

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2023

No. 86

11.30 am

1

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether an independent Board of Inquiry will be convened to investigate the circumstances leading to the death of the SCDF NSF firefighter who died during the firefighting operation on 8 December 2022 with a view to determine the contributing factors that led to his death and make recommendations to rectify any lapse in the firefighting operation that may be uncovered from the review.
- *2. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how does the latest EU ban on Russian oil export products from 5 February 2023 affect the import, trading, storage, blending and handling of Russian oil products in Singapore including Singapore-based terminals and facilities as well as at its Outside Port Limits (OPL) waters; and (b) whether Singapore is reviewing its position in light of the latest EU ban.
- *3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether Singapore will be funding efforts to support the '30 by 30' global conservation targets established at the COP15 biodiversity conference in lieu of Singapore's limited capacity to increase protected land.
- *4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's announcement on 9 February 2023 (a) with subsidies, how much is the average Singaporean expected to pay for COVID-19 treatment; (b) whether general practitioners are free to set their own treatment fees for mild COVID-19 symptoms; and (c) whether the Ministry will make publicly available the subsidised and unsubsidised costs of COVID-19 treatments.

-
-
- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether patients who have been diagnosed with long COVID prior to the implementation of the new COVID-19 financing arrangements in April 2023 will continue to be covered under the current provisions; and (b) for patients who require admission into the intensive care unit for severe COVID-19 or need prolonged treatment for long COVID, what additional subsidies, aside from Government subsidies, MediSave, MediShield Life, MediFund, and CareShield Life, will be available.
- *6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the Multi-Ministry Taskforce's announcement on 9 February 2023 that COVID-19 treatments will no longer be fully subsidised, what are the measures taken to encourage the public, especially the elderly, to continue seeking timely medical attention.
- *7. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government will disclose public sector Scope 3 emissions under the GreenGov.SG initiative.
- *8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Singapore will be contributing to the Loss and Damage Fund set up in COP27; (b) if yes, what is the quantum of Singapore's contributions and how is the quantum arrived at; and (c) if not, what are the reasons behind the decision.

* 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.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Home Affairs:**
Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill.
 2. **Minister for Home Affairs:**
Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.
(President's recommendation signified).
-

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (14 February 2023) (3rd Allotted Day)*, “That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.” – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023) – Committee of Supply (*1st Allotted Day*).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is Singapore's position on Papua New Guinea's possible accession to ASEAN; and (b) what are Singapore's bilateral activities with Papua New Guinea.
2. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether any individuals are currently being monitored under the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021 (FICA) for offences such as attempting to influence domestic political discourse; and (b) whether any investigations or police reports been made in relation to FICA and if so, how many.
3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs for each year since 2000 (a) what is the number of non-citizen brides and grooms respectively by country of origin who (i) married Singapore citizens that year and (ii) subsequently took up Singapore citizenship; and (b) what is the median number of years after marriage before a non-citizen spouse is granted Singapore citizenship, with a breakdown by country of origin.
4. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what are the standard operating procedures of the Singapore Police Force when dealing with reports of fraudulent debit card transactions and bank account withdrawals.
5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Law in each year for the past five years (a) how many work permit holders have been charged with crimes; (b) how many have applied for the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme (CLAS); (c) how many have been offered aid under CLAS; and (d) what are the top three reasons that CLAS applications by work permit holders have been unsuccessful.

-
6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education among the officers who have retired from the Education Service, what is the number of E, D, C-, C, C+, B and A grades last received by these officers in each of the last five years, respectively.
 7. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether he can provide an update on the work of the workgroup formed last year to review the Maintenance of Parents Act 1995 and when the workgroup may be expected to complete its work.
 8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Health when was the last time where TraceTogether bluetooth data stored on a TraceTogether device was uploaded onto the Ministry's server.
 9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will reconsider its policy of not tracking the number or percentage of children who have contracted Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease and the number of times they have contracted the disease.
 10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the last five years (a) what is the number and percentage of those who have used all the co-funded in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) cycles but still do not have a successful pregnancy; and (b) whether the Ministry keeps track of the number and percentage of people who continue their IVF treatments unsubsidised in either public or private hospitals and, if so, what are these figures.
 11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current number and percentage of work permit holders not living in dormitories who are paid salaries electronically; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on its consultations with tripartite partners on extending the requirements of electronic payment of salaries to work permit holders who are not living in dormitories.
-

PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2023</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S. L. 806	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2023 23 February 2023
S. L. 807	Road Traffic (Expressways – Excluded Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2023 23 February 2023
