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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS*

- *1. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many and what proportion of workers at healthcare institutions are currently outsourced; (b) what proportion of outsourced workers perform roles which in the preoutsourcing era would have been in frontline or patient care areas or involving handling patient samples; and (c) whether human resource practices for outsourced workers are harmonised with direct hires, including recognition for COVID-19 related work and frontline exposure risk.
- *2. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the POFMA Office is taking any measures to deal with misinformation over COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines; and (b) if so, what are the measures being taken, bearing in mind the need to ensure that there will not be a chilling effect on legitimate concerns being raised.
- *3. Mr Alex Yam Ziming: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the impact of the SolarWinds breach on Singapore and the cybersecurity of our critical systems; and (b) what steps is the Ministry taking to mitigate the cyber threats to Singapore arising from this and other global cybersecurity incidents.
- *4. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in light of the SolarWinds cybersecurity incident (a) how many companies and government agencies are affected or vulnerable to such attacks; and (b) how can companies providing essential services and government agencies have better oversight over cybersecurity arrangements with third party providers.

- *5. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how regularly are complaints about smoking in prohibited locations lodged; (b) how many of them turn out to be in areas that are not prohibited; and (c) whether there have been considerations to redefine prohibited smoking areas based on different parameters such as human traffic volume and width of walking area.
- *6. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the high-rise anti-littering measures taken so far have been effective; (b) whether the surveillance devices being deployed can be scaled up; and (c) whether the agencies will look to new technologies and devices to enhance enforcement capabilities.
- *7. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether the Government is working with the Malaysian authorities to facilitate Singaporeans entering Malaysia for essential personal matters such as family bereavements.
- *8. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many Singaporeans are currently eligible for community care apartments; and (b) whether HDB will consider rolling out such apartments earlier to more townships should demand far exceed the pilot supply.
- *9. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is HDB's approach to assist flat dwellers who experience persistent external wall seepages and ceiling leakages; and (b) whether HDB invests in new capabilities and technologies to tackle long-standing and recurring cases where the HDB maintenance contractors are unable or incapable of rectifying.
- *10. Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap: To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider rolling out a national programme of facade repair for ageing HDB blocks in view of the recent spates of external wall seepage.
- *11. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for National Development how can the Ministry support Town Councils to help residents with water seepages and wear and tear problems at common areas of HDB estates.
- *12. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each year from 2015 to 2019, how many persons, disaggregated by age and gender, who are outside of the labour force, cite care for their own children as the main reason for being outside of the labour force; and (b) how many months on average these persons remain outside of the labour force.

- *13. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each year from 2015 to 2019, how many persons, disaggregated by age and gender, who are outside of the labour force, cite care for their elderly parents as the main reason for being outside of the labour force; and (b) how many months on average these persons remain outside of the labour force.
- *14. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) what measures protect sole proprietors of micro SMEs from rogue landlords in the event of landlord-tenant disputes where such disputes are not handled by the Small Claims Tribunal; and (b) what are the avenues by which micro SME sole proprietors of limited means can access legal services at affordable cost especially if they do not qualify for pro bono legal services.
- *15. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the total number of Stay-Home-Notice and Quarantine Order breaches to date; (b) what is the range of enforcement actions taken; (c) what is the protocol for the use of the Homer mobile application; and (d) whether its use is compulsory for all Long-Term Visit Pass holders and visitors to Singapore.
- *16. Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap: To ask the Minister for Manpower in each year of the the past five years, how many cases of firms underpaying its foreign staff have been detected.
- *17. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to cases of underpayment of foreign employees' salaries (a) how many of these cases have been discovered since 2010; (b) what are the main methods used to effect such underpayments; and (c) whether employment agencies are involved in any of these violations.
- *18. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development
 (a) what is the typical duration for the deputyship application process without
 a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA); (b) what happens when the caregiver is
 unable to make a successful application; and (c) whether the Ministry will
 consider mandating registration of LPA for HDB flat buyers so that donees
 can monetise the flat for the owner's care needs when necessary.
- *19. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the responsibility for paying the Temporary Development Levy rests with landlords or tenants.

