FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020

No. 12

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS*

- *1. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how is the Ministry distributing the \$100 tourism vouchers digitally; (b) how will Singaporeans who do not know how to handle the digital tourism vouchers be taken care of; and (c) whether the Ministry will minimise fraud pertaining to the digital tourism vouchers.
- *2. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there are plans to help seniors utilise their SingapoRediscovers Vouchers especially seniors who are staying alone with little family and social support; and (b) what are the safeguards put in place to prevent unscrupulous individuals or companies from misappropriating these vouchers from the elderly.
- ***3. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the SingapoRediscovers Vouchers can be extended to arts-related activities such as festivals and stage plays given the link between the tourism industry and Singapore's ambitions to become a global cultural hub.
- *4. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the recent MRT breakdown on 14 October 2020 (a) whether there are sufficient business continuity plans and emergency preparedness exercises conducted on a regular basis to ensure that the relevant teams know what to do in the event of a power failure; and (b) how long has it taken for the crowd control process to kick in and what have been the measures implemented.

- *5. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Transport when buses or trains are stranded at peak hours (a) what are the protocols in place to ensure safe distancing measures and good ventilation for the commuters; (b) whether public transport workers are trained to guide commuters to safety and address their concerns; and (c) what are the lessons learned from the MRT disruption on 14 October 2020 with regard to crowd management and safe distancing measures and how will this be improved upon.
- *6. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what was the cause of the cable insulation fault which triggered the MRT disruption on 14 October 2020; (b) why did the circuit breaker in the vicinity of Tuas Link and Tuas West Road fail to isolate the cable insulation fault; and (c) why was the cable insulation fault not isolated before SMRT attempted to draw power from the Buona Vista intake station resulting in the power supply disruption to Circle Line.
- ***7. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) given its past experience, whether SMRT could have taken much less time to complete passenger recovery or evacuation during the MRT disruption on 14 October 2020; and (b) what were the reasons for the delay.
- ***8. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the key lessons arising from the MRT disruption of 14 October 2020 and what measures will be taken to ensure that similar future incidents will be avoided.
- ***9. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether autonomous universities can provide clear communications with their students whenever there are allegations of misconduct involving teaching staff and students so that students can be better protected.
- *10. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) to date, what is the total number of Singaporeans who have received the Workfare Income Supplement (WIS); (b) what is the range of the wage supplements; (c) what is the demographic breakdown of the recipients; and (d) what has been the impact of WIS on employment.
- *11. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the current number of Singaporeans who earn \$1,300 or less a month on a take-home basis, excluding employer and employee CPF as well as other deductions of income, for (i) full-time employment and (ii) part-time work or self-employment where their income will be \$1,300 per month or less on a take-home basis were it to be extrapolated to full-time equivalent work.
- ***12. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what will be the impact of wage cuts in the next 12 months given the recent announcement by the National Wages Council that employers can consider temporarily cutting workers' basic pay if necessary to stave off retrenchments.

- ***13.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether there are statistics pertaining to the ultimate beneficiaries of the Jobs Support Scheme by (i) income quintile (ii) race (iii) educational status and (iv) gender.
- *14. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance to date, what is (i) the total amount of funds disbursed and (ii) the total number of workers benefiting from the Jobs Support Scheme, with a breakdown of both numbers by industry sector.
- ***15.** Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what are the criteria and process to prefer charges for capital offences.
- *16. Miss Cheng Li Hui: To ask the Minister for Health regarding the lapses in COVID-19 sample testing (a) whether the Ministry audits the standard operating procedures of the laboratories in order to prevent future lapses; (b) to date, how many incidents have been reported to the Ministry; and (c) how does the Ministry intend to further strengthen the COVID-19 testing framework.
- *17. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there have been any reported or suspected cases of 'long COVID' cases in Singapore; and (b) if so, how many cases have been reported.
- *18. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the TraceTogether tokens have been distributed to all seniors; and (b) how does the Smart Nation and Digital Government Office ensure that citizens without smart phones and who have not been able to collect the TraceTogether token are able to access cinemas.
- *19. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how often do NEA and SFA conduct checks on the hygiene of food stalls and catering licensees; (b) whether these have been affected by the circuit breaker measures; and (c) what steps are taken to work with food stall licensees to improve cleanliness and hygiene standards when such stalls are faced with licence suspensions.
- *20. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past five years, what is the annual number of neighbour-dispute cases received by HDB; and (b) whether there has been an increase in such dispute cases due to the COVID-19 pandemic and telecommuting work arrangements.
- *21. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth when will a timeline on the review of the Community Dispute Management Framework be made available.

