#### FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

#### FIRST SESSION

# **ORDER PAPER**

### MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023

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## **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Prime Minister given the new normal of endemic COVID-19 and shifts in global inflation dynamics (a) whether Singapore's long-term inflation expectations are well anchored; (b) whether there is the risk of de-anchoring of inflation returning to our long-term target in a timely manner under current challenging global macroeconomic and supply conditions; and (c) whether there is also a risk that our current estimates of long-term inflation have risen.
- \*2. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs why Mr Lee Hsien Yang and Ms Lim Suet Fern are named and disclosed while being investigated for giving false evidence in judicial proceedings when the names of the six former management staff of Keppel Offshore & Marine Limited were not publicly disclosed while they were being investigated.
- **\*3. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether any of the recommendations of the 2021 National Wellness Committee on Junior Doctors have been implemented so far and, if so, whether an elaboration can be provided.
- \*4. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the 2021 National Wellness Committee on Junior Doctors that was set up during the COVID-19 period (a) whether the recommendations of the Committee have been updated to reflect the shift towards a post-COVID-19 environment; and (b) if so, how does the Ministry intend to improve the attrition rate of junior doctors.
- **\*5. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth under the shoe recycling programme by Sport Singapore (a) why are donated shoes designated for recycling to create running tracks found by the press not to be recycled as planned; and (b) what is the Ministry doing to strengthen oversight to ensure proper implementation of such programmes.

- \*6. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how many second-hand shoes have been wrongfully misdirected and exported for overseas resale after being collected from the public for recycling into sports infrastructure, amidst the collaboration between Sport Singapore and Dow; (b) whether the collection contractor and subcontractors have clearly specified contractual requirements for the handling and disposition of shoes collected under the collaboration; (c) whether the contracts provide for liquidated damages; and (d) whether any criminal offences have been disclosed.
- \*7. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth besides the shoe recycling programme by Sport Singapore (a) whether there are any other programmes that the Ministry is collaborating with other partners to promote recycling and sustainability efforts; and (b) what are the Ministry's oversight measures over such partners to ensure that they achieve the programmes' intended objectives.
- **\*8. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the mechanisms for overseeing recycling programmes by state agencies and vendors to ensure that recycling is completed as promised; and (b) whether there will be a review to strengthen the system in light of news reports on issues with implementing such a programme.
- **\*9. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how does the Ministry ensure that recyclables collected are properly recycled according to the intended objectives as published; and (b) how many cases of collected recyclables being misused have been reported in the past five years.
- **\*10. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how does the Ministry overcome challenges that may prevent more regular and public reporting on the efficiency and effectiveness of sustainability programmes that it implements through third party vendors.
- \*11. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the CPF Board will introduce regulations to void a CPF nomination made by a CPF member in favour of the spouse whenever that CPF member has divorced the spouse who was nominated.
- \*12. Ms Sylvia Lim: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will amend the Central Provident Fund Act 1953 to provide for the automatic revocation of a nomination when the beneficiary becomes an ex-spouse following a divorce.

- \*13. Mr Mark Chay: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the concerning trend of teens being detained under the Internal Security Act (a) whether the Ministry has identified any sociological factors that these cases share in common, such as broken homes or single-parent households; and (b) if there are similarities among these cases, whether the Ministry is doing anything to proactively address the thread of radicalisation from within this subset.
- \*14. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for cases of suspected child abuse referred by schools to the Child Protective Service (CPS) (a) what is the procedure for investigation of such cases when the child is not attending school; and (b) in what circumstances will the CPS insist on an in-person assessment of such child or exercise its investigative powers including those under the sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1993.
- **\*15. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how does the Child Protective Service make known its services to young children who may be suffering physical or mental abuse by their parents or caregivers and may not have access to telephones, the internet or any other persons outside their home to report the abuse.
- \*16. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the conditions or triggers that will mandate a face-to-face meeting between children and officers from the Child Protective Service, either at home or outside of home, in cases of suspected abuse by parents or caregivers.
- \*17. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Education what are the steps that teachers and school counsellors can take to educate students on (i) identifying signs and symptoms of abuse among their classmates and (ii) reporting such suspected abuse cases to the school or authorities such as the Police or Child Protective Service.
- \*18. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what studies have been undertaken on the environmental and social impact of importing renewable energy from hydropower plants under the Lao PDR-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project; (b) what are the findings from these studies; (c) what measures have been taken to mitigate any negative environmental and social impact; and (d) if studies have not been undertaken, whether the Ministry will conduct these studies and, if not, why not.
- \*19. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government will consider extending the lemon law to cover used cars sold by car dealers on behalf of owners; and (b) if not, whether the Government will require used car dealers to provide an upfront declaration of the nature of its used car transactions to potential buyers.

