

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2020

No. 132

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources since the start of circuit breaker measures (a) how many stallholders operating in hawker centres managed by NEA and NEA-appointed operators have closed their hawker stalls due to a drop in business; (b) how many hawkers have embraced food delivery options and applied for Enterprise Singapore's Food Delivery Booster Package and NEA's one-off \$500 funding; and (c) what are the reasons cited by hawkers for not using the food delivery platforms despite the grants.
- *2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry will consider banning the display, slaughter and sale of wild-caught live soft-shelled turtles at the wet markets due to zoonotic disease transmission risks.
- *3. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the extent of the surge in Internet data traffic during the circuit breaker period; (b) whether there have been capacity and internet slowness issues; and (c) how are the industry players responding.
- *4. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how are parents and caregivers of students in Special Education (SPED) schools and students with special educational needs (SEN) supported with home-based learning during the circuit breaker period; (b) whether students who need regular therapy sessions are able to attend the sessions; and (c) what efforts are put in place to ensure that these students do not regress during this period.

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- *5. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education how will the period of home-based learning and school closures affect students applying to secondary schools under the Direct School Admission programme.
- *6. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the POFMA correction direction issued to several parties on the compensation paid to the CEO of Temasek Holdings on 19 April 2020, how does the subject statement harm the public interest as defined in section 4 of POFMA.
- *7. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can guide the elderly through public education on how to spot signs and symptoms of an impending dizzy spell so that they can prevent a fall and causing injury to themselves.
- *8. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the total amount from the Unity, Resilience, and Solidarity Budgets that is allocated for increased flexibilities to ComCare due to COVID-19 and how much of this has been utilised; (b) what are the ways in which these increased flexibilities have been exercised and to what extent; and (c) given the protracted duration of the financial impact from COVID-19, whether the Ministry will consider widening the income eligibility criteria for ComCare schemes to be closer to those for the Temporary Relief Fund and COVID-19 Support Grant.
- *9. **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.
- *10. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how have COVID-19 social distancing measures affected demand for public transport services; (b) what has been the financial impact on (i) public bus operators (ii) rail operators and (iii) LTA; and (c) what are the plans for public transport financing for the bus and rail systems respectively should COVID-19 measures continue to affect demand in the near and medium term.

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- *11. Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view that COVID-19 social distancing measures have greatly restricted motor vehicle use, whether the Minister will consider providing relief for motor vehicle depreciation costs through extending without charge the validity of existing COEs, road tax, and other relevant motor vehicle licences for a period commensurate with the impact of COVID-19 measures on motor vehicle usage.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 17/2020] – (Minister for National Development) – Second Reading.
2. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 24/2020] – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House) – Second Reading.
3. COVID-19 (Temporary Measures for Solemnization and Registration of Marriages) Bill [Bill No. 25/2020] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has received any complaints about psychiatrists, psychologists and counsellors from their LGBTQ clients and, if so, what are the complaints; (b) what are the complaint mechanisms available to their LGBTQ clients; and (c) how are errant individuals reported by their LGBTQ clients sanctioned or punished.

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2. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health for each of the last three years, comparing between Singaporeans in the highest 20% and lowest 20% income group (a) what is the difference in life expectancy; (b) what is the difference in percentage of Singaporeans who suffer from (i) one chronic illness and (ii) two or more chronic illnesses respectively; (c) what is the difference in the acute hospital 30-day readmission rate; (d) how does the Ministry measure health inequalities in Singapore; and (e) whether Singapore has made progress in tackling health inequalities.
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PAPER PRESENTED

<i>2020</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	831 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 30 April 2020
