

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 2023

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with the revision of Annual Values (AV) of most residential properties in 2023 (a) what are the communication plans to seniors that social support schemes will not be affected by this revision, as AVs as of 2022 will be used to determine scheme eligibility in 2023; and (b) what are the plans for scheme eligibility for 2024.
- *2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the pattern of funding from the National Productivity Fund (NPF) by industry in the past five years; (b) whether the NPF uses research to benchmark Singapore's productivity according to sectors with other developed countries and when deciding how much to fund each sector; and (c) whether NPF is also funding initiatives undertaken by trade associations and business chambers in addition to Government agencies.
- *3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider under the simplified track to grant default approvals for uncontested deputyship applications from the spouse or children of individuals who are assessed as lacking mental capacity; and (b) If not, what are the reasons for not implementing this approach.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry of the 1,000 companies that qualify under Condition 1 of the Manpower for Strategic Economic Priorities scheme, what is the breakdown of the number between foreign companies and local enterprises.

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- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry intends to conduct another island-wide noise measurement study, since the last study was done in 2018, particularly in areas affected by multiple construction projects, such as Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 which is located in the vicinity of ongoing residential development projects and the North South corridor construction; and (b) when was the last traffic noise impact assessment conducted for Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6.

* 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. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 1 March 2023) (*5th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (1 March 2023)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head L of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how are Singapore companies protected against short-selling companies like Hindenburg Report which earn money by betting on stocks falling especially when such reports may not be true; and (b) what safeguards do Singapore investment companies have against such short sellers undermining their assets.
2. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security whether an e-book, “The Battle Over Lee Kuan Yew’s Last Will”, accurately represents the circumstances surrounding the signing of Mr Lee Kuan Yew’s last will, as found by the Disciplinary Tribunal and the Court of Three Judges in disciplinary proceedings against Mrs Lee Suet Fern, where she was found guilty of professional misconduct.

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3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the number of frontline police officers trained to identify and handle persons with mental health challenges; (b) what are the indicators used to measure the effectiveness of such training; (c) whether refresher courses are regularly conducted; and (d) whether the internal Standard Operating Procedures guiding officers to deal with such persons are based on internationally recognised diagnostic guidelines such as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM -5).
 4. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Law what is the cause behind the hardware failure which led to the breakdown of the State Courts' online case management system for more than two days and what are the steps taken to ensure that such issues do not recur again.
 5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year in the past five years, of the new admissions to (i) remand homes and (ii) places of detention (a) what percentage of these children live in public rental flats; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to collect this data if such data is unavailable.
 6. **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 length of probation imposed on children and young persons (CYPs) who commit offences; (b) what is the number and percentage of CYPs who reoffend while on probation; and (c) what are the top three offences for which probation is imposed on CYPs.
 7. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider enhancing the penalties for suppliers of e-cigarettes to better deter the sales of such items in Singapore.
 8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year for the past five years (a) how many orders have been issued against offenders in animal cruelty cases disqualifying them from owning any animal; and (b) what is the average and median length of the disqualification orders issued.
 9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the lessons learnt from the experiences of residents currently living in integrated blocks with both rental and sold units in promoting integration; (b) what steps have been or will be taken to promote integration between residents of purchased and rental flats living in the same blocks; and (c) what are the Ministry's plans in respect of existing blocks of exclusively rental flats.

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10. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development regarding the conservation of Golden Mile Complex, whether action will be taken to document its intangible heritage given its historic role as an early example of high-rise apartment living and as a transit point for bus links to Malaysia.
 11. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development what proportion of resale HDB flat buyers are (i) upgraders and (ii) downgraders from larger HDB flats respectively.
 12. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how are appeals for eligibility of Community Development Council vouchers processed and what are the steps to ensure that the reasons for such appeals are genuine, particularly those whose residential premises are leased out.
 13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past five years, how many employers have been (i) investigated (ii) convicted and (iii) issued stern warnings for forging in-principle approval letters for employment purposes.
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