- *22. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Manpower what measures the Ministry has taken in ensuring emotional and mental health wellness in workplaces.
- ***23. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans to include mental health services in the polyclinics to be open to walk-ins, rather than through referrals or on an appointment basis, to reduce treatment delay of mental healthcare in the community.
- *24. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs since the decriminalisation of suicide in 2019 (a) how many cases of suicide have been recorded; (b) in how many cases of attempted suicide have the police and SCDF intervened to help such persons as part of the safeguards put in place upon the abolishment of the criminal offence of attempting suicide; and (c) how has the decriminalisation of attempted suicide improved the situation for persons tempted to commit suicide.
- ***25. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether HDB will consider extending the grace period of free parking to 30 mins for appointed private vehicles escorting or ferrying persons with disabilities from their homes to a medical facility and back.
- *26. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) over the last three years, what is the monthly utilisation rate of private hire cars versus taxis; and (b) whether the Ministry has plans to regulate the private hire car and taxi population to be in line with Singapore's vision to be carlite.
- *27. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the respective number of active private hire car drivers and taxi drivers compared to the respective number of holders of private hire car driver's vocational licence and taxi driver's vocational licence; and (b) for private hire car drivers, what is the breakdown based on (i) full-time versus parttime drivers (ii) Singaporeans versus non-Singaporeans and (iii) drivers below the age of 30.
- *28. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, how many QR code scams have been reported; (b) how are the authorities stepping up on action against such crimes; and (c) what are the Ministry's efforts to increase awareness of QR code scams, in particular among the seniors.
- *29. Miss Cheng Li Hui: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past year, how many scam victims have been children/teens aged 17 and below; (b) what are the common scams targeting children; (c) what are the measures taken to mitigate this problem; and (d) whether there is a legal liability on parents when their children are found to have an account on an online platform despite not meeting the legal age of use.

- ***30. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the current percentage of children who enter Primary 1 without completing at least three years of preschool (including nursery, kindergarten 1 and kindergarten 2).
- ***31. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the number of primary and secondary school students who still do not have access to digital devices to do home-based learning (HBL); and (b) what are the available schemes to ensure that children from less fortunate families have sufficient access to digital devices to do HBL.
- ***32. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether Workfare Special Payment 2020 can be considered for workers who hold multiple jobs with each job salary within \$2,000; and (b) if so, can the same criteria be extended for eligibility of future Workfare Income Supplement.
- ***33. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance between 2000 to 2020 (a) how many property owners have been taxed with non-owner-occupier property tax rates when they were in fact residing in their own homes; (b) what is the total amount of excess tax paid; (c) why is it necessary for a property owner to declare that he is the owner occupying the property in order to enjoy owner-occupier tax rates instead of these rates being applied by default; and (d) whether IRAS will refund property owners the excess tax paid, even if the incorrect tax rates were discovered after they had moved out of their properties.
- ***34. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry with the setting up of Singapore's first car-making plant (a) how many jobs will be created by this venture; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to grow the electric and autonomous driving industries in the longer term.
- ***35. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim**: To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to mandate the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the car parks of public and private residential properties.
- ***36. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is driving the recent demand for landed and private properties in Singapore; (b) how are banks scrutinising the loan applicants under the current economic climate; and (c) whether there is a risk of a property bubble with the current market demand.