- **\*20. Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the increased attention on mental health issues and the need for counsellors (a) whether Singapore is prepared in terms of the number of professional counsellors; and (b) how does this number compare against the benchmark for best practices in other advanced economies.
- \*21. Mr Vikram Nair: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) why do investments bought using the CPF Special Account or Ordinary Account of a deceased member go to his estate upon death and not to his CPF nominee; and (b) whether the CPF will consider allowing such investments to also go to the nominee rather than the estate.
- \*22. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in 2022, what is the (i) utilisation rate of Safe, Sound Sleeping Places (S3Ps) (ii) number of applicants (iii) rate of successful placements and (iv) median duration of stay; (b) what are the reasons for not admitting unsuccessful applicants and what follow-up actions have been provided for them; (c) what is the profile of such applicants and whether this has changed over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; and (d) what is the proportion of S3Ps residents who have moved out to stable housing.
- **\*23. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development since the launch of Joint Singles Scheme Operator-Run (JSS-OR) pilot for HDB's rental flats (a) how many requests for a change of tenant due to disputes have been received; and (b) how many of such requests are dropped after the operators stepped in to mediate disagreements.
- \*24. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the outcome of the consultation on proposals to reduce risk of consumer harm from cryptocurrency trading and to support the development of stablecoins; and (b) what are the salient insights from the consultation.
- \*25. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what is the Ministry's assessment of our local labour force's ability to meet the current high demand for artificial intelligence skills.
- \*26. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's review to extend the Co-Funding for the Assisted Conception Procedures scheme to private Assisted Reproduction centres; and (b) if the review has not been completed, when will it be completed.
- \*27. Dr Lim Wee Kiak: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government will introduce a benefits package such as the Merdeka Generation Package for Singapore citizens born between 1 January 1960 and 31 December 1969 when they reach senior citizen status; (b) if so, what benefits will be included in the package; and (c) when can we expect the package to be implemented.

- **\*28.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB coffeeshop operators are required to replace their sole halal food stalls with another halal vendor once the original vendor ceases to operate; (b) if so, what is the time frame within which the coffeeshop operator must seek a replacement; and (c) if not, why not.
- **\*29. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education in the last five years (a) how many individuals have been convicted of offences under the Compulsory Education Act; and (b) what is the duration of absence that schools will wait for before invoking the Compulsory Education Act.
- **\*30. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there is a sharp rise in the number of potholes on our public roads in 2023; (b) whether LTA tracks the areas that are most prone to potholes re-occurring on our roads; and (c) what are the preventive measures undertaken by LTA to minimise the number of potholes on our public roads.
- **\*31. Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider holding consultations with BTO flat purchasers at an appropriate juncture during the construction of their flats to balance residents' preferences and creativity in respect of design.
- **\*32.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the prevalence of sophisticated investment products such as structured products, or those involving derivatives, being sold to retail investors as a share of all financial products sold; and (b) what requirements does MAS impose in terms of disclosure and pre-purchase counselling before non-accredited investors are allowed to purchase sophisticated investment products.
- **\*33. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the non-teaching positions that the Ministry has been stepping up efforts to recruit for; and (b) what are the targets that the Ministry hopes to achieve in its recruitment efforts for these non-teaching positions.
- **\*34. Mr Mark Chay:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether an update can be provided on the number of foreign students caught working illegally in 2022; and (b) what actions have been taken against the companies that hired these foreign students who worked illegally.
- **\*35. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider making it easier for members of the public to report potential unsafe workplace practices such as that through the OneService mobile application.

