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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health with the Ministry's shift to the capitation model in financing public healthcare clusters, where each cluster gets a fixed sum of money per person living in an area within the cluster (a) whether this will result in longer waiting times for patients to receive treatments in our hospitals; (b) how will the Ministry ensure that service quality to patients is not compromised; and (c) what are the benchmarks and performances standards set out for service quality under this model.
- \*2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health with the shift towards the capitation model in financing public healthcare clusters, where each cluster gets a fixed sum of money per person living in an area within the cluster, whether the Ministry can update on its pilots of using other models to finance the clusters such as the pay-for-performance, which rewards good performance in key priority areas, and bundled payments, where funding is based on a patient's entire care episode.
- \*3. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the number of fatalities and injuries from falls onto LRT tracks in the past 10 years.
- \*4. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the criteria for occupations to be placed on the Non-Traditional Sources (NTS) Occupation List; and (b) how often will the list be reviewed.
- \*5. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in each of the past five years (a) what is the number of suspicious real estate transaction reports filed; and (b) what is the number of convictions on money laundering involving (i) residential real estate and (ii) commercial real estate in Singapore.
- \*6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many Family Service Centres (FSCs) currently have a headcount dedicated for community work; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide more funding to FSCs to hire additional headcount dedicated for such work.
- \*7. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many diploma students does MAS seek to place in apprenticeship under the Polytechnic Talent for Finance Scheme; and (b) whether MAS will also seek to expand such schemes to the Institutes of Technical Education.
- \*8. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to the job prospects for polytechnic graduates in the banking and finance sector (a) what are the available programmes to support internships and apprenticeships; and (b) what are the available skills upgrading programmes for further career progression.

- \*9. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the top five agencies commonly referred to by the Municipal Services Office (MSO) in relation to cases lodged through the OneService App for the past three years; (b) what is the average time taken to close the feedback loop for those cases from each of those five agencies; and (c) whether the MSO independently tracks, audits or verifies that the feedback has been acted upon by the relevant agency.
- \*10. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport for growing towns like Punggol where the demand on the LRT system can be very busy during peak times and drop drastically during non-peak times, whether the Ministry will consider supplementing the LRT system with more frequent bus services in the interim, if it is not yet feasible to bring in additional LRT train sets.
- \*11. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister in each of the past five years to date, what is the value of wealth inflows into Singapore (i) on aggregate and (ii) as broken down by the top 10 source countries.
- \*12. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the further measures that the Government can consider to control or moderate the Consumer Price Index (CPI) after having taken into consideration the main components causing the rise in the CPI in the last two years.
- \*13. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment since the introduction of the guidelines for the usage of light emitting wreaths and inflatables at funeral wakes in June 2022 (a) how many complaints have been received relating to the flouting of the guidelines; (b) what have been the challenges of enforcing the guidelines; and (c) whether there will be a further review of the guidelines should concerns persist.
- \*14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Defence what are the current guidelines for standards relating to full-time National Servicemen's accommodation in camps in terms of (i) the number of occupants per room (ii) the number of occupants per floor (iii) the amount of living space per occupant in terms of square metres, excluding shared living facilities (iv) ventilation requirements and (v) the ratio of occupants to available toilets.
- \*15. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider a continuous nationwide education campaign to remind pedestrians not to use their mobile phones or any other electronic devices when using the roads.
- \*16. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health for advanced stage-4 or terminal cancer patients who will not be able to complete their treatments with non-Cancer Drug List (CDL) drugs by 30 September 2023, whether the Ministry will consider enabling them to tap on a higher MediSave amount to alleviate their financial worries.
- \*17. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether he has reviewed the papers "Social capital I: measurement and associations with economic mobility" and "Social capital II: determinants of economic connectedness" published in Nature on 1 August 2022; and (b) how has the Ministry factored the findings of these papers into the Ministry's policy-making on social mobility.

- \*18. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government has been monitoring the number of people who cycle to work; and (b) whether there has been a study on commonly used cycling routes to office buildings in and outside of the central business district with the intent of eventually setting up cycling lanes on these routes.
- \*19. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he can provide an update on the progress of the negotiation and finalisation of the code of conduct for the South China Sea that is being drawn up by ASEAN and China.
- \*20. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the tight labour market and the stronger Singapore dollar has adversely affected Singapore's competitiveness in securing investments into Singapore.
- \*21. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the situation in Sudan (a) whether there are any Singaporeans known to be in Sudan; and (b) what is being done to provide them with assistance to evacuate from the outbreak of civil war in the country.
- \*22. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many public health institutions (PHIs) hire third party bill collectors; and (b) whether there are established processes for these collectors to refer payment defaulting patients to the medical social workers of the PHIs when the patients are found to be in genuine hardship.
- \*23. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the rationale for the latest round of property cooling measures; (b) whether the prices and demand of residential properties have went ahead of market fundamentals; and (c) whether the rising interest rates will also have an effect of dampening the property market.
- \*24. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry or IRAS will tighten the processes involving decoupling by families or couples who may wish to buy an additional property; and (b) whether the Ministry will also tighten processes for foreign families who buy multiple properties under the names of different family members to avoid the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty.

