

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

SECOND SESSION

ORDER PAPER

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No. 115

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how will the US-China Phase I Trade Deal impact Singapore's economy; and (b) how can local manufacturers that export parts for US goods leverage on the new agreement to boost their businesses.
- *2. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of local exports declining in the past nine months (a) how many businesses and employees have been affected in the past year; (b) whether outreach has been made to businesses to assess the impact and assistance they may require to stay afloat; and (c) what progress has been made on efforts to expand our export market in the past year.
- *3. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will detail the number of new jobs filled by Singaporeans, PRs and foreigners respectively for each industry covered by the Industry Transformation Maps (ITM) henceforth; and (b) whether it can provide these statistics for each ITM since the inception of the respective ITMs to date.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the contribution of Total Factor Productivity (TFP) to GDP growth in each of the past 10 years; (b) what has been the growth in TFP in each of the past 10 years; (c) how does Singapore's TFP performance compare to that of other developed countries; and (d) what drivers and restraints of Singapore's recent TFP growth has the Ministry identified.
- *5. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Transport given the ban on users of personal mobility devices from all footpaths, whether there are plans to distinguish the different types of public paths so as to avoid confusion.

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- *6. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to regulate the usage of electric bicycles on the roads in terms of age, insurance coverage, traffic rules and others.
- *7. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many people have been warned for riding e-scooter on footpaths since 5 November 2019; (b) how many e-scooter riders have been summoned for speeding and other offences since 5 November 2019; (c) how many e-scooter riders have signed up for the trade-in grant to convert to e-bicycles or other personal mobility devices; and (d) how many more kilometres of cycling paths will be built by end-2020.
- *8. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government has committed additional resources to police the ban of PMDs from footpaths from January 2020 such that the public will not witness the same level of day-to-day flagrant breaches of law by errant e-scooter users as seen prior to the announcement of the ban.
- *9. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of some food delivery riders switching from e-scooters to electric bikes (a) whether the Government is putting in place additional measures to ensure that the increase in electric bike riders will not lead to more accidents or road traffic or active mobility offences; and (b) whether such riders will be given sufficient training sessions to encourage all to ride responsibly and considerately.
- *10. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how is the public interest threshold of online statements of falsehoods determined and measured under the Protection From Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA); (b) whether the Ministry will consider recommending that Ministers state which public interest criteria under section 7(b) of POFMA are met and how so, when requesting for a direction to be issued; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider creating a central listing of all issued directions on the POFMA website.
- *11. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the Ministry's position on perceptions of a partisan political bias over the recent applications of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act and how this may impact public trust in objectivity and independence of the Government's instruments of combatting online falsehoods; and (b) what steps are being taken to maintain public trust in light of such perceptions, especially given the critical role of public trust in buttressing society against coordinated, malicious fake news.

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- *12. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what is the rationale for the obligations placed on digital advertising intermediaries and internet intermediaries under the Code of Practice for Transparency of Online Political Advertisements issued by the POFMA Office on 2 October 2019.
- *13. **Dr Teo Ho Pin:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) over the last three years, how many students' graduation certificates have been withheld by schools; (b) what are the common reasons for withholding the certificates; and (c) whether the Ministry will review such practices.
- *14. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will review the policy of withholding the original PSLE certificate of students who have not paid their school fees.
- *15. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education what are the actions taken by a school when a student is unable to make payment of the school fees and under what circumstances will financial assistance be granted to the student.
- *16. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources with the failure of recent UN Climate Talks (COP25), what are the implications for Singapore.
- *17. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) whether he will provide an update on the progress made at the 25th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP25) which took place in December 2019; and (b) what further steps can Singapore undertake to do its part to create a more green and sustainable global environment.
- *18. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the trend of impersonation scams in the last three years; (b) whether there is an increasing number of elderly victims; and (c) what more can the Ministry do to deter such scam cases and better protect the elderly from such scams.
- *19. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on the latest development pertaining to (i) the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur High-Speed Rail project and (ii) the Singapore-Johor Bahru Rapid Transit System.
- *20. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what measures are being undertaken to enhance income mobility in addition to reducing income inequality.