- **\*36. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health with the introduction of charges for Antigen Rapid Tests and Polymerase Chain Reaction Tests for COVID-19 treatment (a) whether patients can opt out of these tests; and (b) whether the removal of subsidies for treatment and the imposition of charges for tests will collectively lead to a decrease in the effectiveness of our national surveillance programme for the prevalence of COVID-19 in Singapore.
- **\*37. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs as the second anniversary of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus on the situation in Myanmar approaches, what is the Government's position regarding the recent suggestion of carving out Myanmar from ASEAN.
- **\*38. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many cases of child abuse in the past year are detected by (i) reports made through the National Anti-Violence and Sexual Harassment Helpline (ii) proactive investigations by the Child Protective Service (iii) identification by frontline professionals and (iv) other means; and (b) what enforcement powers are available to overcome active concealment by abusive parents.
- **\*39. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development of the child abuse cases investigated by the Child Protective Service in each of the past three years (a) whether the Ministry has data on cases which feature emotional or psychological abuse and, if so, what are they; (b) how many cases are referred to the Attorney-General's Chambers for prosecution, broken down by the different types of abuse; and (c) whether the Ministry is considering enhancing the penalties so as to deter child abusers.
- \*40. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether there are plans to expand the Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme to include other household appliances with significant energy consumption such as dishwashers and water heaters.
- **\*41. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the criteria used by HDB to assess whether the materials used for screeding of floors in HDB common areas are non-slip and look aesthetically pleasant.
- \*42. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many Mandatory Retrenchment Notifications have been received by the Ministry in 2023; (b) of these notifications, how many of them are from the Big Tech sector; and (c) what is the number of companies that have failed to comply with the requirement of Mandatory Retrenchment Notifications.
- **\*43. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the number of complaints received pertaining to road and MRT track noise in the past five years.

- \*44. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) if any analyses have been done on whether there is a gender gap within the Ministry between men and women in (i) positions of deputy director-general or above (ii) terms of attrition rates and (iii) the reasons for the differences between the point at which attrition rates are highest; and (b) if so, what are the findings.
- \*45. Mr Abdul Samad: To ask the Minister for Manpower when will the cap of \$4,500 salary in section 35(a) of the Employment Act 1968, which determines which employees have coverage under the Act, be reviewed.
- \*46. Ms Mariam Jaafar: To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can install double-glazed windows in all new HDB flats being built in areas that are close to main roads, MRT tracks or RSAF flight paths.
- \*47. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether he can provide an update on the Second Development Agreement between the Singapore Tourism Board and Marina Bay Sands (MBS); (b) whether MBS is on track to meet the construction commencement date of 8 April 2023 for its expansion project under the Agreement; and (c) whether there are any changes to the deadline by which the project is supposed to be completed.
- \*48. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the main reasons for the low take-up rate for the Lease Buyback Scheme among owners of larger flats; (b) what are the measures being considered to increase the annual take-up rate beyond 1,500 households; and (c) whether there are any upcoming initiatives to assist homeowners in unlocking the value of their flats for retirement needs.
- \*49. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the complimentary admission to Children's Museum Singapore will be extended beyond 31 March 2023.
- **\*50. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many exits from the hawker industry occurred in 2022; and (b) what has been the impact of inflation in the past year on the number of hawkers who have exited the industry.
- **\*51. Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs in respect of youths getting radicalised online (a) how is MUIS utilising its digital platforms to combat this; (b) what is the level of reach and engagement of MUIS' SalamSG TV and MuslimSG to the general public and youths respectively; and (d) whether MUIS will consider supporting mysafespace.sg which connects users to certified asatizahs under the Asatizah Recognition Scheme for personalised and anonymous religious guidance through a chat portal.

- **\*52.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether samples or standardised forms for required documents accompanying applications for Government business grants may be made available.
- **\*53. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current number of uncooperative neighbours who are reported as refusing to work with their neighbours to repair and resolve spalling concrete or leakages; and (b) how many of these cases have required HDB to take enforcement measures.
- **\*54. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the number of family office applications that are pending; (b) whether there is a growing backlog of such applications; and (c) whether the Monetary Authority of Singapore conducts due diligence and imposes Know Your Client (KYC) standards to ascertain the identity and source of funds for those setting up Single Family Offices (SFOs).
- **\*55. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport since the opening of the Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) Stage 3 for passenger service on 13 November 2022 (a) how many disruptions to regular train services has the TEL experienced; and (b) what are the underlying reasons behind these disruptions.