- ***37. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB monitors the number and severity of BTO flat defects associated with particular contractors in particular developments, both during and after the one-year defects liability period; (b) whether HDB takes into account the number and severity of defects caused by particular contractors in prior developments when awarding future contracts; and (c) if so, how much weight is accorded to such defects when awarding future contracts.
- ***38. Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many persons with disabilities (PWDs) are currently employed and how many PWDs are looking for employment; (b) how many employers currently have PWDs in their employ; (c) what further support can be extended to employers to encourage them to employ more PWDs; and (d) what further support can be extended to families of PWDs.
- ***39. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry is reviewing the eligibility criteria for the distribution of grants based on per capita income per household whereby the 'household' is defined by unique address; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering alternative ways of distributing support grants that can account for breadwinners supporting family members beyond the immediate household so that the sandwiched generation can be assisted through these difficult times.
- *40. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether flexibility may be exercised to extend the Self-Employed Income Relief Scheme (SIRS) to Singapore citizens who originally ran businesses as self-employed persons but later injected their businesses into companies incorporated by them with no employees; and (b) if not, what other schemes may be extended to this group of Singaporeans who are affected by the economic downturn brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic but who do not receive the benefit of SIRS, Jobs Support Scheme or COVID-19 Support Grant.
- *41. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the median age of a first-time recipient of a subsidised hearing aid; and (b) what is the median, 10th percentile, and 90th percentile operational lifespan of a subsidised hearing aid device.
- *42. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many applications for drug subsidy does the Drug Advisory Committee receive every year and how many of these applications are successful; (b) how many patients have received drug subsidies every year under the Medication Assistance Fund Plus scheme since it was introduced in 2011; and (c) whether the Ministry has conducted any review of the current framework for drug subsidy since the Standard Drug List Gap Analysis Project in 2007.

- *43. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many foreign domestic workers (FDWs) and what proportion have tested positive for COVID-19; (b) what is the estimated prevalence of COVID-19 among FDWs; and (c) what precautions are in place to (i) minimise FDWs' exposure to COVID-19 and (ii) protect FDWs from becoming carriers of COVID-19, whether as newly arrived FDWs or as in-Singapore transfer FDWs.
- *44. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the "30 by 30" goal to secure Singapore's food needs (a) how many HDB rooftop farming sites does SFA intend to set up in the next ten years; (b) what is the expected yield from these sites; and (c) whether SFA will consider incorporating in the tenders for these sites a requirement to engage the community as well.
- *45. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past 12 months, how many rental or temporary housing have been offered for individuals undergoing divorce proceedings or a division of matrimonial assets; and (b) whether HDB will consider a structured scheme to allow access to temporary housing or rental flats to individuals in such circumstances.
- *46. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to look into the carrying capacity of our green and blue spaces and how trash can be better managed on our Southern Islands given that more Singaporeans have been visiting these nature parks.
- *47. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what public education efforts has the Ministry undertaken to educate pedestrians and other users of public paths on the pedestrian code of conduct which enforcement has started in August 2020; and (b) whether footpath ambassadors will be deployed to increase public knowledge of the code of conduct in order to prevent rider-pedestrian accidents.
- *48. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the investment mandate for EDBI; (b) what has been the number of investments made to date; (c) at what stages are these investments currently in; and (d) what is the value that the portfolio companies have contributed to Singapore.
- *49. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) apart from EDB and ESG forming their own investment funds, whether there are any other statutory boards that have plans to launch their own venture capital offshoots; and (b) what is the rationale for launching the funds if there are plans to do so.