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- *21. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what is the assessment on the impact of the data leak which occurred at ST Logistics and the ransomware attack on HMI Institute of Health Sciences to confidential operations of Mindef and SAF; and (b) what is the follow-up action that is in place following the two incidents.
- *22. **Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Minister for Defence with regard to the personal data leak affecting 2,400 Mindef and SAF personnel (a) when did ST Logistics first discover the phishing attack; and (b) when did Mindef come to know about the leak.
- *23. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how is the Ministry addressing the homelessness problem highlighted by a recent study that found over 1,000 people sleeping in the rough.
- *24. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the rationale requiring co-tenancy for public rental flats is still relevant today in light of its contribution to homelessness.
- *25. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Defence what are the facts and interim findings surrounding the training accident involving Pte Joshua Quek on 18 December 2019.
- *26. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with regard to the massive traffic jams caused during the 2019 Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon held from 29 November to 1 December 2019 (a) on what grounds have the road closure and diversion plans been approved; (b) whether consideration has been given to the three other major events happening downtown that weekend; and (c) how does the Ministry intend to review and enhance regulations and requirements for such future events.
- *27. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry has conducted a comparative review of the issues and disruptions that arose from the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon (SCSM) 2019 held from 29 November to 1 December 2019 in the evening for the first time, against previous years; (b) what are the learning points; (c) whether the Ministry anticipates any inconvenience to individuals near the SCSM 2020 event venue; and (d) whether any changes will be introduced to SCSM 2020 and similar events to mitigate the problems caused by SCSM 2019.

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- *28. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the reasons for the massive jams during the 2019 Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon; (b) why has this situation not been anticipated; (c) what are the lessons learned; and (d) how can such massive jams be avoided in future large scale events such as marathons.
- *29. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in light of the severe congestion caused by a recently held marathon (a) how does the Ministry balance the supporting of major sporting events and inconvenience to road users; (b) how can commercial organisers be made liable to mitigate against severe congestion; and (c) whether organisers who fail to address road congestion issues previously be prevented from running similar events in future.
- *30. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the prevalence and incidence of dementia in Singapore over the past five years; (b) whether our health services are adequately resourced to manage dementia patients given our ageing population; and (c) what has been the progress in the establishment of dementia-friendly communities.
- *31. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what lessons are learnt from the implementation of the Community Mental Health Masterplan (CMHM) and National Mental Health Blueprint (NMHB); (b) whether these lessons will influence the next CMHM and NMHB; (c) whether the Ministry will consider running public consultations for these plans; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider distinguishing dementia from mental health conditions under the plans, since they each require different strategies, treatment and support to be dealt with.
- *32. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many pre-schools currently offer inclusive education for special needs children; (b) whether the current capacity is sufficient to meet demand; and (c) what is the support given to schools to adopt an inclusive model.
- *33. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee (EBRC) has completed its deliberations; and (b) when will the EBRC report be released to the public.

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- *34. Prof Lim Sun Sun:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to regulate the digital marketing of unhealthy products including junk food and e-cigarettes through online platforms that target youths; (b) whether the Ministry collects data on digital marketing of such products to different demographic groups; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider mounting public education campaigns to educate young consumers about such marketing strategies.
- *35. Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can provide an update on the current rates of obesity in children, adults and the elderly respectively; (b) how do these figures compare with those of previous years; and (c) what has been the progress and effectiveness of measures to reduce obesity among Singaporeans.
- *36. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how are the different Ministries and agencies collaborating to test and share new technologies; and (b) what are the platforms available for agencies to check on new technologies being piloted to accelerate our collective learning and adoption capabilities.
- *37. Ms Yip Pin Xiu:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the measures to ensure that differently-abled individuals such as individuals who are deaf, mute or autistic receive quality mental health care and support that meet their unique needs.
- *38. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry will review Grab's Upfront Cash Programme offered to their delivery riders to determine whether the administrative charges are reasonable; and (b) how do the charges compare to rates offered by moneylenders and banks for unsecured lending.
- *39. Dr Teo Ho Pin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to date, how many projects have adopted the Prefabricated Prefinished Volumetric Construction (PPVC) method of construction; and (b) what is the amount of Government grants that have been disbursed to support PPVC-related firms and projects since its implementation; and (c) what are the challenges faced when adopting PPVC.
- *40. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development for those who wish to purchase a HDB flat and live near their parents in mature estates, whether HDB will review and consider granting additional ballot chances to these applicants for each failed attempt in securing their flats from Built-To-Order (BTO) / Sale of Balance Flats (SBF) / Re-offer of Balance Flats (ROF) exercises.