- *20. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry coordinates the schedules of multiple construction projects by different agencies affecting a specific residential area to minimise the duration of which they take place concurrently; (b) what are the criteria that will trigger the Ministry to review its approval process for these works; and (c) how do the different project leaders and relevant public agencies work together to address feedback from residents in a timely manner.
- *21. Mr Seah Kian Peng: To ask the Minister for Health whether there is any evidence to show correlation between the quantum of medical/hospitalisation bills and medical insurance coverage.
- *22. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Health given the high cost of cancer drugs, whether a tiered approach can be adopted to allow higher MediShield Life or MediSave claim limits based on indication-based pricing or therapeutic value of a drug and patient outcomes.
- *23. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) whether there are plans to extend the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programmes to more madrasahs; and (b) what are the types of support given to madrasahs to better equip students with the necessary skills, knowledge, and values for their journey towards being future religious leaders and scholars.
- *24. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has plans for a major revamp of bus routes following the staged opening of Thomson-East Coast Line; and (b) what is the number of current bus routes with fare revenue (i) exceeding operating cost and (ii) falling behind operating cost; (c) and of these, which are trunk and feeder services respectively in 2019 and 2020.
- *25. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether MAS has any supervisory role overseeing the appointments of top leaders of local financial institutions and, if so, what is the extent of this role; and (b) whether MAS will intervene if such a position within a local financial institution has not been held by Singaporean citizens for an extended period of time.
- *26. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how are the authorities actively monitoring and taking action in relation to advertisements of illegal remote gambling websites or loan services on social media, SMS and other messaging apps.

- *27. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in relation to the police operation between 21 December 2020 and 3 January 2021 that led to the arrest of 151 persons who are suspected to be members of unlawful societies (a) what are the reasons that led to the commencement of the operation; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact of gang activities on the crime and security situation in Singapore at this point.
- *28. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there has been a rise in secret society and gang-related activities over the past five years; (b) whether there is a trend of younger individuals joining secret societies and gangs; and (c) what are the Ministry's plans to deter people, especially our youths, from joining secret societies and gangs.
- *29. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can consider giving (i) higher priority to BTO flat applications or (ii) added subsidies for HDB resale flats, to Singaporeans whose parents or parents-in-law are staying near the new BTO/resale precinct so that they can stay near their parents and provide mutual support.
- *30. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider allowing Singaporeans who own local or overseas property to purchase a resale HDB flat if they are downgrading to cash out their local private property for their retirement living, or when the annual value of their total overseas property is less than a certain value or when they satisfy an established timeline to divest the overseas property.
- *31. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider the building of a certain type of HDB flats that can be used as 'stock holding' and which can be used by young couples with kids to set up their family home while waiting for their BTO flats to be completed.
- *32. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry intends to negotiate for better terms in the ongoing review of the India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) in light of the DBS group's merger with Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

- *33. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how many households are currently eligible for subsidised digital inclusion schemes like the Home Access and NEU PC Plus Programmes, and what percentage of these households are not enrolled; (b) what is being done to create more awareness about the schemes to eligible households; (c) whether there are plans to place rental households under auto-inclusion for the Home Access Programme; and (d) what are the plans for the next 10 years to ensure that the broadband technology availed to subsidised recipients stay current with the times.
- *34. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Manpower arising from Indonesia's new "zero placement policy" (a) what measures can the Ministry put in place to support employers who need to hire new foreign domestic workers from Indonesia; and (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to help alleviate the financial burden for such employers who are unable to afford the placement fee.
- *35. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the number of foreigners, permanent residents and Singaporeans arriving in Singapore from July 2020 and of these, how many have been tested positive for COVID-19; (b) of the foreigners arriving in Singapore since July 2020, how many are work permit holders and domestic helpers respectively and of these, how many have been tested positive for COVID-19; and (c) whether there are plans for foreigners to submit Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test results to the Singapore Government at least three calendar days prior to arrival in Singapore.
- *36. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the outcomes of the pilot Care Close to Home service model for the elderly frail and home bound residents in HDB public rental estates.
- *37. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Government's matched contributions under the Matched Retirement Savings Scheme apply to top-ups made by non-family members; and (b) whether the tax reliefs provided to those who top up the CPF accounts of their loved ones can be extended to non-related persons who may choose to do so for someone.
- *38. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development
 (a) whether the Ministry maintains a database of adult persons with
 intellectual disabilities and special needs (undiagnosed and diagnosed); (b)
 whether such personal information can be passed on to local volunteer and
 charity organisations to reach out to these persons who may be living without
 caregivers, without their explicit consent; and (c) what are the outreach plans
 for such adults especially if they are living alone, or with elderly caregivers.