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# AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### **Introduction of Government Bill**

#### 1. Prime Minister:

Financial Services and Markets (Amendment) Bill.

# ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

(Those marked • are Orders of the Day)

•1. Resource Sustainability (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 4/2023] – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Second Reading.

- •2. Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 9/2023] (Minister for Home Affairs) Second Reading.
- •3. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 10/2023] (Minister for Home Affairs) Second Reading.

#### 4. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:

SINGAPORE'S COVID-19 RESPONSE: That this House expresses gratitude to all in Singapore who contributed to the nation's fight against <sup>2</sup> COVID-19; affirms the Government's effort to learn from the experiences of the last three years; and, to that end, endorses Paper Cmd. 22 of 2023 on 4 'Singapore's Response to COVID-19: Lessons for the Next Pandemic'.

### MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang	:	Protecting	Our	Marine	Spaces	and	Southern
(Nee Soon)		Islands.					

## **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

- 1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister how does the Civil Service intend to attract talents to join the public service that have been affected by the recent workforce lay-offs and hiring freezes by big global technology companies.
- 2. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Government allocates mental health budgets for the welfare of civil servants; and (b) if so, what are the allocated budgets for the past three years.
- **3. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance based on the personal income tax data of working mothers for Year of Assessment 2022, what is the percentage of mothers who would (i) pay a higher amount of income tax (ii) experience no change in income tax paid and (iii) pay a lower amount of income tax, had the new Working Mother's Child Relief formula been in place and applicable for working mothers.

- 4. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how many women serve at the Permanent Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Ambassadorat-large, Director-General and Deputy Director-General, Head of Mission and Deputy Head of Mission levels, and their equivalents in the Ministry; (b) what proportion does women account for at each of these levels respectively; and (c) what proportion does women account for amongst the foreign service officers and total Ministry's staff respectively.
- 5. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the lessons and experience that can be drawn for future deployment from the recent Operation Lionheart in Türkiye in terms of the techniques and technology used in the search and rescue of earthquake disaster victims; and (b) what are the steps that will be taken in recognition for the contributions of the SCDF officers and dogs in the K-9 Unit who participated in the successful mission.
- 6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the increased number of accidents involving senior pedestrians, how will the Ministry work with LTA to (i) prevent jaywalking and (ii) improve traffic infrastructure for improved safety by providing more lifts in pedestrian overhead bridges.
- 7. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the number of companies under the Global Trader Programme (GTP); (b) what are their (i) revenues (ii) pre-tax profits and (iii) taxes paid in the last five years; and (c) whether the GTP will lapse should the Government implement a domestic top-up tax that will top up multinational enterprises' effective tax rate to 15 per cent.
- 8. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Transport what measures have been implemented or are being considered to reduce the contribution of transport infrastructure, such as flyovers, viaducts, MRT tracks and stations, to the urban heat island effect in residential estates.
- **9. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in the last three years, what is the number of household appliances that are sold under the Energy Label Tick Rating scheme; and (b) of these, what is the breakdown amongst the different household appliances categories.
- 10. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether any safeguards or controls are in place over the export of trash, second-hand items, or other wastes not covered under the Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) Act 1997 from Singapore to countries that prohibit the import of such items; and (b) if so, what are they.
- 11. Miss Cheng Li Hui: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry expects any disruption to the food import supply chain due to the ongoing floods in Malaysia.

