

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Ganesh Rajaram:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether he can provide an update on the arrests and subsequent investigation into the possible misuse of funds at National Football League club Tiong Bahru Football Club.
- *2. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past 10 years, how many complaints have been received from complainants that they have been wrongly arrested/accused based on the information given by informants after investigations; (b) what actions have been taken against those who have made wrong or willful accusations resulting in the arrest of innocent parties and causing embarrassment to them; and (c) whether the police will allow the complainants to take civil and defamation suits against those who have willfully or intentionally accused wrong parties that resulted in abuse of police resources.
- *3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (Schools) whether there are any Ministry rules, directives or operating principles that prohibit primary or secondary schools from inviting Members of Parliament (MPs) from any party, or Nominated MPs, as speakers at events.
- *4. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education (Schools) whether there are long-term follow up measures in schools to monitor the emotional and mental state of children and youths who have experienced sudden death of their peers.
- *5. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what measures are ongoing to enhance public awareness of special needs children and the needs of the parents and caregivers of special needs children; and (b) how can the Ministry encourage employers and the broader community to facilitate better workplace support such as flexible working arrangements for parents of children with special needs.

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- *6. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the criteria used to determine childcare and pre-school subsidies; and (b) when were these criteria last reviewed.
- *7. **Asst Prof Mahdev Mohan:** To ask the Prime Minister in light of reports that Singapore banks have provided loans to multiple coal power projects totaling more than US\$2 billion over the last five years (a) whether these investments have any impact on the Government's proposed measures to reduce carbon emissions including that of a carbon tax; and (b) whether the banks will be required or encouraged to make public pledges to restrict lending to such projects.
- *8. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the CPIB will conduct a thorough investigation of the business affairs of Keppel Offshore and Marine Ltd (KOM) to ascertain whether, besides the arrangements KOM had entered into with Zwi Skornicki for the provision of bribes to secure contracts in Brazil, KOM had also, during the same period, entered into any arrangements with any company or agent to provide bribes to secure its other contracts elsewhere in the world.
- *9. **Mr Ganesh Rajaram:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether he can provide an update on the securing of broadcast rights for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics; (b) whether the rights have been secured and, if not, why, given that the event is just over two years away; and (c) whether there is a danger of Singaporeans missing out on watching the Games.
- *10. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for each year over the past five years, how many instances have occurred of MRT or LRT trains (i) undergoing irregular and sudden acceleration and (ii) train doors closing without warning; and (b) whether there is any mechanism for collating data on such incidents if they are not reported by commuters.
- *11. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the shutting down of train lines for scheduled maintenance; (b) how much additional work has been done during this period; and (c) how many manhours of effort have been achieved during this time.
- *12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) (a) how will the substantial emissions from the new coal gasification plant on Jurong Island align with our climate change commitments and our declaration of Year of Climate Action; and (b) how does the Government decide on business opportunities versus environmental concerns and international commitments.

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- *13. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health with the upward trend in consumption of vitamins and health supplements (a) whether any study been done to determine if Singaporeans need such products to supplement their diets; (b) whether the Ministry will conduct a campaign to educate the public on the risk and benefit of consuming such products; and (c) over the past five years, how many of such products have been removed from the market arising from routine sample checks.
- *14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development how does HDB determine what qualifies as over-crowding in HDB flats and whether Minimum Space Standards, or similar objective criteria, can be published to improve transparency.
- *15. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) (a) what are the top 10 SkillsFuture courses that Singaporeans have signed up for; (b) what is the percentage of utilisation of SkillsFuture funds for these top 10 courses; (c) what is the profile of the SkillsFuture users who have utilised the funds for these top 10 courses; and (d) which of these courses lead to new or better jobs.
- *16. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the number of workplace injuries reported in the past five years; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider adopting a system of workplace injury reporting based on (i) diagnosis of a specified list of common work-related injuries requiring medical treatment and (ii) requirement of treatment in a hospital without any time threshold such as used in the US (Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970), Australia (Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004) and the UK (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013).
- *17. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the progress of work on autonomous public bus fleets in Singapore and when can they be expected to be a part of our public transportation mix.
- *18. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA collects data on the availability and ride-pricing statistics of private car hire and taxi operators so as to assess how the market and end-user experience is shaped by novel pricing methods such as flat fare pricing and surge pricing.
- *19. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry can work with media platforms to (i) raise greater awareness about emergency preparedness and (ii) encourage more members of the public to pick up skills such as CPR and first-aid in our community.

