

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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FIRST SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 3 MARCH 2023

No. 91

10.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **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.
- \*2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Government has conducted any research to understand the number of children that Singaporean women would like to have and the reasons why this may be different from the number they actually do have; and (b) if not, whether it will consider doing so and publishing the findings of the fertility gap and the reasons for it.
- \*3. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will consider reducing the property tax rates for owner-occupied private residential properties occupied by elderly retirees who have been unduly affected by the escalating rental of neighbouring units, which disproportionately affects their properties' annual value.
- \*4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) for the past three years, what is the annual average rate of increase of property tax for owner-occupied private properties in both prime and non-prime locations respectively; (b) whether the annual property tax computation is influenced by the use of neighbouring properties for rental income; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the property tax computation for prime locations so that owners of these owner-occupied homes, especially retirees, are not unfairly penalised.

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- \*5. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether there is any regulation or safeguard to ensure that service staff of telecommunications companies in Singapore are aware of any red flags, to prevent vulnerable groups such as elderly or special needs adults, from being exploited or scammed to sign up for mobile lines and phone contracts.
- \*6. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what surveys or research are currently undertaken to assess the job impact of training courses that are supported by Government funds; (b) whether the Government will publish the findings of such studies; and (c) whether the Government will consider extending funding support to trainers based on the outcome of the studies.
- \*7. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the latest statistics on incidence of myocarditis post-mRNA vaccination; (b) whether there has there been a change in the incidence with the bivalent vaccines; and (c) whether the Government will make it mandatory for those involved in strenuous labour in the workforce to be given two weeks of light duty after their mRNA vaccination.
- \*8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether more historic war bunkers may be made accessible to the public via guided tours, or protected and developed into heritage attractions, so that more members of the public may visit them in a safe manner.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

*(Those marked • are Orders 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: 2 March 2023) (6<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (2 March 2023)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head W of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Saktiandi Supaat).

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

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- 2. Supply Bill [Bill No. 7/2023] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
  - 3. Supplementary Supply (FY 2022) Bill [Bill No. 8/2023] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
  - 4. Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 3/2023] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
  - 5. Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 2/2023] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
  - 6. COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 5/2023] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.
  - 7. Healthcare Services (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 6/2023] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.

**8. Senior Minister of State (Ministry of Finance):**

CIVIL LIST: That this Parliament, pursuant to section 7 of the Civil List and Gratuity Act 1970, resolves that the Schedule to that Act be varied by deleting the figures "\$4,532,400" and "\$2,762,300" in the second column and substituting for them the figures "\$6,696,700" and "\$3,342,200" respectively.

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister for each year from 2019 (a) what is the number and percentage of public servants who take at least one day of parent-care leave; and (b) what is the average and median number of days of parent-care leave taken by public servants.
2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Prime Minister whether MAS will consider placing limits on local banks refinancing coal power projects overseas.
3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the UN Food Programme's decision to reduce the amount of food aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, whether Singapore is considering working with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management to render assistance.

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4. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the number of cases regarding illegal multi-level marketing schemes referred to the Commercial Affairs Department in the last five years; and (b) what are the outcomes of these investigations, including the number of individuals or organisations that are successfully prosecuted.
  5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in respect of holders of work permits for performing artiste (a) what is the number of criminal cases (i) reported (ii) prosecuted and (iii) convicted, in the last three years; and (b) what are the top three offences.
  6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the 23 Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs) will be reviewed to ensure that the roadmaps set out under the ITMs are consistent with the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2050; (b) if yes, what is the timeline for the review; and (c) if not, will the Government consider undertaking such a review.
  7. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) over the past five years, what is the number of reported incidents involving users of nature areas as a result of adverse weather conditions and damaged infrastructure; (b) how often are such structures maintained; and (c) whether the structures cater for increased load-carrying capacity given Singaporeans' rising interest in nature spaces.
  8. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's assessment of the efficacy and limitations of the Trap-Neuter-Release-Manage (TNRM) programme for stray dogs as it nears the five-year mark; (b) what is the estimated number of stray dogs that have been sterilised under the TNRM programme; and (c) whether the TNRM programme is planned to continue or expand past its five-year mark.
  9. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the delineation of responsibilities between NParks and Town Councils in dealing with pigeon nuisance issues; and (b) whether the current working arrangements are assessed to be successful in reducing pigeon-related feedback by residents.
  10. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether he can provide an update on the progress towards the goal of establishing 30 therapeutic gardens by 2030 as part of Singapore's City in Nature vision; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering constructing therapeutic gardens in HDB estates.

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11. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what steps has the Ministry taken or will be taking to monitor and prevent messages of extremist ideologies and radicalisation from propagating in online gaming platforms such as Roblox among youths in Singapore.
  12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past five years, of the in-principle approval letters issued to work permit holders who are (i) domestic workers and (ii) non-domestic workers, how many stated a basic salary of (i) less than \$100 (ii) \$101 to \$500 (iii) \$501 to \$800 (iv) \$801 to \$1,200 and (v) above \$1,201.
  13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2021, what is the number of private companies offering childcare sick leave.
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### PAPER PRESENTED

	<i>2023</i>	<i>Date Presented</i>
S. L. 808	Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2023	..... 2 March 2023

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