- 12. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether multi-religious prayer rooms may be provided at all autonomous universities, polytechnics, and Institutes of Technical Education; and (b) if not, what are the constraints that inhibit such a provision.
- **13. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each of the past five years (a) what is the average and median cost of placing a child in (i) a juvenile rehabilitation centre and (ii) a place of safety; and (b) how much and what percentage of the average cost is (i) provided by the Government or by the Court or (ii) raised from private fundraising by the respective homes.
- 14. Dr Shahira Abdullah: To ask the Minister for Health for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively, (a) what is the Ministry's total expenditure on (i) mental health care treatment and (ii) mental health promotion and prevention; and (b) for each, what is their respective percentage of overall healthcare expenditure.
- **15. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health in terms of using technology to care for older people (a) whether studies have been done to compare Singapore's adoption of technologies and innovations with those of other developed countries in Asia; (b) if so, how does Singapore fare by comparison; and (c) what are the technological areas and innovation utilisations that Singapore can improve on.
- 16. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether any GLP-1 receptor agonist drugs are currently approved for use to treat diabetes in Singapore; and (b) whether any of such class of drugs are under review to treat obesity, given the popularity of such drugs to treat obesity in countries such as the United States.
- 17. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development at the point of key collection, what is the age and gender of first-timer HDB flat owners in the (i) 10th percentile (ii) 90th percentile and (iii) median level for the periods from (i) 2017 to 2019 and (b) 2020 to 2022.
- **18. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the 40% of HDB BTO applicants who declined to select their flat is consistent for each flat type, from 2-room to 3Gen flats; (b) if not, what are the respective rates of decline for each flat type; (c) whether the rate is the same for the different buyer groups of 2-room Flexi flat; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider different targeted approaches for each flat type to prioritise those who need them most and are less selective about their choice of flat.
- **19. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year for the past five years, how many Mandatory Treatment Orders have been issued against offenders in animal cruelty and abuse cases.

- **20. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development since the introduction of the scheme to buy back HDB flats from eligible Ethnic Integration Policy-constrained flat owners who have difficulty selling their flats (a) how many applications have been received under the scheme; (b) what is the breakdown by ethnic groups; and (c) how many flats have been successfully sold back to HDB.
- 21. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can review its current process for application of flats under the Sale of Balance Flats scheme with the view to shorten the current total time taken for the sales process from the launch of sales exercise to the balloting and the allocation of flats, given the relatively fewer numbers of such flats on sale each time.
- 22. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Minister for National Development with the Federal Reserve of the United States signalling higher and faster interest rates increase in 2023, what is the likely impact on HDB mortgage rates and extent of non-performing loans of HDB dwellers.
- 23. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the HDB can vary the choices of locations featured in consecutive BTO sales exercises to give buyers more and different location options especially when buyers have not been successful in earlier sales exercises.
- 24. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the dollar amount that is deemed as a budget meal under the new lease renewal requirements for HDB rental coffeeshops; and (b) in view of the new requirement to provide four budget meals spread across different stalls, what is the motivation behind the decision to reduce the number of meals from six to four.
- **25. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what has been the cost of SportSG's shoe collection and recycling programme to the Government since the inception of the programme.
- 26. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether sub-contractors will continue to be used in SportSG's shoe collection and recycling programme; and (b) what plans are being made to improve oversight over such sub-contractors.
- 27. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year since 2020, broken down by each career sector respectively (a) how many job vacancies have been advertised on the MyCareersFuture portal; (b) what is the median number of resident and non-resident applicants per job; (c) what is the median number of resident and non-resident applicants who are selected for interviews; and (d) how many job vacancies have been filled to date.

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- **28. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the 7 March 2023 explosion at the Audi service centre at 55 Ubi Road 1 (a) whether the Ministry is investigating any possible unsafe workplace practices that led to the explosion; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry can provide a timeline on when investigations will be completed.
- **29. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the current proportion of re-employed workers who are given re-employment contracts of two years and longer.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

2020			-	Juie I reserved
S. L.	810	Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order 2023		03 March 2023
S. L.	811	Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2023		06 March 2023
Cmd.	22	White Paper on Singapore's Response to COVID-19		08 March 2023
Cmd.	23	Corrigendum to the White Paper on Singapore's Response to COVID-19		15 March 2023
S. L.	812	Housing Developers (Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Rules 2023		16 March 2023
S. L.	813	Sale of Commercial Properties (Anti- Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing) Rules 2023		16 March 2023
S. L.	814	Housing Developers (Amendment) Rules 2023		16 March 2023
S. L.	815	Sale of Commercial Properties (Amendment) Rules 2023		16 March 2023

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