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- *41. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to basic and additional subsidies provided to families of Singapore citizen children enrolled in ECDA-licensed childcare centres (a) what is the current percentage of children who do not meet the 75% attendance requirement triggering the right on the part of Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) to effect a clawback of these subsidies; (b) what are the main reasons for the children being unable to meet the attendance requirements; and (c) what steps have or will be taken to address this issue.
- *42. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many Malaysian workers are working in Singapore on work permits annually over the past five years; (b) which are the three main sectors that they are working in; and (c) what proportion of these Malaysian workers do not live in Singapore but instead commute between Singapore and Malaysia on a daily basis.
- *43. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower on the sudden surge of workplace fatalities in November 2019 (a) what industries do these workers work in; (b) what are the reasons behind the spike in fatality numbers; and (c) what more is the Ministry doing to prevent such workplace fatalities.
- *44. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health how does the Ministry help a mentally distressed patient whose condition is mild but who has occasional bouts of outbursts that target neighbours.
- *45. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information regarding incidents of personal data lost to hackers due to data privacy law breaches (a) what is the number of incidents in the public and private sectors respectively in each of the last three years; (b) what is the number of persons affected annually; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a registration and licensing scheme for software services providers, similar to the requirements imposed on accounting and legal firms, financial institutions and medical services providers.
- *46. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what has and will the Government do to prevent (i) fault lines from class and immigration issues to develop (ii) erosion of our Singapore identity and (iii) gaps in the socio-economic status of Singaporeans.
- *47. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education what are the efforts to promote financial literacy among school students, particularly in respect of the choices they will need to make later in life that impinge on retirement adequacy.

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- *48. **Prof Fatimah Lateef:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Recognition of Security Threat course for security guards can be made available in Mandarin and Malay besides English, especially for those in the industry not conversant in English, but still having to undergo the compulsory course and testing in English.
- *49. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether he can provide an update on the success rate of debt recovery by the Official Assignee over the last 10 years; and (b) what has been the Official Assignee's track record in recovery of overseas assets held by insolvent persons.
- *50. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Law what is the rationale for the new pre-court action protocol for business-to-business debt claims and whether the Government has consulted businesses prior to introducing the new court protocol.
- *51. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) over the last five years, how many appeals have been made each year by Singaporean adult children to waive the CPF repayment by their parents when they withdraw their names from the flat co-owned with their parents; (b) how many of these appeals have been rejected; and (c) whether CPF Board will consider reviewing this policy to allow flexibility for the Singaporean adult children to exercise options that allow waiver of full lump sum repayment by their parents.
- *52. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the footpath ban for PMDs (a) whether the Ministry will reconsider its present position of allowing both PMD users and pedestrians to co-use all parts or lanes of the Park Connector Network (PCN), whether marked "PCN" or with the sign of a foot; and (b) if so, what measures will now be taken to ensure strict and safe segregation.
- *53. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry can start collecting data on both the usage rates of Government-Paid Childcare Leave (GPCL) for working mothers and fathers respectively and the number of children the employee has)
- *54. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what building requirements do home renovation contractors have to satisfy to ensure that their structures prevent mosquito breeding; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider only granting permits for renovations when the relevant Government agencies are satisfied that such preventive measures are in place.

