

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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SECOND SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2020

No. 133

12.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with the extended circuit breaker period, whether the National Arts Council will consider extending support and assistance to the artiste and arts groups until the end of 2020.
- \*2. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider downloading direct funding to arts companies to weather the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to grant applications for projects.
- \*3. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown on how the Solidarity Budget of \$55 million is to be used in the relief and recovery measures for artiste and arts groups.
- \*4. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in respect of a woman who is older than 40 years old, why is she required to have attempted assisted reproduction or intra-uterine insemination (IUI) procedures before age 40 to be eligible for Government co-funded Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) procedures; and (b) whether this requirement can be removed as women are marrying later.
- \*5. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will ensure an adequate number of flats under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme for young families who are looking to start families soon and who are facing added economic uncertainties due to the COVID-19 situation.

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- \*6. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether URA and HDB will permit rentals of residential premises that are shorter than three months for private property and six months for HDB flats, to provide accommodation for families displaced by construction work delays due to the COVID-19 circuit breaker measures.
- \*7. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there are indications that the major oil companies in Singapore behave like an oligopoly; (b) what is the realistic selling price of the popular Octane 95 petrol when the crude oil price is zero or less; and (c) whether the Ministry will mandate oil companies to publish their lowest petrol and diesel prices after their best discounts.
- \*8. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry expects a greater regionalisation of supply chains; (b) what is the expected near and longer term impact on Singapore's trade and logistics sector; and (c) how will the Ministry prepare companies and workers for this challenge.
- \*9. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Prime Minister in light of rapidly decreasing interest rates, whether MAS will pro-actively monitor our banks' housing loan rates to ensure that the downward revisions are timely and fair, so as to ease the financial burden of existing borrowers who are impacted by the COVID-19 situation.
- \*10. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Prime Minister whether MAS will consider proactive measures that will help individuals/businesses to understand credit restructuring and credit counselling programmes since many will be facing financial difficulties due to the COVID-19 situation.

\* 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](mailto: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.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY <sup>+</sup>

1. Small Motorised Vehicles (Safety) Bill [Bill No. 21/2020] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.
2. Active Mobility (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 22/2020] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.
3. High Court (Admiralty Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 23/2020] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

<sup>+</sup> Pursuant to SO 10(1A), the Orders of the Day are to be taken before the Ministerial Statement.

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### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

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

Government's Plans in Our Continuing Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic.

Note: Notice is given for the Ministerial Statement to be debated under SO 44.

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### MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Anthea Ong (Nominated Member)	:	Closing the Digital Divide for SGUnited: Learnings from COVID-19.
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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether tenants of commercial properties have the right to ascertain from IRAS what is the total amount of property tax rebate received by their respective landlords under the COVID-19 support measures to enable tenants to make an informed decision about whether landlords have complied with the requirement to pass on the full amount of the rebates to their tenants.

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2. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is LTA's plan for the supply of Certificates of Entitlement (COEs) once COE bidding resumes after the circuit breaker measures are lifted.
  3. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what is the reason for the recent flash floods in several areas in Singapore, including Sennett Estate in Potong Pasir, despite the drainage system being recently expanded; and (b) what are PUB's plans to further tackle this issue moving forward.
  4. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the last three years, what is the gross monthly income of full-time employed resident workers who are above 15 years old at the bottom 5th to 20th percentiles, excluding employer's CPF contributions.
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### PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2020</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>	
S.L.	832	Central Provident Fund (Self-Employed Persons) (Amendment) Regulations 2020	..... 5 May 2020
S.L.	833	Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2020	..... 5 May 2020
S.L.	834	Arms and Explosives (Explosives) (Amendment) Rules 2020	..... 6 May 2020
S.L.	835	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment) Rules 2020	..... 6 May 2020
S.L.	836	Customs (Duties) (COVID-19 - Exemption) Order 2020	..... 8 May 2020
S.L.	837	Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2020	..... 11 May 2020

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**PAPERS PRESENTED – *continued***

<i>2020</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	838	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2020	..... 12 May 2020
S.L.	839	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2020	..... 12 May 2020
S.L.	840	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2020	..... 12 May 2020
Pres. Co.	169	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Parliamentary Elections (COVID- 19 Special Arrangements) Bill [Bill No 18/2020]	..... 13 May 2020
Pres. Co.	170	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 17/2020]	..... 13 May 2020
Pres. Co.	171	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 24/2020]	..... 13 May 2020
Pres. Co.	172	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID- 19 (Temporary Measures for Solemnization and Registration of Marriages) Bill [Bill No 25/2020]	..... 13 May 2020
S.L.	841	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020	..... 13 May 2020

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