

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Defence what lessons can Singapore learn from the recent drone attack in Saudi Arabia and what is the Government doing to prevent and counter a similar potential attack in Singapore.
- *2. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of sudden incidences of disruption of Saudi Arabia's oil supply and the potential risk of such incidences happening (a) what is the impact on Singapore's economy; (b) how will this affect the prices of our electricity supply to consumers; and (c) how will this affect prices of petrol for motor vehicles.
- *3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry with regard to the recent attack on Saudi Arabia's oil production facility (a) what has been the impact on Singapore's oil imports from Saudi Arabia; (b) whether oil prices are expected to rise and impact inflation as a result of these attacks and their aftermath; and (c) what is being done to manage the risk of rising oil prices.
- *4. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the reasons and concerns leading to the cancellation of the Yale-NUS programme "Dialogue and Dissent in Singapore"; (b) whether the cancellation of the programme signals a more controlled and rigid education environment in our education institutes; and (c) whether this curtails academic freedom and the critical discourse necessary for academic richness and excellence in our education institutes.
- *5. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are clear rules on what topics and activities are or are not allowed in our autonomous universities.

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- *6. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the reasons for the cancellation of the "Dialogue and Dissent in Singapore" programme at Yale-NUS College; (b) whether and under what conditions political dissent and activism in the Singapore context is a legitimate topic of academic inquiry in our autonomous universities (AUs); and (c) what can be done to assure AU staff and students that they continue to have the academic freedom to responsibly and critically examine social and political issues in Singapore.
- *7. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with respect to the cancellation of the Yale-NUS "Dissent and Dialogue" course (a) whether he agrees that the course entails 'elements that may subject students to the risk of breaking the law and incurring legal liabilities'; (b) what laws may be broken and what kinds of legal liabilities may be incurred by (i) students (ii) faculty and (iii) institution; (c) whether the Ministry provides guidelines to academic institutions on such legal risks; and (d) what is the Ministry's position on online sentiments that having a course on dissent is an 'unpatriotic act' and the hate speech that is directed at Yale-NUS students.
- *8. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether and to what extent the Ministry regulates or monitors the political activities of student groups in our autonomous universities; (b) what are the guidelines or laws under which foreign students may participate in student activities which may have community, social, or political impact in Singapore; and (c) what can be done to assure students that they have the right to associate and act for political and social causes in Singapore responsibly and within the law.
- *9. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there are plans to reduce greenhouse emissions by industries; (b) how much fossil fuel is (i) imported into and (ii) refined in Singapore every year; (c) how do the volumes in (b) measure up against Singapore's annual carbon emissions; (d) how much percentage increase in carbon emissions is expected following an expansion of refinery facilities; and (e) what is the strategic plan to support industries to make the urgent shifts to changing market and consumer demands to promote climate crisis responsibility.
- *10. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development since the announcement of the increase in childcare subsidies (a) how many childcare operators have raised their fees; (b) what is the increase quantum; and (c) how much savings can be expected, taking into account the increment and subsidies.

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- *11. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how does the Government intend to assist parents who will not benefit from the recent increase in Government childcare subsidies, to cope with childcare fee hikes by the 220 childcare centres as well as possibly other childcare centres.
- *12. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the public feedback so far since the implementation of a ban on PMD use at void decks and common corridors at 15 towns on 1 September 2019; (b) whether the number of reported incidents has reduced since the implementation; and (c) whether the ban has had any impact on food and goods delivery during the last one month.
- *13. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the estimated cost of LTA's early disposal incentive for e-scooters which do not meet the UL2272 safety standard and who will bear such costs.
- *14. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport since the start of the mandatory registration of e-scooters in July 2019 (a) how many illegally modified e-scooters have been seized; (b) how does LTA keep check on e-scooter users who illegally modify their vehicles after being certified LTA-approved; and (c) whether the penalties will be enhanced for owners of illegally modified e-scooters.
- *15. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the death of a toddler in a Chin Swee Road flat (a) whether Government agencies and social service agencies could have picked up the death earlier; and (b) whether the rest of the siblings are in stable care arrangements.
- *16. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development why have Government agencies and the social services not been aware that the dead toddler recently found in a Chin Swee Road flat was missing for five years.
- *17. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development regarding the discovery of a child's body at Chin Swee Road, (a) whether the family was under the watch of any Ministry-appointed counsellor in view of the family situation; (b) if so, did the disappearance of the child raised any alert; and (c) if the Ministry has measures to verify the condition of children in such troubled families where parents are uncooperative, so as to detect potential abuse as early as possible.