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- *55. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what is the number of misleading food labels detected in the past three years; (b) what actions have been taken against the respective food manufacturers or importers; (c) what is the percentage of food products that the Singapore Food Agency conducts random checks on each year; and (d) what more can the Ministry do to ensure food products comply with food labelling requirements.
- *56. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many Singapore companies have chosen to be listed on stock exchanges outside of the Singapore Exchange (SGX) in the past 10 years; (b) how many companies have (i) listed and (ii) de-listed from the SGX in the past 10 years, broken down by Singapore and foreign companies; and (c) what are the strategies to encourage more companies, local and foreign, to be listed on the SGX.
- *57. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the retail prices of pork, vegetables and other food items have been impacted by sharp increases in prices from our imported sources; (b) what are the reasons for the increases; and (c) how can such impact be mitigated for consumers.
- *58. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many complaints have been received from the public over the past three years about noise pollution caused by vehicle owners who modify their engines; and (b) what is LTA's process in handling such complaints and ensuring that necessary enforcement is meted out to prevent future occurrences.
- *59. Mr Mohamed Irshad:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider introducing a fare cap on surge pricing for private-hire car operators.
- *60. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the building of the Cross Island Line tunnel at a depth of 70 metres below ground, what kind of challenges does the Ministry anticipate that will have an impact on the safety of workers during the construction of the tunnel and what measures will be put in place to ensure their safety.
- *61. Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Prime Minister in the past five years (a) how many virtual private network tokens and info-communications equipment have been reported lost or stolen by the various Ministries and Government agencies annually; (b) how many police reports have been made; and (c) whether there have been unauthorised accesses or attempts made resulting from the loss of such security devices.

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- *62. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister with the recent MAS consultation paper on the regulation of crypto derivatives for Approved Exchanges (a) whether MAS will establish a timeline for eventually imposing regulations on non-approved exchanges; and (b) whether MAS will issue guidelines to financial institutions offering crypto derivatives for retail investors and, if so, whether these guidelines will apply to crypto exchanges or other intermediaries.
- *63. Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Energy Market Authority (EMA) monitors Open Electricity Market providers to ensure that customers who have switched understand the full terms governing their new billing arrangements; (b) whether EMA has received complaints from customers regarding difficulties in making payment arrangements and avoiding penalty charges; (c) why providers are not required to offer the same payment mechanisms that SP Services offers; and (d) what can be done to ensure customers can seamlessly transfer their billing arrangements.
- *64. Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for National Development in the last two years, what is the number of HDB flats that have been allowed to be sold before meeting the Minimum Occupation Period and what are the reasons for the exception being made.
- *65. Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the efforts made by NTUC's Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) and Workforce Singapore in working with the food delivery companies to provide job search support for delivery riders affected by the PMD ban; (b) whether the Ministry tracks the number of delivery riders who have sought job search support; (c) how many delivery riders have become unemployed as a result of the PMD ban; and (d) what are the plans to support those who remain unemployed.
- *66. Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal (CDRT) has been effective since its formation and what steps can be taken to improve its processes to make it more expedient and to produce outcomes that can be more effectively enforced.
- *67. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the rationale for not allowing people living in HDB flats to keep cats; and (b) whether the Ministry is reviewing this rule.
- *68. Mr Ong Teng Koon:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether complaints arising from stray cats being a nuisance has increased in the past three years; (b) whether the Ministry will consider licensing cats for HDB flats; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider applying the same regulatory treatment to stray cats as that for stray dogs in HDB estates.

