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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS\*

- \*1. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the circumstances under which the Silver Support payout quantum may be reduced for beneficiaries; and (b) whether there are ways by which changes may be better explained to reduce the anxiety and other negative consequences for the seniors who are unaware or do not expect the drop.
- \*2. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Government will consider implementing a tiered pricing schedule, aligned with tiered Stay-Home Notice Dedicated Facilities so as to offer inbound travellers a choice of accommodation that is commensurate with their affordability and level of comfort.
- \*3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the Ministry's plans for Singapore to ease out of Phase Three; (b) what are the specific criteria that must be fulfilled for the current Phase Three restrictions to be lifted; and (c) whether a certain vaccination rate must be achieved before we can explore an exit from Phase Three.
- \*4. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the influence of online falsehood differs according to age groups; and (b) whether there are targeted plans to reach out to seniors in developing their digital and media literacy in combating deliberate online falsehoods.

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- \*5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry with the rescheduling of the World Economic Forum (WEF) to August 2021 (a) how has this impacted Singapore's plans and preparations for the event; (b) what are the measures in place to reduce the likelihood of further postponement; and (c) how will the Government address the challenges and concerns faced by WEF to ensure the conference proceeds as planned.
- \*6. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the number of polytechnic graduates who dropped out from the SGUnited Traineeships Programme; and (b) what are the reasons for the drop-outs.
- \*7. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the outcomes of the pilot Care Close to Home service model for the elderly frail and home bound residents in HDB public rental estates.
- \*8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government will consider introducing a mandatory heritage impact assessment regime for sites that are deemed by a reasonable number of not-for-profit organisations or members of the public to be of heritage value (including those not designated as monuments or conserved areas) when they are proposed for redevelopment or change in land use; and (b) how does URA's Planning Department and other statutory boards work with the National Heritage Board to integrate heritage considerations in planning processes in addition to the work of URA's Conservation Department.
- \*9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can allow any patient regardless of prognosis to participate in the pilot for Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS) so as to increase the number of patients enrolled under the pilot study.
- \*10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the average cost for participating in the pilot for Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS); and (b) whether the Ministry can consider completely subsidising these costs so as to increase the number of patients enrolled under the pilot study.
- \*11. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the peer support network programmes in schools and institutions of higher learning; and (b) what has been the efficacy of these programmes.

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- \*12. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any survey or review on the effectiveness of existing pilot sexuality programmes offered in special education schools; (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to expand these programmes to all special needs schools; and (c) what support is available for parents and caregivers of children and young persons with disabilities to discuss sexuality issues in a sensitive and age-appropriate manner.
- \*13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether NParks will be taking any follow-up actions following an NParks-funded study titled “Restricted human activities shift the foraging strategies of feral pigeons (*Columba livia*) and three other commensal bird species”; and (b) if so, what are these actions.
- \*14. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider allowing some of the multi-storey car parks in Fernvale constituency to be used for urban farming by residents.

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### ORDER OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (16 February 2021) (2<sup>nd</sup> Allotted Day)*, “That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.”.  
– (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the exclusion of single unwed parents from receiving the Parenthood Tax Rebates and the Working Mother’s Child Relief has had a measurable impact on reducing the rate of single unwed parenthood; and (b) if so, what are the findings on the reduction rate of single unwed parenthood.

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2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many children and young persons aged 18 years and below and persons between 19 and 25 years old respectively at the time of detention have been detained under the Internal Security Act in the past 10 years; and (b) what is the median number of years the persons in each age group have been detained.
  3. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) what is the current process to assist (i) less technologically savvy individuals (ii) less language-able and (iii) persons with disabilities, in applying for the administration of CPF money after the death of a family member; (b) what is the rationale for the fees charged by the Public Trustee in the administration of un-nominated CPF money being non-waivable; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider waiving these fees or charging a flat fee for individuals/households below a defined income and property value threshold.
  4. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the prevalence of paternal postnatal depression (PPND) in Singapore; (b) what are the current efforts to identify and diagnose PPND; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider implementing policies to raise awareness about PPND and provide greater support to individuals at-risk of, or diagnosed with, PPND.
  5. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry intends to (i) increase the number of dementia-friendly communities (DFCs) beyond 15 to provide greater community-based support and (ii) expand the number of on-demand, home-based interventions as an alternative to care centres, to allow persons with dementia to live more independently and relieve caregiver stress.
  6. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether a study has been conducted on the effectiveness of gradually increasing the minimum legal age for smoking in reducing the prevalence of youth smoking and, if not, whether the Ministry will consider conducting one; and (b) how has the Ministry supported youths, unable to smoke legally following the raising of the minimum legal age for smoking on 1 January 2021, to quit smoking.
  7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what data has the Ministry collected in its study on the demand and need for more night-time childcare services; (b) what are the Ministry's findings from the study; and (c) when will the study be concluded if it has not already been concluded.

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8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past five years, how many queries related to waitlist position for preschools has the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) received; and (b) whether ECDA will consider introducing a requirement that preschools tell parents their queue position on the waitlist.
  9. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the average cost per metre and average construction duration of building sheltered walkways; and (b) what are the criteria that LTA uses in deciding on the feasibility of constructing sheltered walkways.
  10. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the average cost and average duration of constructing lifts at pedestrian overhead bridges.
  11. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower over the past five years, what is the breakdown of CPF members without a nomination at the time of their death by (i) age (ii) education level and (iii) household per capita income.
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