

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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FIRST SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 1 MARCH 2018

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) (a) how frequently does the Ministry review the courses offered by the polytechnics so as to stay relevant to the needs of industries; (b) what are the two least popular courses; and (c) how many courses have been cancelled last year because of a lack of student interest.
  - \*2. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Education (Schools) what is being done to help deepen students' understanding of ASEAN in our mainstream schools.
  - \*3. **Ms K Thanaletchimi:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider forming an association for intermediate and long-term care institutions that is similar to the Association of Small and Medium Enterprises so that these institutions can collectively benefit from sharing of best practices, standards, staff training and economies of scale.
  - \*4. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) which are the top five industries that freelancers are venturing into; and (b) whether more grants and mentorship programmes will be given to support freelancers outside of the creative industry.
  - \*5. **Ms Sun Xueling:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the average daily number of requests for help does the pool of 150 service agents employed at MRT stations to assist commuters with the ticketing machines receive and what is the demographic mix of those who seek help.
  - \*6. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the statistics on bicycle ownership in Singapore; (b) how many people use bicycles as part of their daily commute; (c) whether the drive towards the Walk Cycle Ride SG vision is on target; and (d) whether the rise of PMDs is undermining this vision.
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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (19 February 2018) (3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day)*, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.". – (Minister for Finance).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (Paper Cmd. 13 of 2018) – Committee of Supply (*1<sup>st</sup> Allotted Day*).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 10 dated 1 March 2018]

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### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Sun Xueling:** To ask the Minister for Education (Schools) in which year will the new primary school along Punggol Central (near Sumang LRT Station) and the new secondary school at the junction of Punggol Central and Punggol Way start taking in open enrolments of students and in which year will the schools start operations.
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