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FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the adequacy of the supply of school bus services; (b) whether an update on the same can be provided specifically for Special Education schools; and (c) what is the average increase in school bus fares seen in 2022.
- *2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the steps the Ministry has taken to work with hospitals in increasing access to the use of infant car seats.
- *3. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government envisions a larger role for Singapore in realising the ASEAN Power Grid; and (b) whether the Government is considering direct investments in renewable and sustainable cross-border electricity infrastructure to ensure electricity sustainability.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether having a mental health-related condition is a ground for being ineligible for the Home Protection Scheme (HPS); (b) if so, what is the rationale; and (c) what specific mental health-related conditions will prevent the take-up of HPS.
- *5. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is working with research centres in Singapore to pilot, promote and expand the use of productivity-enhancing technologies by care providers; (b) what is the budget that the Ministry provides annually for research and roll-out in this area; and (c) what are the measures of the impact and sustainability of these innovative technologies in terms of how they will improve caregiving or relieve human caregiving.

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- *6. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport in the last three years (a) how many applications for the (i) Taxi Driver's Vocational Licence (ii) Private Hire Car Driver's Vocational Licence (iii) Bus Driver's Vocational Licence (iv) Bus Attendant's Vocational Licence and (v) Omnibus Driver's Vocational Licence were rejected due to the criminal record of the applicants for offences other than rape, murder or kidnapping respectively; and (b) of these, how many appeals were received and how many were approved upon appeal.
- *7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the annual number and percentage of (i) childcare centres and (ii) kindergartens affected by Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease for each year in the past five years.
- *8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower where the recent expansion of the Progressive Wage Model sector coverage included drivers on contract of service for both full-time and part-time drivers, what safeguards will be put in place for these drivers who may now face termination of their contracts by their employers and re-hired back to service the employers as platform drivers to save cost for their employer.

* 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. Resource Sustainability (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 4/2023] – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

Resumption of Debate on Question (21 March 2023)

“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment).

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider putting signs at smart traffic lights where the CoopeRative and UnIfied Smart Traffic SystEm (CRUISE) project is in operation to ensure that cyclists are aware that they may not be detected by traffic light systems and may need to dismount to use pedestrian crossings instead.

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2. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the number of Singaporeans currently diagnosed with rare diseases; (b) what is the percentage of such Singaporeans with rare diseases which are covered by the Rare Disease Fund (RDF); (c) how does the RDF move from covering medicines used to treat the initial three rare diseases to the current five; and (d) whether the RDF can move from covering medicines to treat conditions to cover rare diseases instead.
 3. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health in each year over the last 10 years (a) what is the number of Singaporeans who are newly diagnosed with rare diseases; and (b) what is the average life expectancy of such patients with rare diseases.
 4. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the number of Singaporeans currently diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA); (b) what are the currently approved treatment options for SMA; and (c) what is the average cost of such treatments before and after any applicable Government subsidies.
 5. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the breakdown of the yearly prescription costs for Evrysdi for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy in Singapore; (b) what is the range of prices charged for Evrysdi in countries where the use of the drug is approved; and (c) what is the mechanism by which the pricing of such drugs is regulated in Singapore.
 6. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the total expenditure on the National Electronic Health Record (NEHR) system over the last 15 years; (b) what is the percentage of private licensees in 2022 in ambulatory care, such as general practitioners, specialists, and dentists, who (i) review NEHR data and (ii) review and upload NEHR data; and (c) what is the percentage of recipients of the Early Contribution Incentive Scheme in 2022 who (i) review NEHR data and (ii) review and upload NEHR data.
 7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider requiring a holder of work permit for performing artiste to attend a Settling-in Programme (SIP), similar to the SIP currently conducted for migrant domestic workers and work permit holders from certain sectors.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

	<i>2023</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S. L.	816	Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2022 21 March 2023
S. L.	817	Customs (Valuation) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 21 March 2023
S. L.	818	Customs (Valuation of Locally-Manufactured Goods for Excise Duty) Regulations 2022 21 March 2023
S. L.	819	Customs (Retail Food Establishments – Exemption) Order 2022 21 March 2023
S. L.	820	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 21 March 2023
S. L.	821	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 21 March 2023
S. L.	822	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 21 March 2023
S. L.	823	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Revocation) Regulations 2023 21 March 2023