- *39. Mr Seah Kian Peng: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how many children who are currently eligible for a Child Development Account (CDA) have not had their CDAs established and what can be done for this particular group of children.
- *40. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) given the approach to enforcements of safe distancing measures, which are the public agencies in charge of deploying safe distancing ambassadors and enforcement officers in community hotspots (including basketball courts and playgrounds) and in residential estates; (b) how frequent and extensive are safe-distancing patrolling efforts within residential areas; and (c) whether the enforcement agencies are cross-sharing reported cases from the community on the flouting of safe distancing rules.
- *41. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for National Development
 (a) what is the number of Stay-Home-Notice (SHN) hotels and rooms
 currently contracted by the Ministry; (b) what is the current physical
 occupancy rates of the hotels and their average contracted periods remaining;
 and (c) what is the Ministry's plan to manage the number of SHN hotels to
 balance cost considerations and demand for such facilities.
- *42. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Law whether a review of the Legal Profession Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the courts and routes of review/appeals available to a complainant, solicitor and the Law Society will be conducted.
- *43. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the circumstances under which the Silver Support payout quantum may be reduced for beneficiaries; and (b) whether there are ways by which changes may be better explained to reduce the anxiety and other negative consequences for the seniors who are unaware or do not expect the drop.
- *44. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the ratio of the aggregate number of foreign workers in Singapore against the aggregate number of man-year entitlement (MYE) at this point in time; (b) how does this ratio compare with the ratios in corresponding points in the past two years; and (c) what steps will the Ministry take to ensure that a sufficient number of foreign workers are recruited whilst ensuring a COVID-19-safe work environment.

- *45. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will consider instituting an Alternative Work Schedule (AWS) where employees that work an extra hour every day for a 9-day period will be able to claim the 10th day off.
- *46. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for National Development to what extent does the Ministry ensure that HDB Upgrading/Estate Renewal Programmes include considerations for heat-reduction through retrofits such as rooftop solar panels, green roofs and cool paints, with special attention paid to low-income blocks/precincts.
- *47. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the progress of the plan to plant 1 million new trees by 2030; (b) what is the expected carbon sequestration capacity of these new trees when the target is reached; and (c) whether there are plans to plant new trees to offset the clearing of forests in areas under active development.
- *48. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry given the shift to low and zero emissions mobility (a) what is the estimated impact on jobs and trades in the fossil fuel and traditional automotive industries; and (b) what steps is the Ministry taking now to ensure that there will not be a shortage of skilled electrical engineers and workers when the economy transitions to such vehicles.
- *49. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in 2020, what is the number of piracy incidents in the Straits of Singapore; (b) how does this compare with the frequency of piracy incidents over the past three years; and (c) what efforts are underway to ensure that there will be a reduction of such incidents this year.
- *50. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the trends for disabilities in Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs); (b) how do IADL disabilities impact upon employment or financial independence among Singaporeans; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider including IADLs as part of the eligibility criteria for claim payouts in long-term care schemes like CareShield.