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- *18. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the recent Chin Swee Road toddler death, whether the toddler's birth was registered and, if so, why Government agencies did not detect the child's absence from educational and other records in spite of the absence of a certificate of death.
- *19. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent detentions of three foreign domestic workers under the Internal Security Act (a) whether there is a need to review existing regulations and procedures in screening foreign workers who are permitted to work in Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will be coordinating with the Ministry of Manpower to enhance awareness of employers to identify radicalised behaviour in their workers.
- *20. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health how prepared are our health institutions to meet health issues that may arise from haze exposure.
- *21. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what measures are in place in hospital wards and nursing homes especially non air-conditioned ones to help vulnerable Singaporeans cope with the haze situation; and (b) whether the Ministry has haze management guidelines for healthcare institutions in Singapore.
- *22. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry has specific guidelines for public hospitals on protecting patients from the haze and whether all public hospital wards should be air-conditioned and fitted with air purification filters.
- *23. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will continue to keep the existing pricing of HDB BTO flats pegged against average income instead of market price in view of the recent raising of the income ceiling.
- *24. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the Ministry's plan to curb the increasing trend of scam cases; (b) how effective are the current public education efforts; and (c) how can the various stakeholders such as e-commerce companies, banks and the community play a part in preventing scam cases.

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- *25. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry has statistics regarding organisations or non-legally trained individuals who are advising clients on the drafting of wills; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to restrict, supervise or regulate non-lawyers and organisations that are not legally trained from dealing with the business of will drafting.
- *26. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the key criteria for SMEs to be selected for the Scale Up initiative; and (b) what is the likely number of companies that will benefit from this programme over the next 24 months.
- *27. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the latest mode share of public transport; (b) how have the shifts been in the last five years; and (c) how can the overall ridership of public transport be increased.
- *28. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the past five years, how many successful HDB rental flat applicants have exceeded the income eligibility threshold of \$1,500.
- *29. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for National Development how many applications to rent HDB flats under the Public Rental Scheme have been rejected because the applicants have exceeded the household income ceiling in the three years before the change in policy to make the criteria more flexible.
- *30. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government will review the policy regarding usage of the Post-Secondary Education Account (PSAE) to permit withdrawals for tertiary studies at private universities.
- *31. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the massive amount spent on private tuition, whether there have been any studies on why students rely on tuition and whether the Ministry has any plans to reduce students' reliance on tuition.
- *32. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the \$1.4 billion spent on private tuition by Singapore households in 2018 (a) whether the Ministry has concerns about this phenomenon; and (b) whether the Ministry allows current MOE teachers to give private tuition and, if so, what proportion of these teachers give private tuition now.

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- *33. 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.
- *34. Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the Public Transport Council's announcement of a fare increase of up to 7% in the 2019 fare review exercise (a) whether the Ministry intends to increase the quantum to be disbursed in the 2019 public transport voucher exercise; and (b) how does LTA ensure the financial sustainability of our public transport without degrading service standards when fare adjustments are not in tandem with the cost of operation.
- *35. Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) as of August 2019, what is the number of public rental flats that are not occupied; (b) what is the current number of accepted rental flat applicants on the wait list; and (c) what is the expected waiting period for an eligible applicant to be assigned a public rental flat.
- *36. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider building 1-room Flexi flats that are integrated with other flat types for singles who have a lower financial capability to purchase HDB flats.
- *37. Mr Cedric Foo Chee Keng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the achievements of the Overseas Singaporean Unit (OSU) since its formation in 2006.
- *38. Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the Media Literacy Council's guidelines regarding fake news, satire, parody and opinion; (b) how does the Council ensure that the media literacy curriculum and materials are age-appropriate for schools; and (c) what is the Ministry's overall media literacy plan for Singapore including that on matters under the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act.

