

# FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## STATE OF SINGAPORE

### SECOND SESSION

#### ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1960

No. 9

2.30 p.m.

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#### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Inche Mohamed Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Prime Minister how many Temporary Assistant Markets and Hawkers Inspectors were employed by the City Council as at 31st August, 1960; how many of them were appointed from among former serving officers of the City Council, and how many passed (a) English Standard Eight, (b) Chinese Junior Middle, (c) Malay Standard Seven, and (d) an equivalent standard in Tamil.
- \*2. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether he personally took action to sack a driver of the City Council Transport Department in March, 1960, and on what grounds; and whether the Rules of the City Council were followed in this case; (b) whether he personally directed that disciplinary action be taken against a driver of the Rural Board Cleansing Department who was driving a Cleansing Department lorry along East Coast Road on Vesak Day, and on what grounds; and (c) on how many occasions has he initiated disciplinary action against labourers under his jurisdiction.
- \*3. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the total number of Government and official cars being used by the Prime Minister, Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries; (b) to give details of the cost per month in respect of (i) wages and overtime pay, provident fund contributions and quarters for chauffeurs; (ii) road tax; (iii) petrol and lubricants; (iv) maintenance, such as repairs, replacement of tyres, etc.; and (v) estimated depreciation, or loss of income from hire; and (c) to give the following details of each car:—(i) registration number; (ii) by whom is the car used; (iii) model; and (iv) whether any chauffeur is provided.
- \*4. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what was the total cost, giving breakdown details, of the decoration in May, 1960, of "Sri Temasek"; (b) what was the purpose of beautifying and air-conditioning one of the bedrooms, and for whom; and (c) what is the monthly total cost, giving breakdown details, in the upkeep of "Sri Temasek".
- \*5. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the total monthly cost of maintaining the golf-links in the grounds of the Istana Negara, indicating details of such cost; (b) what is the nature of responsibility of the Botanic Gardens Department and the City Council Cleansing Department in maintaining these golf-links; and (c) the names of the persons who have played golf there.

- \*6.** Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the total cost, with breakdown details (whether under Government or City Council votes), of redecorating the Prime Minister's private office in the City Hall since 5th June, 1959, including air-conditioners, panelling, carpets, furniture, curtains, etc.; and (b) what is the total cost, with breakdown details (whether under Government or City Council votes), of redecorating the Prime Minister's Visitors' Lounge for the same period.
- \*7.** Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what was the cost and the year of construction of the seaside bungalow at Changi Point known as "Changi Cottage", and what is the estimated value of the land; (b) what is the annual cost of upkeep of this bungalow, giving breakdown details of salaries of caretaker and gardeners, repairs and maintenance, and other expenses; (c) whether the rooms are air-conditioned; (d) what was the cost of redecorating this bungalow in May, 1960; (e) before the redecoration in May, 1960, who were entitled to stay there and had stayed there, giving dates; (f) who had stayed in this bungalow since May, 1960, giving dates; and (g) how often have Health and other Government personnel been called in to catch flies and destroy ants at this bungalow and by whom, giving an indication of the cost incurred.
- \*8.** Inche Mohamed Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Finance to state the number of vacant posts in the Government service as at 31st August, 1960, which were held by officers in an acting capacity, and to give a list of such posts.
- \*9.** Inche Mohamed Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Finance what was the number of temporary officers employed by the Government as at 31st August, 1960; how many of these officers are not citizens of Singapore; and what was the total amount of salaries and allowances paid to all the temporary officers for the period January to August, 1960.
- \*10.** Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Labour and Law (a) how many community centres have been built since 1st July, 1959, and what is the total construction cost of these centres; (b) whether the construction of all these community centres was given to one private contractor without going to public tender, and why; (c) how does the Government fix the value of the construction; (d) whether the previous architect for the building of community centres was paid architect fees by the Government or was given a cut by the contractor; and (e) whether the Government will request the Board of Architects to make, or will initiate proceedings for, a public inquiry into this matter.
- \*11.** Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour and Law what are the reasons for the nearly seven months' delay in bringing into operation the Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1960, which was assented to on the 25th of February, 1960; and when he intends to bring it into operation.
- \*12.** Mrs. Seow Peck Leng: To ask the Minister for Labour and Law whether there exists an Agreement between the Government and the Civil Service whereby any dispute can be referred to arbitration at the request of either party; and to state the reasons for not referring the question of Pay Cut to arbitration until the Industrial Relations Ordinance, 1960, has been brought into operation.
- \*13.** Inche Mohamed Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Culture whether and approximately when a Government Cultural Mission will be sent to Indonesia.