- ***50. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye**: To ask the Minister for Manpower between July and October 2020, whether the number of workplace accidents and workplace injuries have increased as more workers begin to return to their workplaces.
- ***51. Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether entry into Singapore can be accorded to foreigners to allow them specifically to register their marriages with their fiance/fiancee who are Singapore citizens at the Registry of Marriages provided that they adhere to the prevailing health checks and quarantine measures as prescribed.
- ***52. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information under the Hawkers Go Digital programme, what is the total amount of incentives disbursed to date to the hawkers who have adopted digital payment.
- ***53. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how does the Government protect patients from being subjected to unnecessary optional medical screenings; and (b) how many cases of abuse or fraudulent medical claims have been detected in the past five years.
- ***54. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry is aware of any scientific studies which suggest that the Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening will negatively affect the success rates of embryo implantation, pregnancy, and live births for people who go through in-vitro fertilization (IVF).
- ***55. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education under the SGUnited Skills programme, what provisions have been made to cater for potential applicants who are not conversant in English and whether some of the courses and training schemes can be offered in mother tongue languages.
- ***56. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how many seniors have been placed under Adult Protective Services since the scheme began and what efforts are made to work with the families of such seniors to make them more care-ready.
- ***57. Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the recent case of a babysitter found guilty of poisoning two infants (a) what are the regulatory requirements to be a home-based babysitter in Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will look into regulating home-based caregiving services to protect infants and children from harm.

- ***58. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the progress of work by the Fair Tenancy Pro Tem Committee; (b) how can the Government help facilitate a win-win partnership between tenants and their landlords to strengthen collaboration and increase the vibrancy and competitiveness of Singapore's retail, food and beverage, and lifestyle sectors; and (c) whether the Government is considering a regulatory and compliance framework as a tool to support a fair code of conduct.
- ***59. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he can provide an update on the progress of the Rare Disease Fund.
- ***60. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the volume and frequency of pre-recorded public announcements on MRT trains and in MRT stations can be reduced to give commuters a quieter travel experience and minimise their need to speak loudly, thus reducing the spread of airborne viruses.
- *61. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether buskers can start busking again; (b) if so when; and (c) if not, why not.
- *62. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what data fields will be collected by the new ERP system; (b) where will the data be stored; (c) how will the data will be anonymised and at which point in the data collection process will it be anonymised; (d) who will have access to both the non-anonymised and anonymised data; (e) what protocols are put in place to ensure that the data will not be mishandled and will remain securely held; and (f) under what circumstances can the data be accessed by other parties.
- ***63. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry can include a specific category of "secondhand smoke from neighbour" on NEA's online feedback form to accurately capture the amount of concerns on this issue.

* 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 <u>within one hour</u> 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 Home Affairs:

Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Bill.

2. Second Minister for Law:

Statute Law Reform Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 38/2020] (Second Minister for Finance) Second Reading.
- 2. Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 39/2020] (Second Minister for Finance) Second Reading.
- **3.** COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill [Bill No. 43/2020] (Second Minister for Law) Second Reading.
- 4. Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 36/2020] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many merchants and hawkers have signed up for the Community Development Council Voucher scheme; and (b) what is the rate of redemption thus far.
- 2. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance out of the \$5.9 billion in household transfers disbursed to Singapore residents in various COVID-19 support schemes (a) what is the percentage breakdown of the value of transfers by household income level of those who receive them; and (b) what is the average amount received by each household member in different household income level groups.
- **3. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether there are targets by the SAF on carbon emissions and sustainability and whether the SAF can commit to sharing progress on these targets annually.

- 4. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Ministry could provide an update on the efforts to raise awareness about Arctic issues in Singapore; and (b) whether future campaigns can include the impact of melting polar ice caps on Singapore's maritime sector.
- 5. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many Singaporean babies were born between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2020, with a breakdown by numbers per month.
- 6. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past five years, how many drug offenders have returned to drug consumption after release from rehabilitation more than once; (b) how effective is the new drug test through diagnosis of hair instead of urine to identify the repeated offenders; and (c) what are the measures taken to prevent offenders returning to drug consumption.
- 7. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to national registration records (a) what is the rationale for recording western names with their surnames (last names) listed first; and (b) whether this can give the misimpression that Singapore is unaware of personal name order conventions around the world.
- 8. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether Singapore passports can clearly indicate the surname (or the patronym or matronym) of the passport holder to avoid confusion and ambiguity when the passport is presented at foreign immigration checkpoints or when completing official documents.
- **9. Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Mental Wellness Taskforce will look into implementing structured, comprehensive strategies to reduce the costs of mental healthcare in both the public and private sectors; (b) whether there will be a review of the MediShield and MediSave claim limits for mental health conditions; and (c) how is the Ministry working with social welfare organisations to help them cope with increased demand for mental health care support.
- **10. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there is a national dementia plan under development; (b) whether there are any plans to expand testing for dementia for seniors deemed at risk; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider expanding subsidy support to middle-income families for dementia care.
- **11. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what are the service standards required for telecommunication operators and whether these service standards are able to accommodate those who are less tech savvy such as those who are elderly.