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- *39. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how many copies of the "Get Smart with Sherlock" booklet on fake news have been printed; (b) how many copies have been distributed to students; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the current vetting processes for such material.
- *40. **Mr Cedric Foo Chee Keng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether he can provide an update on the efforts in strengthening a Singaporean talent pool in the local finance industry.
- *41. **Mr Ong Teng Koon:** To ask the Prime Minister whether there are plans to (i) re-invigorate the local equities and equities derivatives market and (ii) help the Singaporean worker in this sector to stay relevant with technological advances.
- *42. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can provide an update on the achievement of the Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE) programme and whether there is a need to evolve the current status of ACE.
- *43. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider constructing bollards in front of all bus stops to prevent vehicles ploughing into the bus stops and injuring people but yet allowing wheelchair users to pass through these bollards to board their buses.
- *44. **Mr Ong Teng Koon:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether he can provide an update on plans for bilateral military co-operation with China.
- *45. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) in the past three years, what is the number of complaint cases reported to the Do Not Call (DNC) registry; (b) how many of these complaint cases are repeated cases involving the same complainant's phone number; and (c) what actions have been taken against the perpetrators.
- *46. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the current employment trends and employment rates of Singaporeans between the ages of (i) 50 to 59 and (ii) 60 to 65 respectively; and (b) what are the policy measures and concerted efforts required to further improve the employment rate of senior Singaporeans.

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- *47. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) since 2016, what is the number as well as percentage of each cohort of teachers who have been offered re-employment upon reaching 62 years old; (b) whether there has been an increase in the number of teachers not being offered re-employment since the recent merger of schools; (c) what are the reasons for teachers who have reached the retirement age not being offered re-employment; and (d) whether there are excess teachers in the school system now.
- *48. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether subsidies can be provided for dyslexic students who wish to take the basic Chinese programme offered by the Dyslexia Association of Singapore; and (b) if not possible, what are the reasons for the non-provision.
- *49. **Ms Irene Quay Siew Ching:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether HSA is reviewing the temperature tolerable limits when conducting stability testing for pharmaceutical products, in view of global warming and temperatures in Singapore expected to hit 40 degree Celsius by 2045; and (b) whether the current stability testing limits at 30 degree Celsius is still valid, considering daily maximum temperatures frequently hitting above 34 degree Celsius.
- *50. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the cost of testing for dengue fever; and (b) whether there is any difference in the cost, before subsidy, of dengue fever tests at CHAS clinics, polyclinics or private clinics.
- *51. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the citizenship application process for a foreign baby or child adopted by a Singaporean; and (b) how long is the process expected to take.
- *52. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the number of cases and trend of re-employment disputes over the last three years and what were the main issues.
- *53. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the write-up on taking childcare leave on the Ministry's website, whether the Ministry will provide clearer definitions of (i) "matters that cannot be postponed" and to clarify whether child sickness falls under this category and (ii) "early notice" and to clarify the number of days or hours of notice that employees need to provide to their employers before taking childcare leave for matters that cannot be postponed.

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- *54. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to whom do the fruits of trees located on state/public land belong; and (b) what is the penalty for any person who (i) casually collects a fruit that has dropped from a tree grown on state/public land and (ii) actively plucks a fruit from a tree grown on state/public land respectively.
- *55. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider alternatives such as skybridges to connect flats without lifts on their floor to the next available lift if lifts on every floor remain non-feasible for the time being.
- *56. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider requiring divorce rulings that award shared care and control to also state which party is allowed to list the child as an essential occupier in their application to buy a subsidised HDB flat.
- *57. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the grace period allowed for vehicles stopping to drop-off and pick-up passengers at areas under camera surveillance before the drivers of those vehicles are deemed to have broken the law by waiting or parking illegally.
- *58. Dr Teo Ho Pin:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the progress of the upgrading works of the Bukit Panjang LRT system; and (b) what measures are taken to reduce the inconvenience caused to commuters during the upgrading period.
- *59. Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in each of the past five years, how many cases of sexual harassment/assault have happened in our mainstream schools, aggregated by the ages of the victims; and (b) what are the victim-care or counselling programmes available for the victims.
- 60. Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Education in each of the past five years (a) how many cases of bullying or aggression have been reported against students with disabilities or special needs in primary and secondary schools respectively; (b) what corrective actions have been taken against the perpetrators; and (c) what follow-up care and counselling approaches have been taken to help these victims.
- *61. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider increasing the MediSave withdrawal limit for patients who are undergoing follow-up treatments for cancer.