- *51. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the past five years, how many persons have been detained and treated under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act for (i) over 72 hours (ii) over one month and (iii) more than six months; (b) how many of such persons have been successfully rehabilitated; (c) whether police officers receive training on mental illness, particularly in identifying mental illness and interacting with a person with mental illness; (d) if so, what has been the effectiveness of such training; and (e) whether there are plans to review this Act in light of Singapore's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- *52. Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many visitors continue to use over-the-counter services at ICA in 2020; and (b) what is ICA doing to ensure that residents who require assistance to access ICA services can continue to do so.
- *53. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development
 (a) whether he can provide an update on the remaining number of HDB
 blocks that are not eligible for the Lift Upgrading Programme; (b) whether
 HDB will inform residents that it has made its final decision on each of these
 blocks; and (c) for those who choose to take up the Lift Access Housing
 Grant, what assistance will HDB be providing to owners who have
 difficulties selling their existing flats.
- *54. Mr Don Wee: To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider revising the eligibility criteria for HDB rental flats and increase the household income ceiling from \$1,500 to \$1,900 to align with ComCare assistance schemes.
- *55. Mr Darryl David: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the number of complaints made by Executive Condominium (EC) buyers to HDB against their respective EC developers within the first 12 months of getting their keys has risen over the past five years; (b) how does HDB facilitate disputes between EC buyers and their developers; and (c) whether developers are blacklisted from bidding for future EC projects if they are found to have delivered poor quality in their previous developments.
- *56. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the number of applications under the Rare Disease Fund that the Ministry has received to date; (b) what are the specific eligibility criteria or conditions that applicants must meet to receive support from the Fund; (c) what are the specific eligibility criteria or conditions for selection of rare diseases to be covered under the Fund; and (d) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the timeline of more rare diseases to be covered under the Fund.

- *57. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA has investigated into the root causes of the recent high numbers of potholes on our public roads and whether LTA will be looking at a long-term solutions to minimise the number of potholes on our roads in all weather conditions.
- * 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. COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 2/2021] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to website portals digitally providing government services to the public including those operated by subcontractors (a) how many of such portals currently exist; (b) what proportion provide identical functionality when accessed by smartphones and mobile computing devices as compared to desktop computers; and (c) what avenues are provided for Singaporeans to access such services who are not in possession of a computing device.
- 2. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) in the past five years, what is the number of first-time parents in Singapore; (b) how many of them became second-time parents thereafter; (c) what are the schemes available to help first-time parents; and (d) what is the take-up rate for such schemes.
- **3. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider instituting different tiers of childcare leave such that those with more children will be entitled to comparatively more days.
- 4. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the number of stateless residents living in Singapore as of December 2020; and (b) whether more can be done to assist the stateless persons to apply for Singapore citizenship and permanent residency.

- 5. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will consider expanding the coverage of the Yellow Ribbon Project such that ex-offenders for non-violent crimes will, contingent on an extended period of good behavior following successful reintegration in society, be eligible for the elimination of their criminal history from public records and hence not report this record for employment purposes.
- 6. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether Integrated Shield Plan insurers receive information and guidance on the structure and workflow of Singapore's public healthcare clusters so that patients at public hospitals do not encounter unnecessary administrative hurdles to receiving reimbursement for care across departments and institutions within the same public healthcare cluster.
- 7. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many patient navigators are currently employed across the restructured hospitals and specialty centres; (b) what is the ratio of patient navigators to patients on active follow-up and patients with complex medical conditions respectively; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider provisioning for additional patient navigator manpower and support given the ageing population and patients facing more complex co-morbidities.
- 8. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the last three years, what is the median waiting time to get an appointment for non-emergency dental services such as scaling and polishing at polyclinics; and (b) whether the capacity of non-emergency dental services at polyclinics will be increased in light of relaxed safe distancing measures in Phase 3 to meet growing demand from the general population.
- 9. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider (i) expanding clinical training and supervision programmes for incoming, existing and graduating students of Clinical Psychology with the goal of increasing future headcount particularly in the public healthcare system and (ii) facilitating access to tertiary education for current and potential psychologists and counsellors through financial support along similar lines to the various tuition grant agreements available to medical and dental students at some local universities.
- 10. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in each of the past five years, what is the number of films, videos, plays and other forms of content where the Government has required changes to content to be made before approval for general dissemination was granted.

- 11. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider piloting separate recycling bins for biodegradable plastics.
- 12. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has done a study on the presence of microplastic in seafood from kelongs in Singapore waters; (b) if so, what are the results of the study; and (c) if not, why not and whether it intends to do so
- 13. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how does the Ministry ensure that the surveillance cameras used to detect high-rise littering do not intrude into people's privacy.
- 14. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the average monthly number of surveillance cameras with video analytics that are currently deployed; (b) what is the length of time for each deployment; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the number of such surveillance cameras to detect and deter high-rise littering and bird feeding.
- 15. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there has been any increase in plastic and other recyclable waste during and after the circuit breaker period respectively, with a breakdown by percentage per month; and (b) whether additional initiatives will be considered to address the rapid increase in plastic waste.
- 16. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the Government's efforts to diversify food supplies to ensure price stability of goods over the Chinese New Year period due to the disruptions caused by the Movement Control Order 2.0 and floods in Malaysia.
- 17. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what is the percentage of Singapore's electricity consumption in 2020 that is used for data centres.
- **18. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether any borrowers have defaulted on Enterprise Singapore-supported loans that have been introduced in 2020 and, if so, how many cases have there been.
- 19. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Education whether there are any plans by the Ministry to systematically compile preferred gender pronouns for students, subject to the consent of parents, and to ensure that teachers respect such pronoun usage in class.