- 12. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) since 2019, how many complaints have been made to the Do Not Call registry; (b) how many complaints related to unlicensed moneylending messages and calls; and (c) how many complaints relate to illegal betting or gambling opportunities.
- **13. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether domestic non-recyclable waste disposal rates have increased significantly in the past six months due to work-from-home arrangements; and (b) whether domestic recycling rates have increased in tandem.
- 14. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) over the past 10 years, how many funeral wakes have taken place in HDB void decks annually; (b) whether any forecast has been done for future trends; and (c) what is being done in light of Singapore's ageing population to ensure adequate facilities and community spaces for bereaved families to hold funeral wakes in future years.
- 15. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the success rate of applications for the Temporary Bridging Loans; (b) what are common reasons for the loans to be rejected; and (c) given that the Government bears 70% of the risk share in the Temporary Bridging Loan programme, whether the success rate for loan applications can be improved further.
- 16. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has oversight over how training service providers select eligible Singaporeans and permanent residents for the SGUnited Skills Programme where there is an oversubscription for the programme with that provider.
- 17. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the performance management system of stack ranking, what are the measures taken today to train school leaders and heads of departments on principles of fair and objective ranking.
- **18. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the care options for family caregivers of special needs children to get respite care and whether there are plans to expand these options.
- **19. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each of the last five years, how many and what percentage of children who are differently abled have not had access to the Development Support and Learning Support programmes.

- **20. Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport regarding SIA launching non-stop flights to USA (a) what are the current travel arrangements between Singapore and USA; (b) whether there are plans for green lanes or special travel arrangements with USA; and (c) what are the COVID-19 precautionary measures for inbound passengers from USA including returning Singaporeans, considering the high infection rates in USA.
- 21. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can introduce more flexibility in employing foreigners as chefs especially where the cuisine is specific and unique to a certain country.
- 22. Mr Leon Perera: To ask the Minister for Manpower how does the Ministry work with trade associations, chambers of commerce and professional bodies to run career events, provide career advice and produce online career resources to support job seekers within their respective professions in their job-seeking efforts.
- **23. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of private residential property transactions entered into by Singaporean purchasers over the last 10 years, what is the annual breakdown of purchasers by (i) marital status and (ii) age bands in five-year intervals.
- 24. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of HDB BTO flat purchases and HDB resale transactions for each flat size, what is the respective breakdown of the purchasers by age bands in five-year intervals over the last 10 years.
- **25. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the last 10 years, what is the annual number of successful BTO flat applicants who cancelled their flat applications after booking a flat, broken down by the applicants' eligibility scheme and reasons for cancellation.
- 26. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of the Council for Estate Agencies' Real Estate Salespersons Examinations (a) what is the annual number of students who take the examinations since the examinations were started; (b) of this, what is the annual percentage of students who (i) pass the examinations and (ii) are above 60 years old; and (c) of those above 60 years of age, what is the annual percentage who pass the examinations.

27. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what has been the most recent data on the outstanding housing loans pending approval or have been approved for repayment deferments; (b) what are the respective proportions owed to banks and HDB; and (c) what are the demographics of the segment of population who require these deferments.

PAPERS PRESENTED

	2020		Date Presented
S.	87	Land Transport Authority Annual Report 2019/20 and Land Transport Authority of Singapore and its Subsidiaries Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2020	 30 October 2020
S.	88	Productivity Fund Administration Board FY2019 Annual Report	 30 October 2020
S.	89	Workforce Singapore Agency Annual Report 2019/2020	 2 November 2020