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- *62. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the cause of the contamination of ranitidine medicines has been identified; (b) what measures have been put in place to advise patients who have the drug to stop using them; and (c) whether there will be any compensation for replacement of these medicines.
- *63. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data regarding the prevalence and level of employer-related benefits for Singaporean and foreign employees, according to the skill level of the employee; and (b) whether any progress has been made, in conjunction with other stakeholders, to make health benefits for employees more portable.
- *64. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether local or independent studies or surveys have been carried out on workplace bullying in Singapore in light of the findings of the inaugural Kantar Inclusion Index.
- *65. **Prof Lim Sun Sun:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has considered the impact that the proposed reduction in the regularity of MRT trains during off-peak periods may have on steering people towards greater use of ride hailing and thus complicate efforts to encourage greater use of mass public transport.
- *66. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Ministry will review driver assistance technologies such as intelligent speed assistance, drowsiness and attention detection, lane-keeping assistance and event data recorders that have the potential to make our roads safer and to assess their implementation in Singapore.
- *67. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will temporarily increase the number of places for tertiary institutions for polytechnic, undergraduate, masters, PhD, and postgraduate programmes for Singaporeans in view of the economic slowdown.
- *68. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will form a multi-disciplinary panel of experienced doctors to look into the types of services and diagnoses that can be made through telemedicine in Singapore, given the concerns over the risk of wrongful diagnosis.
- *69. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether training programmes for caregivers are regulated to ensure participants are adequately trained to receive the necessary skills; (b) whether there are adequate professional training programmes to meet the needs of the elderly or those with special needs; and (c) whether subsidies and more support can be given for caregiving-related courses.

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- *70. Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to declining FDA inspections of factories outside of the US where much of the active ingredients for generic pharmaceuticals are manufactured (a) what is the impact on generic medications in Singapore; (b) how reliant is Singapore on FDA assessments and whether Singapore can have independent local inspections of medications; (c) what additional measures are in place to protect the quality of medications; and (d) how will the Ministry work with international health agencies to overcome this structural inspection problem.

* 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.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Transport:

Air Navigation (Amendment) Bill.

2. Minister for Home Affairs:

Home Affairs Uniformed Services Superannuation (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Home Affairs:

Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill.

4. Minister for Law:

Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.

5. Minister for Law:

Judges' Remuneration (Amendment) Bill.

6. Minister for Law:

Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Bill.

7. Second Minister for Finance:

Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill.

(President's recommendation signified).

8. Minister for Manpower:

Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 26/2019] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 2. Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 25/2019] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Assoc Prof Walter Theseira : A Liberal Education and Corruption of the
(Nominated Member) Youth of Singapore.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister what is the rationale for not providing childcare leave to parents on a per child basis.

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2. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether there is a need to strengthen regulations governing digital advisors in order to better protect the interests of Singaporean investors; (b) whether the current MAS guidelines have resulted in the establishment of adequate and robust frameworks by digital advisors to manage technology and cyber risks; and (c) what mechanism is in place for the Government to ensure compliance with the regulations and effective adoption of the guidelines.
 3. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Prime Minister on what date in August 2019 was the latest Electoral Boundaries Review Committee formed.
 4. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of more victims falling prey to scams (a) whether the Ministry can provide the age profiles of these victims; and (b) whether the Anti-Scam Centre can work with schools and institutes of higher learning in its outreach efforts.
 5. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Law of the 213 Protection Orders and 193 Expedited Protection Orders granted as of 31 December 2018 under the Protection from Harassment Act (a) what is the gender breakdown of applicants; and (b) how many are for cases of workplace harassment.
 6. **Ms Irene Quay Siew Ching:** To ask the Minister for Health whether community pharmacists are allowed to perform health screenings such as taking blood pressure readings or hypocount checks for the public in their pharmacies or at health events if they have an established flow to refer patients to nearby GPs for follow-up of abnormal readings.
 7. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the research findings that there are higher amounts of bacteria, including antibiotic resistant ones, in the air and bathroom surfaces where jet-air hand dryers are used compared to paper hand towels, whether there are plans to reduce the number of hand dryers in our hospitals, nursing homes and clinics and increase the provision of paper towels instead.
 8. **Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the measures to attract more students and healthcare professionals to specialise in geriatric medicine and other relevant specialties; and (b) how effective have these measures been so far.

