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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister of Defence (a) the number of accidents involving vehicles of the Singapore Armed Forces during the period 1st October, 1969, to 30th September, 1970; (b) how many of those accidents resulted in (i) loss of life; and (ii) serious injury; and (c) how much compensation for loss of life or injury has been paid between 1st January, 1969, and 30th September, 1970, as a result of accidents involving such vehicles.
- *2. **Enche Abdul Aziz Karim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour if he will consider introducing a single piece of legislation to amend and consolidate the provisions of the Factories Ordinance, the Workmen's Compensation Ordinance and other pertinent laws for the promotion of the safety, health and welfare of workers; and if such legislation will, among other things, provide for (a) the establishment of a council of industrial safety and health with the responsibility of (i) making safety regulations; (ii) undertaking research and safety education programmes; (iii) carrying out inspection and enforcement; and (iv) the rehabilitation of victims of occupational hazards; (b) the establishment of a board to determine compensation; (c) the penalties on employers for committing breaches of the law; and (d) the establishment of safety committees at work places to ensure that safety regulations are implemented.
- *3. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Communications if the Postal Services Department will consider installing a large posting box at the junction of Lorong Tai Seng and Upper Paya Lebar Road, after completion of the widening of Upper Paya Lebar Road, in view of the growing population in the Lorong Tai Seng area.
- *4. **Mr. Yeo Toon Chia:** To ask the Minister for Communications if he will consider the feasibility of providing for the payment of road tax on motor vehicles at post offices where there already are facilities for the renewal of motor driving licences.
- *5. **Mr. Tay Boon Too:** To ask the Minister for Education, as it is his Ministry's policy to implement the use of English as the medium of instruction in mathematics and science in 1971, (a) whether teachers who are undergoing the Special English Course for Mathematics

and Science Teachers of Non-English Schools will be in a position to teach those subjects in English; and (b) what measures will be taken to improve the situation if those teachers are found to be incapable of using English as the medium of instruction.

- *6. Mr. Seah Mui Kok:** To ask the Minister for Social Affairs how many poor aged people are awaiting admission to Bushey Park Home, Woodlands Home and Woodstock Home; and if he has any plans to expand those Homes.
- *7. Mr. Yeo Choo Kok:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if there are plans (i) to widen Prince Philip Avenue so that residents can park their cars on both sides of the road without impeding traffic; and (ii) to install street lights along the footpath next to the Alexandra Road Market as undesirable elements have made use of the darkness in that area to commit robberies from time to time.
- *8. Mr. Seah Mui Kok:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Housing and Development Board if the Board has any plans to convert all the semi-communal one-room flats with toilets outside at blocks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 at Jalan Bukit Ho Swee into one-room improved self-contained flats with toilets and to provide more accommodation space for the tenants.
- *9. Mr. Ch'ng Jit Koon:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he will ascertain from the Housing and Development Board (a) how many families, who are living in the one-room emergency flats in Kampong Tiong Bahru Estate, have registered for transfer to, and have not yet been offered, larger accommodation; and (b) when those families can expect to be offered larger accommodation.
- *10. Mr. Yeo Toon Chia:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the feasibility of converting the Kandang Kerbau Market into a two-storeyed market to accommodate the increasing number of hawkers' stalls which are at present outside the Market and so enhance the cleanliness of the vicinity.
- *11. Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Health what progress has been made by the Committee on Medical Specialisation; when he expects to receive its report, and if its report will be presented to this House.
- *12. Mr. Yeo Toon Chia:** To ask the Minister for Finance if the Tourist Promotion Board will approach owners of departmental stores and shops to consider the standardisation of prices of goods on sale on their premises and the display of price tags so as to present Singapore as an excellent shopping centre in the eyes of tourists.
- *13. Mr. Yeo Choo Kok:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans (i) to set up a fact-finding committee to look into the "Eupoc" affair; and (ii) to introduce new measures to ensure that public investment in industry is adequately protected in the future.

