

SECOND PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 10TH JULY, 1968

No. 9

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Education if he is aware that a considerable number of transfers of teachers are being made and some at an instant's notice through telephone calls from the Ministry; why these transfers are necessary and carried out in such manner; and if he will state his Ministry's policy on the transfer of teachers.
- *2. **Mr. L. P. Rodrigo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) if he is aware that during the first five months of this year heads of schools have already been required to submit an unduly large number of returns to the Ministry; and why such a considerable number of returns have been called for; (b) whether he is also aware that certain heads of schools have been put in charge of defined areas and have been required to telephone all the schools in the area to secure any data for the Ministry as and when the Ministry calls for such data by telephone; and why such a system is necessary; and (c) whether an efficient system of data registration and maintenance can be devised so as to allow more time for heads of schools to devote their attention to improving the quality of teaching in their schools.
- *3. **Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Education whether complaints made by teachers against their principals are investigated; and what action is taken against the teachers concerned if, on investigation, the complaints are found to be unfounded and unfair.
- *4. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Education if he is aware (a) that some Cambridge School Certificate holders teach English not only in secondary classes but also in Pre-University classes in Chinese schools; and (b) that some English teachers regard posting to Chinese schools as a drudgery and try their best to be transferred away; and what steps he proposes to take in the matter.
- *5. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will inform the House of the measures his Ministry has taken or proposes to take to ensure the adequate flushing of all drains, including outlet drains, in the Joo Chiat Constituency, as choked drains and stagnant waters are not conducive to the health of the residents in the area.
- *6. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider increasing the number of dust-bins provided in public places and placing them at closer intervals as a means to reduce indiscriminate throwing of litter.

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- *7. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Health if a dumping ground for bulk refuse can be provided near to the Jurong Industrial Estate, as great expense is at present being caused to Jurong factory owners on haulage of bulk refuse to the nearest dumping ground at Tampines which is about 25 miles from Jurong Town, and as more and more industries are being established in the Estate.
- *8. **Mr. Low Guan Onn:** To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a relaxation of the policy not to issue hawkers' licences to non-citizens, in the case of those non-citizens who have resided in the Republic for more than ten years, in the light of (i) the decision of the Government not to grant citizenship freely, and (ii) the large number of non-citizen workers, who will become unemployed with the run-down of the British military bases and who may wish to take to hawking as a means of livelihood.
- *9. **Mr. Hwang Soo Jin:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing legislation to set up an independent commission to supervise the operation of the Singapore Stock Exchange.
- *10. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on the progress made by the technical fact-finding mission to Indonesia on the tourism potential of Bali.
- *11. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware of any measures now being taken or proposed to be taken by the Tourist Promotion Board to eliminate any possible fleecing of tourists by unscrupulous taxi-drivers, shop-keepers, etc.; and whether he will inform the House of such measures.
- *12. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many pioneer certificates have been granted since June 1959, up to a latest convenient date; (b) what is the total amount of the paid-up capital of the pioneer industries involved; and (c) how much of this capital is (i) from local investors, and (ii) from foreign investors and from what countries.
- *13. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether any Government funds have been invested overseas since Singapore Day, the amount of such investments and in what countries.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:**
Constitution (Amendment No. 2) Bill.
2. **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:**
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill,

Introduction of Government Bills—continued.

3. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill.

4. Minister for Law and National Development:

Hire-Purchase Bill.

5. Minister for Law and National Development:

Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill.

6. Minister for Health:

(President's recommendation to be signified)

Destruction of Disease-Bearing Insects Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Pensions (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
- 2. Employment Bill — (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Labour) — Second Reading.
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1 dated 10th July, 1968.]
- 3. Civil Law (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

4. Minister for Finance:

TREASURY BILLS: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 2 of the Local Treasury Bills Ordinance (Chapter 69), resolves that the Minister for Finance be authorised to borrow by the issue of Treasury Bills in Singapore a sum not exceeding Singapore one thousand million dollars.

5. Minister for Law and National Development:

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS RULES: That this Parliament, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 29 of the Registration of Deeds Ordinance (Chapter 255), resolves that the Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Rules, 1968, published as Notification No. S 121 in the *Gazette* Subsidiary Legislation Supplement No. 35 of 10th May, 1968, as contained in Paper S.L. 25 of 1968, be approved.

MEMORANDUM

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

Enche Rahmat bin Kenap ... Difficulties of Blue Identity Card Holders
(Member for Geylang Serai) claiming birth in Singapore.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1968		<i>Date Presented.</i>
Parl. 1	First Report of the Committee of Selection (First Session)	24th May, 1968.
S.L. 23	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 12) Order, 1968	30th May, 1968.
Cmd. 12	Report of the Board of Commissioners of Currency Malaya and British Borneo, 1966	4th June, 1968.
S.L. 24	Land Titles (Strata) Rules, 1968 ...	11th June, 1968.
S.L. 25	Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Rules, 1968	11th June, 1968.
S.L. 26	Land Titles (Amendment) Rules, 1968 ...	11th June, 1968.
S.L. 27	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 13) Order, 1968	15th June, 1968.
S.L. 28	Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1968 ...	19th June, 1968.
S. 4	First Annual Report of the Singapore Family Planning and Population Board, 1966	19th June, 1968.
S.L. 29	Land Titles (Strata) (Amendment) Rules, 1968	22nd June, 1968.
S.L. 30	Customs Duties (Amendment No. 14) Order, 1968	22nd June, 1968.
S. 5	Annual Report of the Insurance Com- missioner, 1967	29th June, 1968.
S. 6	Annual Report of the President, Industrial Arbitration Court, 1967	4th July, 1968.
