

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 6 MARCH 2023

No. 92

10.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider studying the estimated costs of providing the cash component of the Baby Bonus to single unwed parents.
- *2. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the last six months, how many local nursing homes have not been able to maintain the required ratio of care staff to residents for (i) Category I (ii) Category II (iii) Category III and (iv) Category IV residents respectively; and (b) what are the Ministry's plans to assist the nursing homes to meet the level of staffing and level of professional skills required.
- *3. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether he can explain the rationale for adjusting the Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD) rates for higher value properties on and after 15 February 2023; and (b) how does the imposition of a condition that the Option to Purchase has not been varied on or after 15 February 2023 before allowing the prevailing BSD rates on and before 14 February 2023 to apply help meet the policy consideration.
- *4. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the total value of the festive grant for 2023 contributed by the Lee Foundation that will be disbursed to Comcare recipients; (b) what are the qualifying criteria for receiving the grant; (c) how many recipients have benefitted from the grant; and (d) in the last five years, how many of such ad-hoc grants originating from private donors have been disbursed through the Ministry and what is their total value.

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- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the trends of youths radicalising via gaming, chat and social media platforms; and (b) what are the steps taken to strengthen the tracking and identification of extremist messaging and ideologies on such platforms.
- *6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the rationale for requiring both employers and doctors to submit an incident report after an occupational disease has been diagnosed but requiring only the employer to report a death or injury arising from a work-related or workplace accident.
- *7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether the Government issues guidelines on the use of local vernacular languages in wayfinding signs and public address systems within healthcare institutions and MRT stations to aid elderly Singaporeans.
- *8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the Government's plans to curtail cross-border scams given the enhanced connectivity to transfer money through real-time payments; and (b) how is the Government working with international financial and security organisations to prevent such cross-border scams from taking place.
- *9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider including in the section in HDB's website dedicated to addressing common queries from single parents to state that single unwed parents who are not eligible for interim housing under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS) can approach the HDB for assistance; (b) how many single unwed parents have applied for interim housing under the PPHS since 2021; and (c) what are the outcomes of the application.
- *10. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport in the last three years (a) how many applications for the (i) Taxi Driver's Vocational Licence (ii) Private Hire Car Driver's Vocational Licence (iii) Bus Driver's Vocational Licence (iv) Bus Attendant's Vocational Licence and (v) Omnibus Driver's Vocational Licence are rejected due to the criminal record of the applicants for offences other than rape, murder or kidnapping respectively; and (b) of these, how many appeals are received and how many are approved upon appeal.
- *11. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs as the second anniversary of the ASEAN Five-Point Consensus on the situation in Myanmar approaches, what is the Government's position regarding the recent suggestion of carving out Myanmar from ASEAN.

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- *12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for the past three years, how many housing assistance appeals were received from residents who were ineligible for public rental housing and cannot afford to rent from the open market; (b) what was the outcome of these appeals, including the percentage that were unsuccessful; (c) what were the alternatives provided; and (d) with the expansion of the Progressive Wage Model, whether the Ministry anticipates an increase in appeals and how it ensures that low-income workers have access to housing.

* 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.

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: 3 March 2023) (7th Allotted Day).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what proportion of our chicken meat products now come from Indonesia after last year's approval of Indonesian producers to export to Singapore; and (b) whether there are any plans to streamline import processes for more countries that export meats to Singapore.
2. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) to what extent does the global avian flu situation pose a threat to our local poultry and egg supply; and (b) how many recalls or suspensions of poultry products has the Singapore Food Agency implemented in the past three years.
3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the roles of the National Environment Agency (NEA) and other land management agencies such as Town Councils in rodent management measures; (b) how does NEA ensure that the other land management agencies follow up on their rodent management plans to effectively deal with the issue; and (c) what are the penalties when plans are not followed up.
4. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what lessons are incorporated in schools to teach students about the dangers of online scams; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider expanding financial literacy programmes in schools to include lessons on common banking services, practices, and safe habits on online banking.
5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the impending move of Anglo-Chinese School (Primary) to Tengah new town (a) whether there are plans for more of such schools to move to the suburban areas; and (b) what is the expected impact of housing and rental prices in such non-mature estates.
6. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans to deepen the Character and Citizenship Education curriculum in primary and secondary schools to encompass digital ethics and engagement in respectful and meaningful online civic discussions.

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7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development from 2019 (a) how many and what percentage of mothers took Government-Paid Childcare Leave (GPCL); (b) what is the average and median number of days of GPCL taken by mothers; (c) how many and what percentage of fathers took GPCL; and (d) what is the average and median number of days of GPCL taken by fathers.
8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower from 2021, what is the number and percentage of private companies that offer parent-care leave.
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PAPER PRESENTED

<i>2023</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S. L. 809	Land Betterment Charge (Table of Rates and Valuation Method) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 3 March 2023