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- *69. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) which private estates have the highest concentrations of particular nationalities; (b) what are the proportions of the various nationalities in these estates; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider introducing ethnic quotas for private estates to facilitate harmonious relations with Singaporean households in the same areas.
- *70. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in each year over the past five years, how many Singaporeans have made appeals to CPF Board to withdraw more from their MediSave accounts that is beyond the annual withdrawal limit; (b) how many of these appeals are for rare illnesses or medical conditions; and (c) what is the range of additional withdrawal quantum appealed for.
- *71. **Mr Ong Teng Koon:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can encourage more private clinics to accept CHAS cards by lowering the administrative burden for private clinics to enrol in the programme.
- *72. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the population trend of mynahs in Yishun in the past three years; (b) what are the findings and results of the tree fogging pilot project in 2016 to deter mynahs in Yishun; (c) how does the Ministry enforce the laws against bird-feeding and, to date, how many perpetrators have been penalised; and (d) what other measures are being deployed to deter or reduce the mynah population in Yishun.
- *73. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for National Development for a person who has bought a subsidised flat directly from HDB and sold it before 19 May 1997 and presently intends to purchase an Executive Condominium (EC), what is the rationale for imposing on this person a requirement that he pays a resale levy based on 20% of the purchase price of the EC.
- *74. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of reported dislodged tiles in HDB flats in December 2019; (b) whether the cooler temperature in December has resulted in more cases; and (c) how can HDB assist to keep the repair costs affordable.
- *75. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the various initiatives to reach out to and monitor the well-being of elderly persons living alone, particularly those in the lower income brackets; and (b) whether these programmes have been effective in reducing the number of lonely elderly deaths where bodies are undetected for extended periods of time.

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- *76. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what are the considerations behind the current arrangement of making the Government e-Gazette only available for the past five days and requiring a paid subscription to access the archive online.
- *77. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siang:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government has responded to Senoko Energy's request for a rescue package and whether our energy market is in trouble.
- *78. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider matching Singaporeans senior in age with young Singaporeans in their teens such as to mentor them so that both the elder person and the young person can benefit through a mentor-mentee relationship.
- *79. **Mr Ong Teng Koon:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he can provide an update on the efficacy of "Platoon Commander Interviews" as an avenue to address mental health concerns of national servicemen and whether such interviews can be extended to enlistees holding the rank of officers.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Transport:**

Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill.

2. **Minister for Transport:**

Shared Mobility Enterprises (Control and Licensing) Bill.

3. **Minister for Transport:**

Active Mobility (Amendment) Bill.

4. Minister for Law:

Geographical Indications (Amendment) Bill.

5. Minister for Law:

Singapore Convention on Mediation Bill.

6. Minister for the Environment and Water Resources:

Hazardous Waste (Control of Export, Import and Transit) (Amendment) Bill.

7. Minister for the Environment and Water Resources:

National Environment Agency (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 36/2019] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 22 dated 6 January 2020.]

2. Banking (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 35/2019] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
 3. Healthcare Services Bill [Bill No. 37/2019] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Mr Terence Ho Wee San : Building a Sustainable and Vibrant
(Nominated Member) Community Arts Ecosystem.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to LTA's plan to expand the shared path network in Singapore to 750 kilometres by 2025, whether priority may be given to constituencies which do not presently have a shared path network.
2. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider the feasibility of building noise barriers along the stretch of Pan-Island Expressway running adjacent to the HDB blocks between the Bukit Batok Road exit and Toh Guan Road flyover and/or implementing any other measure to reduce the traffic noise generated in the area.
3. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for each year in the last five years, what is the number of cases where action has been taken against riders found using throttle-operated electric bikes; and (b) whether any type or case of throttle-operated electric bike has been approved for use since the passing of the Active Mobility Act in early 2017.
4. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Transport since the introduction of the Transition Assistance Package, how many delivery riders have switched to bicycles, power-assisted bicycles or personal mobility aids through the e-scooter Trade-In-Grant.
5. **Ms Yip Pin Xiu:** To ask the Minister for Defence with regard to the National Day Parade (a) whether a meaningful number of tickets can be allocated to migrant workers given their contributions to the prosperity of our country; (b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider the number of years of service in Singapore as criteria for the allotment of these tickets; and (c) whether the Ministry plans to allocate a certain number of tickets for new citizens for the purpose of integration.
6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs for each year in the past 10 years, of the sex workers (i) arrested and (ii) prosecuted for public solicitation of prostitution, how many were Singaporeans and foreigners respectively.
7. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) what regulations govern cash advance programmes offered by employers or contractors; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering a cap on interest rates instituted for such programmes.
8. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can implement a set of guidelines for suitable eye exercise and diet to help seniors take care of their eyesight to delay the onset of cataracts.