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- *14. Mr. Seah Mui Kok:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ascertain from the Jurong Town Corporation if the Corporation will consider building a multi-storey flatted factory for light industries in the Bukit Ho Swee Constituency in order to provide employment for the people in that area and also to improve their standard of living.
- *15. Mr. J. F. Conceicao:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will state the number of cases in which disciplinary proceedings were taken against civil servants for inefficiency in 1969 and in the first nine months of 1970, and what were the outcomes of the cases.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Science and Technology:**
Metrication Bill.
 2. **Minister for Science and Technology:**
Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill.
 3. **Minister of Defence:**
Enlistment (Amendment) Bill.
 4. **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:**
Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill.
 5. **Minister for Communications:**
Merchant Shipping (Amendment No. 2) Bill.
 6. **Minister for Education:**
Ngee Ann Technical College (Amendment) Bill.
 7. **Minister for Culture:**
Prohibition on Advertisements relating to Smoking Bill.
 8. **Minister for Social Affairs:**
Mutual Benefit Organisations (Amendment) Bill.
 9. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Trees and Plants (Preservation and Improvement of Amenities) Bill.
 10. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Parking Places (Amendment) Bill.
 11. **Minister for Finance:**
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Customs (Amendment) Bill.
 12. **Minister for Finance:**
Securities Industry Bill.
 13. **Minister for Finance:**
Companies (Amendment) Bill.
 14. **Minister for Home Affairs:**
Passports Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Institute of Education Bill — (Minister for Education) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 19 dated 4th November, 1970.]
- 2. National Sports Promotion Board Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 2 of 1970) — (Minister for Social Affairs) — Third Reading.
- 3. Statute Law Revision Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 19 dated 4th November, 1970.]
- 4. Sand and Granite Quarries Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 5. Preservation of Monuments Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 19 dated 4th November, 1970.]
- 6. Land Surveyors Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 5 of 1970) — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Third Reading.

† It is intended to move the Committee Stage and Third Reading immediately after the Second Reading.

7. Minister for Law and National Development:

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS: That this Parliament resolves that the amendments set out in Appendix I to the Report of the Standing Orders Committee as contained in Paper Parl. 4 of 1970 be and are hereby made to the Standing Orders of Parliament.

8. Minister for Law and National Development:

RECLAMATION (LOYANG): That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4 of the Foreshores Ordinance (Chapter 246), approves the reclamation by Government of those portions of the foreshore and tidal swamps at Loyang containing a total area of approximately 205 acres as shown coloured pink and yellow respectively on the plan marked "LAND OFFICE RECLAMATION PLAN NO. 2/1970" which is deposited in the Land Office, Singapore.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b)): —

Mr. Ho Kah Leong ... Resettlement Problems.
(Member for Jurong)

PAPERS PRESENTED

| <i>1970</i> | | <i>Date Presented.</i> |
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| Cmd. | 26 Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1969 | 3rd September, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 27 Annual Report of the Trade Division, 1969 | 3rd September, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 28 Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, 1969 | 5th September, 1970. |
| S. | 17 Annual Report of the Singapore Telephone Board for the year 1969 ... | 7th September, 1970. |
| S.L. | 34 Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1970 | 10th September, 1970. |
| S.L. | 35 Prohibition of Imports (Fire-crackers) (Amendment) Order, 1970 ... | 10th September, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. | 21 Report of the Presidential Council on the Jurong Town Corporation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 39/70] | 14th September, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 29 Report of the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo, 1968 | 16th September, 1970. |
| Parl. | 4 Report of the Standing Orders Committee | 17th September, 1970. |
| Parl. | 5 Report of the Select Committee on the Land Surveyors Bill ... | 19th September, 1970. |
| S.L. | 36 Local Government (Disposal of Trade Effluents) Regulations, 1970 ... | 26th September, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 30 Annual Report of the Prisons Department, 1969 | 2nd October, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 31 Annual Report of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1969 | 2nd October, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 32 Annual Report of the Primary Production Department, 1969 ... | 2nd October, 1970. |
| S. | 18 Consolidated Accounts of the Public Utilities Board, Singapore for the year ended 31st December, 1969 ... | 13th October, 1970. |
| S.L. | 37 Rules of the Supreme Court, 1970 ... | 13th October, 1970. |
| Cmd. | 33 Annual Report of the Customs and Excise Department, 1969 ... | 16th October, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. | 22 Report of the Presidential Council on the Banking Bill [Bill No. 29/70] ... | 19th October, 1970. |

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| Pres. Co. 23 | Report of the Presidential Council on the Monetary Authority of Singapore Bill [Bill No. 30/70] ... | 19th October, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. 24 | Report of the Presidential Council on the Trustees (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 31/70] ... | 19th October, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. 25 | Report of the Presidential Council on the Land Titles (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 32/70] ... | 19th October, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. 26 | Report of the Presidential Council on the Constitution (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 33/70] ... | 19th October, 1970. |
| Pres. Co. 27 | Report of the Presidential Council on the Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 34/70] | 19th October, 1970. |
| S.L. 38 | Fees (Translation of Documents — Labour Department) Order, 1970 | 22nd October, 1970. |
| Cmd. 34 | Annual Report of the Planning Department, 1968 and 1969 ... | 24th October, 1970. |
| S.L. 39 | Customs Duties (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1970 ... | 27th October, 1970. |
| Cmd. 35 | Report on a Study of the Proposed Conversion to the Metric System in Singapore ... | 31st October, 1970. |