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9. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the past five years, what is the annual average number of years of service among nurses who have left the service; (b) what are the efforts to encourage former nurses who have left service to return to nursing; and (c) how many former nurses have re-joined nursing under the Return to Nursing Programme since the programme was launched in 2010.
 10. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the healthcare sector has managed to fill the manpower gap of 30,000 more healthcare workers from 2015 to 2020; (b) what is the current shortfall of nurses; and (c) what is the adoption rate of flexi-working hours and part-time working arrangements among nurses.
 11. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siang:** To ask the Minister for Health how much have dental treatment charges risen in the last 10 years and what the Ministry is doing to stem the rising costs.
 12. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what has been the take-up rate of the ElderCarer Foreign Domestic Worker (FDW) Scheme which provides FDWs with comprehensive training in eldercare; and (b) whether there are plans to expand or develop the scheme to include training FDWs to care for people with special needs.
 13. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the economic and other benefits of hosting the F1 Singapore Grand Prix and whether there are continuing benefits for Singapore to host the race beyond 2021.
 14. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry since July last year (a) whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore has received any complaints about vendors who engaged in free gifts marketing techniques and, if so, whether actions have been taken under the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act; and (b) of these vendors who have not been censured, why not.
 15. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what has been the response to the walk-in selection of balance flats since its launch recently; and (b) whether HDB will consider allowing all balance flats to be available for application and selection on a daily basis instead of quarterly.

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16. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the average amounts of funds that seniors receive in CPF and cash by monetising their HDB flats through the Lease Buy Back Scheme; and (b) how has this scheme boosted their retirement adequacy whilst continuing to live out their retirement in their flats.
 17. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each of the last five years (a) what has been the mean and median mortgage service ratio (MSR) for those servicing mortgage loans for only a single HDB flat; and (b) how many HDB lessees have been allowed to exceed the MSR ceiling, if any.
 18. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past five years, what is the number of cases of illegal subletting in private properties; (b) whether there is a need to enhance the awareness of private property owners about illegal subletting; and (c) whether the Ministry has any plans to further strengthen the policing of illegal subletting and take stronger legal action against agents, tenants or landlords who illegally sublet their properties.
 19. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what measures will be implemented to help Singaporeans and residents cope with the worsening haze and air pollution; and (b) whether these measures will include the installation of air filter equipment in places frequented by the public, distribution of masks and public education on ways to minimise the impact on health.
 20. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how successful has the 2014 Transboundary Haze Pollution Act been in mitigating the annual threat of haze; (b) to date, how many successful cases have been investigated under the Act; (c) how many cases are currently under investigation; and (d) whether our neighbouring countries have been cooperative in providing assistance for investigation requests.
 21. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources in view of public feedback on the perceived "inaccuracies" of the 24-hr Pollutant Standards Index forecast currently used by NEA, whether the Ministry will consider adopting the hourly Air Quality Index now cast alongside the 1-hour PM2.5 concentration readings to assuage public concerns.
 22. **Mr Charles Chong:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources what is the number of companies and individuals who have been investigated and prosecuted under the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act since commencement of the Act in 2014.

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23. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what steps has Singapore taken to promote the sustainable production of palm oil, pulp, paper and other commodities from plantations so as to disincentivise plantation owners and farmers from using the slash and burn method of clearing land that causes transboundary haze; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness of these steps.
24. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources what steps have been identified to overcome the difficulty of gathering evidence against entities believed to have caused transboundary haze in contravention of the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014.
25. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether there are plans for the Government, businesses and the community to work hand-in-hand to distribute N95 masks to low-income and vulnerable seniors when the Pollutant Standards Index readings hits very unhealthy or hazardous levels.
26. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources what can Singapore do to make it commercially unviable for companies in the region to operate slash and burn tactics for clearing of land.
27. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources in light of the haze recurrence (a) whether measures and action plans implemented previously to help our neighbours are no longer effective; and (b) what is the action plan moving forward to help our neighbours prevent or reduce the hot spots for the long term.
28. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether NEA is able to identify any land owners in Indonesia who are responsible for the burning of forest land that causes haze and whether any prosecution action will be taken against these land owners.
29. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how the cost of haze pollution to Singapore can be estimated; and (b) what are the Government's estimates of previous years' cost impact arising from haze pollution on health, education and business.
30. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how effective has the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014 been in holding companies and individuals accountable for causing haze pollution; and (b) what is the number of perpetrators who have been prosecuted under the Act.