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9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether hospitals collect data on the number of children injured in motor accidents as a result of not being secured in child seats; (b) if so, what is the number and percentage of children involved in such accidents in each of the past 10 years with a breakdown according to the age groups of (i) below one year old (ii) between one and two years old and (iii) above two years old; and (c) if not, whether hospitals will start collecting such data.
 10. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) over the past three years, what is the average duration taken to process appeals by persons who wish to draw from their MediSave accounts beyond the annual withdrawal limit; (b) what are the common reasons for those unsuccessful appeals; and (c) whether there have been appeals by similar persons for consecutive years and, if so, how are these appeals managed.
 11. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the response of the Ministry to the recently released community blueprint to end HIV and AIDS transmission by 2030, especially the recommendations to triple the number of anonymous testing clinics and improve access to newer HIV medication.
 12. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current median and average waiting times respectively for patients to outpatient appointments with (i) psychiatrists (ii) clinical psychologists and (iii) counsellors at Institute of Mental Health, Specialist Outpatient Clinics at restructured hospitals, polyclinics and under Government-funded programmes such as Assessment and Shared Care Team (ASCAT), Community Resource Engagement and Support Team (CREST) and Community Intervention Team (COMIT), respectively; (b) what is the professional to patient ratio for each of the above professions in each of the above medical centres and programmes; and (c) what are the measures taken to reduce waiting times.
 13. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Health in the last three years, what are the demographics of patients receiving psychiatric treatment and mental health support at the Institute of Mental Health, polyclinics, Specialist Outpatient Clinics at restructured hospitals and under Government-funded programmes such as the Assessment and Shared Care Team (ASCAT), Community Resource Engagement and Support Team (CREST) and Community Intervention Team (COMIT), respectively, broken down by (i) number of patients (ii) duration of inpatient stay or treatment length (iii) types of mental health condition (iv) age (v) income and (vi) time taken between onset of symptoms and treatment.

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14. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are any manpower development plans for mental health and allied professionals in the Social and Health Manpower Development Programme and Community Mental Health Masterplan and, if so, what is the progress of these plans; (b) what are the targets the Ministry has for (i) psychiatrist to population ratio (ii) clinical psychologist to population ratio and (iii) counsellor to population ratio; and (c) when does the Ministry expect to achieve these target ratios.
 15. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how much funding is provided for MediaCorp on the annual basis for the past five years; (b) how many (i) TV and (ii) radio programmes have been funded by the Government for the past five years; and (c) whether the funding is sufficient given the decreasing amount of advertising dollars that MediaCorp can generate over the years.
 16. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what is being done to train Singaporeans to pursue a career in information technology.
 17. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many countries have mutual agreements with Singapore to allow residents to work in each other's country; (b) which are the countries that allow Singaporeans to work in their countries; (c) what is the number of Singaporeans who have worked in each of these countries; and (d) in these countries, what are the professions/positions they are in.
 18. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to date, how many flat owners could not sell their flats after the grace period given to them after the collection of keys to their new flats; and (b) whether the number has been the increasing for the past three years.
 19. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will review the Executive Condominium (EC) scheme to take over the full development of ECs instead of opening land sales to private developers so as to have better control over the pricing of ECs to meet the aspiration needs of Singaporeans.
 20. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can (i) issue a set of pointers to help the public look out for trees that may be decaying or unhealthy and (ii) provide a hotline number for people to report such instances so that the community can be an additional check to the already tight regime of inspection done by NParks.