- **20. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education what steps are being taken to build a better understanding of persons with disabilities amongst school children in Singapore.
- 21. Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the reason for the difference between the disbursed amount of \$151.42 million found on page 12 of the ComCare Fund Annual Report FY2019 and that of \$68.8 million listed in the Financial Statement found on page 13 of the Annual Report; and (b) whether the Financial Statement is for FYE March 2020 instead of 2019.
- 22. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge for Muslim Affairs whether the \$1 million injection in training credits by MUIS will cover non-Islamic courses such as mental health, coding and programming, financial management and media literacy.
- 23. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge for Muslim Affairs what are the deciding factors in prosecuting individuals who are found to be practising and spreading deviant teachings under Section 139 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act.
- 24. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many bus service lines have been newly implemented or reviewed under the Bus Service Enhancement Programme; (b) how many have benefited residents residing at Marsiling-Yew Tee GRC's Woodgrove division to enable residents to get to town centres, polyclinics and community centres efficiently.
- 25. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in the past five years, how many vehicular accidents and incidents involving vehicles catching fire have arisen due to mechanical failure and poor maintenance of vehicles; and (b) what steps have been taken against vehicle owners or other persons who are responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles involved.
- **26. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there is any plan to redevelop the Bukit Batok Bus Interchange that was built in 1987 and, if so, what are the details of the plan.
- 27. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there are any regulations specifically protecting the rights of people with disabilities at the workplace; (b) if so, how many complaints have been filed with the Ministry pertaining to violations of these regulations in the past five years; and (c) whether the Ministry has plans to strengthen regulations to better protect the rights of persons with disabilities at the workplace.

- **28. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many gig workers are there currently in the workforce; (b) what industries are these individuals working in; (c) what are the average salaries of these individuals by industry; and (d) how many of these gig workers are classified as self-employed.
- 29. Ms Raeesah Khan: To ask the Minister for Manpower what steps is the Ministry taking (i) to encourage victims to file a workplace sexual harassment report either with their employer or other authorities when such incidents happen and (ii) to ensure that personnel are trained to handle such complaints.
- 30. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether information on home renovation works can be distributed in advance through digital means or letters to ensure more residents get the information with ample time to prepare; (b) whether there is a recommended protocol for residents to seek help against a noisy renovation unit; and (c) whether there is a protocol to manage recalcitrant cases when there are recurring or similar complaints against the same unit.
- 31. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) over the last year, what is the number of cases of bird feeding that has been reported on a monthly basis and cumulatively; and (b) what is the number of enforcement notices and composition notices that have been issued for the feeding of birds during the same time period.
- 32. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the frequency of the Council for Estate Agencies' Real Estate Salespersons Examination can be increased given the backlog from 2020 and current capacity limits; and (b) whether the Ministry will encourage the Council for Estate Agencies to conduct the examination via online channels.
- 33. Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how much did HDB pay for land cost in FY2019/2020; and (b) what is the breakdown of that payment amount to (i) SLA (ii) other Government organisations and (iii) private entities.
- 34. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an Environmental Baseline Study can be considered for evaluating the different development options for Clementi Forest, namely (i) a nature park as Nature Society Singapore has proposed (ii) leaving it untouched as a secondary forest or (iii) a residential development similar to the upcoming Tengah Forest Town; and (b) if so, whether the results of the Study can be made available to the public given the active public interest in the area.

35. Mr Don Wee: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many one-room rental flats under HDB's Public Rental Scheme accommodate three or more occupants including the listed tenants and occupiers; and (b) what measures are in place to minimise the spread of diseases in overcrowded flats.