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31. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what are the haze assistance efforts extended to Indonesia this year; (b) how much of the assistance efforts have been accepted; and (c) what are the long-term collaboration plans with leaders in the region to mitigate transboundary haze.
 32. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources how can the Government minimise and manage the impact of haze on the public and the Government's policy in the distribution of the national stockpile of N95 masks.
 33. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) whether and to what extent the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act has been effective at addressing transboundary haze; (b) what is the progress on existing investigations under the Act of the four firms linked to the 2015 haze; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider strengthening the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act with financial incentives for whistleblowers who contribute substantially to the identification and prosecution of entities contributing to haze pollution.
 34. **Prof Lim Sun Sun:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources why there have been no prosecutions to date under the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014 despite the ample legal and evidentiary mechanisms available under the Act.
 35. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether he can provide an update on (i) the outlook for haze affecting Singapore in the months ahead (ii) diplomatic efforts to mitigate haze generation in Indonesia and (iii) domestic efforts to mitigate the public health impact.
 36. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what are the considerations behind NEA's decision to report air quality based on 24-hour PSI and 1-hour PM 2.5 readings; and (b) what is the Government's assessment of the utility of the above readings to the population vis-à-vis other indices or measures.
 37. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources how has the enactment of the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014 enhanced Singapore's response to transboundary haze pollution.

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38. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) in the past five years, which is the most common area that residents have neglected resulting in mosquito breeding; (b) how many areas are at common areas (i) outside their house and (ii) within their house respectively; and (c) how many houses have been forced open for inspection in the absence of a response from owners/tenants.
39. **Ms Irene Quay Siew Ching:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources what is the correct disposal method for household pharmaceutical waste consisting of cytotoxics, antibiotics and controlled drugs.
40. **Mr Ang Hin Kee:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry plans to align and standardise the colour codes of all recycling bins beyond housing estates to the shopping malls, hotels, offices and industrial estates for easy recall and identification as there is currently no consistency in how bins are labelled and can be confusing to users.
41. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources when will the NEA life cycle assessment study on plastics be made public in its entirety for the use of academics, professionals and the lay public so as to promote an evidence-based approach to climate solutions suited for the Singapore context.
42. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how many insect farms are currently located in Singapore; (b) what types of insects are currently allowed to be cultivated in Singapore; and (c) whether there are plans to allow for post-consumer food waste to be used for insect farming to help in recycling food waste.
43. **Ms Rahayu Mahzam:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources in light of the recent Singapore Climate Rally (a) what are the Ministry's plans to engage the climate enthusiasts in novel ways to raise awareness of high levels of overconsumption, waste reduction and our carbon footprint; and (b) whether the Ministry will also consider leveraging on this movement and lead the efforts in the region.
44. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the CPF Board will consider reviewing the payout duration for the CPF Retirement Sum Scheme such that CPF members can receive higher payouts.

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45. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the reasons why foreign instructors may conduct classes as a Work Pass Exempt Activity, provided that no administrative work is carried out; (b) what are the reasons for the exclusion of administrative work such as the setting and grading of assessment materials; and (c) whether this exclusion can be waived in cases where educational objectives can be strengthened through having the same instructor integrate teaching and assessment.
 46. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many needy families currently pay less than \$10 and \$5 per child respectively for their full-day childcare services; and (b) what are the qualifying conditions to receive this comprehensive subsidy.
 47. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the number of youth suicides, broken down into male and female youths, for the past two years.
 48. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year from 2011 to 2017, out of each cohort of children and young persons who enter a place of safety, what is the absolute number and percentage of them who subsequently enter (i) boys' or girls' homes or (ii) prison, respectively.
 49. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year from 2011 to 2017, what are the highest, lowest, mean and median numbers of children per social worker at places of safety.
 50. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many current caregivers have been given Special Approval for higher subsidy support for infantcare and childcare because they are not working or they are non-parent caregivers; and (b) what is the average higher subsidy support they receive.
 51. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each of the last five years (a) what is the average amount of cash savings per household member for households who receive (i) ComCare Short-to-Medium Term Assistance (STMA) and (ii) ComCare Long-Term Assistance (LTA) respectively; (b) what is the number and percentage of applications rejected for (i) STMA and (ii) LTA respectively due to the household's cash savings; (c) whether the amount of cash savings owned by the applicant is considered in assessing his ComCare application; (d) what is the maximum amount of cash savings per household member allowed; and (e) whether this is communicated publicly.

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- 52. Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development over the past five years (a) what is the number of Singaporeans and PRs who are suffering from food insecurity, broken down to different extents; (b) how does the Government measure food insecurity and why is this method chosen; (c) what is the total amount of social welfare budget spent on providing food support; (d) how many charities in Singapore provide food support, broken down by type of food support; and (e) what is the total estimated operating expenditure of these charities in providing food support.
- 53. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's position on commercial for-profit surrogacy and whether measures will be put in place to deter it.
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