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- *20. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether priority can be given to applications for Singapore PR or citizenship by minors who are stepchildren of Singapore citizens.
- *21. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what percentage of mother-tongue teachers in pre-schools are Singaporeans; and (b) what strategies are in place to develop more Singaporean mother-tongue teachers in pre-schools.
- *22. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how does LTA specify the methodology of traffic impact assessments especially for new housing developments in mature estates; (b) whether the planning assumptions for traffic impact assessments assume a "car-lite" future; and (c) whether a range of vehicle population scenarios is considered when making such assessments.
- *23. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport what measures are being taken by the Ministry to nudge transport operators to reinvest the expected cost savings from going cashless towards improving the public transport customer experience.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The postponement forms are available at the Chamber entrances. Members must submit their notices to the Clerk within one hour after the end of Question Time. Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk within the stipulated time.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:

Supply Bill.

(President's recommendation signified).

2. **Minister for Finance:**

Supplementary Supply (FY 2017) Bill.

(President's recommendation signified).

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **Minister for Finance:**

BUDGET STATEMENT: That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the average cost of installing a pedestrian overhead bridge with lift; and (b) whether the Government has a schedule of where and when lifts will be installed at pedestrian overhead bridges nationwide.
2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether any employers have been found collecting kickbacks to hire existing work permit holders who have changed employers; (b) what initiatives the Ministry has undertaken to match employers with existing work permit holders who are changing employers; and (c) what has been the rate of uptake of such initiatives.
3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Law for each year in the past five years, how many applicants applied for legal aid and of these applicants, how many failed at the stage of (i) the means test and (ii) the merits test.
4. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current scheme on priority queue for frail and elderly patients seeking outpatient treatment at the polyclinics and hospitals; and (b) whether this priority scheme is also applicable across all patient service points such as the x-ray department and pharmacy.

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5. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the last three years (a) how many HDB home owners have been in arrears or have defaulted on their HDB home loans and what are their age groups; (b) what percentage of these cases have been resolved; and (c) what are the three most common reasons for the default or arrears.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2018</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>		
S.L.	417	Sewerage and Drainage (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2018	6 February 2018
S.L.	418	Sale of Food (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2018	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	419	Sale of Food (Food Establishments) (Amendment) Regulations 2018	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	420	Sale of Food (Appeal to Minister - Prescribed Period) Regulations 2018	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	421	Sale of Food (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2018	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	422	Food (Amendment) Regulations 2017	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	423	Professional Engineers (Prescribed Branches of Professional Engineering) (Revocation) Rules 2018	.....	6 February 2018
S.L.	424	Professional Engineers (Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics) (Amendment) Rules 2018	6 February 2018

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2018			Date Presented
S.L.	425	Professional Engineers (Amendment) Rules 2018 6 February 2018
S.L.	426	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction And Use) (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
S.L.	427	Road Traffic (Collection of Toll At Woodlands And Tuas Checkpoints) (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
S.L.	428	Road Traffic (Composition Of Offences) (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
S.L.	429	Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
S.L.	430	Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
S.L.	431	Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals (Amendment) Rules 2018	..... 13 February 2018
Parl.	13	Report of the Select Committee on the Cross-Border Railways Bill [Bill No 43/2017]	..... 14 February 2018
Pres. Co.	77	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Cybersecurity Bill [Bill No 2/2018]	..... 14 February 2018
Pres. Co.	78	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Enterprise Singapore Board Bill [Bill No 3/2018] 14 February 2018

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Pres. Co. 79	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 4/2018] 14 February 2018
Pres. Co. 80	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 5/2018]	..... 14 February 2018