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21. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether it is timely now to remove the ban on keeping pet cats in HDB flats and to regulate cat pet-keeping instead to minimise disamenities for neighbours.
 22. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what percentage of non-residential buildings in Singapore are currently not Green Mark certified; (b) whether there is a system for end users and the public to provide feedback on buildings that have their air-conditioning set to temperatures lower than necessary; and (c) how does the Ministry engage these building owners on their building's ambient air temperatures.
 23. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what is the current total number of workers and corresponding workforce profile in both general waste collection and the materials recovery sub-sectors; and (b) what are the various deciles for both monthly basic and gross wages in the two sub-sectors.
 24. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding the Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA)(a) for the last three years, what percentage of each cohort had unused balances in their PSEA which were transferred to their CPF Ordinary Accounts; and (b) for the cohorts in (a), what are the median and average amounts of unused balances so transferred.
 25. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Singaporeans have obtained their first degree from the local public universities as opposed to private universities in Singapore in the past five years; and (b) what is the median starting pay of graduates, excluding medical and dental school graduates, from public and private universities in Singapore.
 26. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is being done to ensure that Singaporeans will be ready for an economy heavily driven by technology; and (b) what is being done now to train Singaporeans to take up jobs in the field of information technology.
 27. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Manpower since the absentee payroll under the Workfare Training Support (WTS) Scheme was first introduced (a) how many companies and workers have benefitted and what is the total amount disbursed on a yearly basis; and (b) what is the breakdown of the companies by industry sectors that have benefitted from WTS.

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- 28. Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP) conducts feedback exercises with workers who have filed a discrimination or workplace harassment report with TAFEP which resulted in follow-up action by TAFEP or the Ministry; and (b) if so, what are the results of the feedback, particularly as to whether complainants are satisfied with the outcome of their case and the follow-up action taken.
- 29. Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the refusal by employers in the retail sector to interview and/or hire a qualified job applicant on grounds that he or she wears articles of religious faith constitutes a violation of the Tripartite Guidelines on Fair Employment Practices; (b) how many complaints of discrimination on these grounds has TAFEP received in the past five years, broken down by industry; and (c) what actions has TAFEP taken against these employers.
- 30. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry keeps track of private sector bonuses given out each year; and (b) whether the Ministry has discerned any pattern whereby private sector bonuses tend to be causally correlated with civil service bonuses.
- 31. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for 2017 and 2018 respectively, what is the respective breakdown of the number and percentage of divorce cases where shared care and control of the children is awarded.
- 32. Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) of all requests for Personal Protection Orders in each year for the past three years, how many and what percentage have been made by foreign spouses against their husbands; and (b) how many and what percentage of such requests by foreign spouses have been approved.
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S.L.	723	Legal Profession (Unclaimed Money Fund) Rules 2019 5 November 2019
S.	513	Corrigendum to National Library Board Annual Report FY 2018/2019 7 November 2019
S.L.	724	Supreme Court of Judicature (Geographical Indications) Rules 2019 12 November 2019

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S.L.	725	Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2019 12 November 2019
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S.	514	Corrigendum to Enterprise Singapore Annual Report 2018-2019 14 November 2019
Pres. Co.	146	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 28/2019] 20 November 2019
Pres. Co.	147	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Air Navigation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 27/2019] 20 November 2019
Pres. Co.	148	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 29/2019] 20 November 2019
Pres. Co.	149	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 34/2019] 20 November 2019
Pres. Co.	150	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 32/2019 (Amended)] 20 November 2019
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S.	515	MediFund Endowment Scheme Annual Report for FY 2018 (1 Apr 2018 to 31 Mar 2019) 25 November 2019
S.L.	726	Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2019 28 November 2019
S.L.	727	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2019 29 November 2019
S.	516	Corrigendum to LifeLong Learning Endowment Fund (LLEF) - Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2019 3 December 2019
S.	517	Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	518	Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
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S.	524	Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	525	Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	526	Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
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S.	530	Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	531	Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	532	West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2018/2019 5 December 2019
S.	533	HighWay (Revision No. 2) Code 2019 10 December 2019
S.L.	728	Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2019 10 December 2019
S.L.	729	Pioneer Generation Fund (Appeals Panel) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 10 December 2019
S.	534	Corrigendum to Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2018/ 2019 17 December 2019

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S.L.	730	Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2019 31 December 2019
S.L.	731	Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 31 December 2019
S.L.	732	Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2019 3 January 2020
