

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the plans for the further rollout of mental health support teams in school, including independent schools.
- *2. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the Ministry's review on COVID-19 pandemic-related procurement and expenditure (a) what is the total value of expenditure made (i) without quotation estimates and (ii) with single quotations respectively; and (b) for each of these categories, what is the total amount made to related parties.
- *3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) how many private companies, including Grab, are authorised to provide cash advances to their employees as exempt moneylenders; (b) whether exempted moneylender schemes such as Grab's Partner Cash Advance programme which charges an interest rate comparable to that of credit card companies should be subjected to the same regulations for moneylenders; and (c) what measures are there to prevent companies from using "cash advances" as a means of engaging in moneylending activities with high-interest loans.
- *4. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how much feedback has LTA received from residents in the past year from speeding vehicles with modified engines; (b) what is the estimated time frame for LTA to conduct an investigation and to implement measures to address the issue; and (c) whether the traffic police cameras that are located in the area will be equipped to capture the footage related to this problem.
- *5. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government will consider providing incentives for household energy efficiency improvements.

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- *6. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Health having regard to the prevalence of vaping as a substitute for smoking and the potential for vaping and smoking activities to happen together, whether there is scope to consider synergising the enforcement capabilities of the Health Science Authority with the National Environment Agency to present a common front against vapers and those who are in breach of the prevailing regulations.
- *7. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment having regard to a recent anti-waste social experiment by NEA that seemed to generate more waste whilst raising awareness (a) whether the use of existing waste materials will be prioritised over creating new ones for future campaigns; (b) whether there are plans to seek input and involvement from local environmental organisations and advocates in planning future campaigns; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider sharing lessons from public reactions in shaping future sustainability awareness and as part of its public education efforts.
- *8. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider giving priority to the inclusion of the pedestrian overhead bridge located along Upper Serangoon Road next to Blocks 362 and 363 Hougang Avenue 5 into its lift installation programme given the larger concentration of seniors living in the vicinity.
- *9. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how much has been claimed in energy efficiency grants since its inception; and (b) what is the profile of the companies that are claiming the grants.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time (QT). For such Questions, Members may email to parl_cop@parl.gov.sg in advance a postponement notice that will be effected after QT. Members must submit their notices to the Clerk within one hour after the end of QT (SO 22(3)). Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk within the stipulated time.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 28 February 2023) (*4th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (28 February 2023)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head K of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 17 dated 24 February 2023.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) of the categories of offences that video recording of interviews (VRI) have been expanded to, whether interviews of all cases falling in those categories are currently video recorded; (b) if not, what is the number and percentage of cases that are eligible for VRI are currently video recorded; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider extending VRI for all vulnerable suspects including juveniles, the elderly, the cognitively impaired, or the psychologically disordered, regardless of the alleged offence.
 2. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there has been a rise in teenage pregnancies over the last five years.
 3. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health what has been the trend in teenage abortions over the last five years.
 4. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the past five years, of the number of cases of harassment or abuse of public healthcare workers that are reported to the police, how many of the alleged abusers are (i) patients (ii) patients' family members (iii) non-family acquaintances of patients and (iv) colleagues.
 5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the Sisters' Island being designated a marine park (a) whether the Ministry has conducted baseline studies to monitor the effects on the marine biodiversity and ecosystem of Sisters' Island; (b) if so, what are the results of the studies; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will conduct the baseline studies.
 6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year in the past five years (a) how many offenders in animal abuse cases have been repeat offenders; (b) what are the respective median and average jail terms and fines imposed for the first offence; and (c) what are the respective median and average jail terms and fines imposed for the subsequent offences.
 7. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in each year since 2010 (a) how many requests have been received to view Government records that have yet to be declassified; and (b) how many of such requests have been approved.
 8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what measures are in place to ensure that holders of work permit for performing artiste are informed of their employment rights and responsibilities; and (b) what measures does the Ministry take to monitor and enforce labour protections for holders of such work permits.
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