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### ORDER OF THE DAY

1. *Resumption of Debate on Question (9 May 2023) –*

SUPPORTING HEALTHCARE: “That this House commits to supporting healthcare beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and the whole-of-Government efforts for consistent and sustainable support.” – (Dr Tan Yia Swam).

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government, as the largest employer in Singapore, will consider supporting the professionalisation of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in Singapore, by extending the subsidy for public officers' medical expenses to cover TCM treatments performed at clinics by practitioners who are registered with the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board.
2. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister what is the estimated number of Singaporeans qualified to be elected as President as of 31 December 2022 as broken down by (i) those who fulfil the public sector service requirement (ii) those who fulfil the private sector requirement, serving as chief executive in Government-linked companies (GLCs) and non-GLCs respectively.
3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for each year since 2010, what is the number and percentage of private property leases where the tenants are (i) Singapore citizens (ii) Singapore permanent residents and (iii) non-residents respectively.
4. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the number of people from vulnerable groups that have been hired due to Government project tenders containing "set aside" clauses to hire vulnerable people groups in the last 10 years; (b) what percentage of the vulnerable people group hired are people with disabilities; and (c) whether there are plans for more Government tenders to include "set aside" clauses for vulnerable people groups or have a preferred supplier programme for firms with the Enabling Mark.
5. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of the manufacturing sector in Singapore contracting by 6% year-on-year in the first quarter of 2023 (a) what is the projected manufacturing outlook for the rest of 2023; and (b) whether there will be any wider knock-on effects on the Singapore economy.
6. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport for each year since 2010 (a) what is the (i) median (ii) 90th percentile and (iii) 99th percentile of the open market value of cars registered under Category A COEs; and (b) what is the (i) 1st percentile (ii) 10th percentile and (iii) median of open market value of cars registered under Category B COEs.
7. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Transport how will the new public transport fare adjustment formula as announced by the Public Transport Council on 25 April 2023 affect the cost of transportation for commuters today.
8. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how long will the trial to power up Raffles Lighthouse with tidal energy last; and (b) what are the other opportunities of harnessing tidal energy in Singapore.
9. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is exploring more opportunities to replace diesel powered harbour crafts and ferries with electric ferries; and (b) whether the Ministry has set a target for this conversion.
10. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are enough special education schools (SPED) for all students with special educational needs; and (b) whether the Ministry will expand the list of eligible conditions for entry into SPED schools.

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11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in each of the past five years, what percentage of new admissions to Children and Young Persons Homes are children who live in public rental flats; and (b) whether the Ministry will collect this data if such data is unavailable.
  12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the top three concerns relating to the needs and aspirations of families with school-going children living in rental housing who have been engaged through surveys under the nation-wide Community Link (ComLink) programme; and (b) how does the Ministry intend to address these concerns.
  13. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether further investigations will be made on the safety of over-the-counter Traditional Chinese Medicine products that have been approved by HSA, such as Lianhua Qingwen, Qing Fei Clearing Tablet and Qing Fei Pai Du, for consumption by the general population given their widespread use and distribution.
  14. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development how many buyers of million-dollar resale HDB flats have previously held private properties.
  15. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the framework and indicators to guide the levels of the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty in the medium to long term future.
  16. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for National Development regarding the higher additional buyer's stamp duty (ABSD) for residential properties (a) whether the higher ABSD will affect the residential rental market and business costs; (b) what is the expected impact on the number of foreigners intending to invest and take up employment in Singapore as this leads to increased cost of owning and renting properties; and (c) what is the expected effectiveness in moderating residential property prices if it results in higher rents which can then be used to pay higher mortgages.
  17. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in each year since 2018 (a) how many and what proportion of pasar malam tenders is the tender sum given a weightage higher than 50% in the tender evaluation process; (b) what is the total proceeds from pasar malam tenders; and (c) what has been the total costs incurred by People's Association in these tenders.
  18. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there are plans to monitor food safety and hygiene for migrant workers staying in dormitories regulated under the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act; and (b) if so, what are they.
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