:** To ask the Minister for Community Development what steps he will take to dispel the general misconception that an approval for marriage, by the Registrar of Marriages, to a foreigner will entitle the latter to stay in Singapore.
- \*11. **Dr S. Vasoo:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health (a) if he will give a progress report on the reorganisation of polyclinics; and (b) whether there is adequate manpower to man the heavily utilized polyclinics.
- \*12. **Dr Koh Lam Son:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health whether there is an increase in the mortality rate of children and infants attributed to home accidents and what measures have been taken to reduce such mishaps.
- \*13. **Dr Wong Kwei Cheong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the occupancy rate of the HUDC flats at Anthony Road; and (b) when these flats will be sold to the public and what are the estimated selling prices.
- \*14. **Mr Teo Chong Tee:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether taxi stands will be provided at or near Mass Rapid Transit stations.
- \*15. **Dr Arthur Beng Kian Lam:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what is the response to the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore's Changi Connection Incentive Scheme and free city tours for passengers in transit to see the sights of Singapore with a view to attracting them back to Singapore for a longer visit; and whether the CAAS has introduced other promotional programmes.

- \*16. Dr Ho Tat Kin:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health (a) if newborn babies are tested for antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus, the cause of AIDS, and if not, why not; and (b) if such tests are made, how many newborn babies have been found to be anti-body positive and what follow-up action his Ministry takes in such cases.
- \*17. Dr Ho Tat Kin:** To ask the Acting Minister for Health what is the ruling and method of disposal for all radioactive isotopes used for treatment in hospitals; whether there has been any case of radioactive contamination due to improper disposal of used radioactive isotopes; and what measures his Ministry has taken to ensure that such incidents will not occur.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bill

#### Minister for Home Affairs:

Dangerous Fireworks (Amendment) Bill.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

*(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)*

### 1. First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence:

AGENDA FOR ACTION: That this House adopts the Goals and Challenges contained in the Agenda for Action and presented to Parliament as a Green Paper (Paper Misc. 2 of 1988) as the basis for nation building and Government policy.

### 2. First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence:

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE (AMENDMENT NO. 2) BILL: That Prof. S. Jayakumar, Mr Wong Kan Seng, BG Lee Hsien Loong and Dr Lee Boon Yang be added to the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill (Bill No. 23/87), and the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 2) Bill (Bill No. 24/87).

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## MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order No. 1 (8) (b)):  
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Mr S. Chandra Das  
(Member for Chong Boon)

... United States withdrawal of GSP  
status for Singapore.

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Chiam See Tong:** To ask the Minister for Education if he will state the number of PAP kindergartens currently opened in Singapore and the number situated in (i) Housing and Development Board estates and (ii) privately owned buildings.
  2. **Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the likely effects of the withdrawal of the Generalised System of Preferences by the United States on the Singapore economy.
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**PAPERS PRESENTED**

<i>1988</i>	<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L. 9      Government Hospitals (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1987      ...	25th January, 1988.
S.L. 10     Government Hospitals (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Rules, 1987      ...	25th January, 1988.
Pres. Co. 1    Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 25/87]      ...      ...      ...	30th January, 1988.
Pres. Co. 2    Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Child Care Centres Bill [Bill No. 26/87]      ...	30th January, 1988.
Pres. Co. 3    Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Newspaper and Printing Presses (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 1/88]      ...      ...	30th January, 1988.
Cmd. 1       Financial Statements for the Financial Year 1986/87      ...      ...	4th February, 1988.
Cmd. 2       Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 1986/87      ...      ...	4th February, 1988.
S.L. 11       Public Utilities (Licences to Use or Operate Electrical or Supply Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1988      ...      ...      ...	11th February, 1988.
S.L. 12       Central Provident Fund (Minimum Sum Scheme) Regulations 1988      ...	12th February, 1988.
Parl. 1       Second Report of the Estimates Committee      ...      ...      ...	15th February, 1988.
Misc. 2       Agenda for Action: Goals and Challenges      ...      ...      ...	15th February, 1988.

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