- \*14. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is the total number of bodyguards, uniformed policemen and detectives employed for the protection of the Prime Minister, Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, and what was the total cost of such police protection for July, 1960, giving a breakdown of such cost.
- \*15. Mr. S. V. Lingam: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what was the total cost, inclusive of the total remuneration and other benefits paid to the police officers concerned, (i) of providing the Special Unarmed Combat Course for Ministers; (ii) of providing the Special Firearms Course for Ministers; giving in each case the breakdown cost of such training; (b) which Ministers have been given such training and how many hours of their office time had they devoted to such training; and (c) whether the Government will consider giving such training to businessmen and other members of the public who wish to undergo such training.
- \*16. Inche Mohamed Ali bin Alwi: To ask the Minister for Education to state, with reference to the National Language Evening Classes run by the Government, the total number of classes, teachers and students (a) when such classes were originally started and (b) as at 31st August, 1960; the number of examinations held since these classes were started and the number of passes and failures in each of these examinations.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Finance:

Currency Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.] (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified when the Bill comes up for Second Reading.*)

2. Minister for Finance:

Customs Bill.

[The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 81, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.] (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified when the Bill comes up for Second Reading.*)

3. Minister for Labour and Law:

Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment No. 2) Bill.

4. Deputy Prime Minister:

Imperial Light Dues (Repeal) Bill.

5. Minister for Labour and Law:

Singapore Sailors' Institute Incorporation (Amendment) Bill.

6. Minister for Labour and Law:

Singapore Asian Seamen's Club Incorporation (Amendment) Bill.

7. Minister for Finance:

Transfer of Powers Bill.

### Business Motion

#### 8. Deputy Prime Minister:

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the Third and Fourth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1960 of the State of Singapore (respectively contained in Papers Cmd. 18 and 19 of 1960) be taken today.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

1. Third Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1960 (Cmd. 18 of 1960)—Committee of Supply. (*1st Allotted Day.*) (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)

[For Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 1.]

Fourth Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1960 (Cmd. 19 of 1960)—Committee of Supply. (*1st Allotted Day.*) (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)

[For Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 1.]

#### 2. Deputy Prime Minister:

CONDOLATORY ADDRESS (DEATH OF YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG): That an Address be sent to His Excellency the Yang di-Pertuan Negara in the following terms:—

“This Assembly has learned with deep sorrow of the death of His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of the Federation of Malaya, and pray that Your Excellency will be pleased to convey to the Government of the Federation of Malaya this Assembly's deep sense of the loss which the whole country has sustained, and their profound sympathy with the Raja Permaisuri Agong and the late Yang di-Pertuan Agong's family and with the Government and people of the Federation of Malaya.”

- 3. Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
  - 4. Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.†
  - 5. Singapore Telephone Board (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading).† (*Yang di-Pertuan Negara's recommendation to be signified.*)
  - 6. International Development Association Bill—Second Reading.†
  - 7. Banishment (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1.]
- 8. Deportation (British Subjects) (Repeal) Bill—Second Reading.†

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

#### 9. Mr. Ong Eng Guan (Member for Hong Lim): Mr. Ng Teng Kian (Member for Punggol):

RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES: That this Assembly urges the Prime Minister to fight in the Internal Security Council for the unconditional release of all political detainees who were detained by the Lim Yew Hock Government.

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

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*Date ordered to  
be printed*

- L.A. 17      First Report of the Committee of Se-  
lection (Second Session) ...      12th August, 1960.
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*Date presented*

- Cmd. 16      Annual Report of the Singapore Police  
Force 1959 ...      24th August, 1960.
- Cmd. 17      Annual Report of the Marine Department  
for the year 1959 ...      1st September, 1960.
- Cmd. 18      Third Supplementary Estimates of Ex-  
penditure for 1960 of the State of  
Singapore ...      7th September, 1960.
- Cmd. 19      Fourth Supplementary Estimates of Ex-  
penditure for 1960 of the State of  
Singapore ...      7th September, 1960.
- Cmd. 20      Annual Report of the Customs and Excise  
Department for the year 1959 ...      8th September, 1960.
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- S.L. 20      Liquors Licensing Regulations, 1960 ...      15th August, 1960.
- S.L. 23      Mutual Benefit Organisations Rules, 1960      18th August, 1960.
- S.L. 22      Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Restrictions)  
Order, 1960 ...      20th August, 1960.
- S.L. 24      Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)  
(Amendment) Rules, 1960 ...      16th September, 1960.
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- S.      4      Accounts of the Administrator of Ger-  
man Enemy Property for the half year  
ended 31st December, 1959 and the  
Report of the Director of Audit thereon      19th August, 1960.
- S.      5      Report and Account of the War Damage  
Commission for 1959 ...      19th September, 1960.
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