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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS*

- *1. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry with regard to the upcoming Sungei Kadut Ecodistrict (a) whether JTC has performed any environmental baseline study (EBS) or environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the development; (b) if so, whether the outcome of the study/assessment can be made public; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider mandating all future similar industrial park developments to have EIA or EBS conducted with public consultations with various stakeholders.
- *2. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether environmental baseline studies or environmental impact assessments are currently done for all industrial developments.
- *3. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what criteria need to be met before the installation of speed cameras for roads; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider installing them where speeding takes place often especially at locations where these incidents occur mostly at night.
- *4. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) other than the SG Fresh Produce Label, what efforts are in place to increase demand for locally grown produce; and (b) how many local companies have successfully applied for the label.

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- *5. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the total carbon emissions generated by the ride-hailing industry in Singapore (i) in value terms and (ii) as a proportion of the total carbon emissions of the land transport sector; and (b) whether the Government has plans to support or require the transition to electric vehicles in the ride-hailing industry, perhaps starting with rental fleet partners of ride-hailing operators.
- *6. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information regarding the Government's requests to Facebook for information on accounts from January to June 2020 (a) what is the reason for the increase in the number of requests to 759 from 315 during the same period in 2019; and (b) how many requests are not related to serious offences as defined in the Seventh Schedule of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.
- *7. **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.
- *8. **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.
- *9. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether government economic agencies seek to educate Singapore-based businesses on sanction requirements when doing business abroad especially in high-risk countries; and (b) what actions government economic agencies will take to encourage local companies to avoid violation of sanctions including secondary sanctions.
- *10. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the current ratio of male pre-school teachers to female pre-school teachers; and (b) whether there are plans to increase the number of male pre-school teachers.
- *11. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past three years, how many appeals have been made for waiver of resale levy by (i) seniors who are applying for 2-room Flexi flats and (ii) single parents who form a family nucleus with their children; and (b) how many of such appeals have been successful.

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- *12. **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.
- *13. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether he can provide an update on the number and proportion of Government documents that are more than 25 years old and hence part of the public archives contained in the publicly accessible National Archives Online; and (b) what are the factors that the National Archives takes into account when choosing whether or not to give researchers access to such documents which already constitute ‘public archives’.
- *14. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) over the past five years, what proportion of REACH public consultations have had their results (or a summary thereof) made open to the public; (b) whether the full findings (as opposed to the summary) of these public consultations are made available to independent researchers; and (c) what is the average length of time for which consultations are run.
- *15. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how are schools ensuring that all outdoor education and activities are conducted with the participants’ safety at the top of their minds; and (b) how are all personnel including external vendors who plan and conduct such activities accredited and assessed periodically for safety training.
- *16. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry conducts periodic reviews of third-party vendors’ safety records especially for those organising physical activities; and (b) whether the Ministry obtains feedback from students and teachers on the safety protocols of such vendors.
- *17. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are (i) the amount of fare revenues that have been generated by the Thomson-East Coast Line (TEL) since the opening of phase 1 of the MRT line and (ii) the amount of service fees paid to the rail operator in the same period; and (b) whether the rail operator is profitable in relation to the TEL.

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- *18. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether a review of the New Rail Financing Framework is being undertaken; (b) what are the considerations behind the review to ensure a financially sustainable rail network; and (c) when is such a review expected to be completed given continued losses for the two rail operators.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (16 February 2021) (3rd 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).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (Paper Cmd. 5 of 2021) – Committee of Supply (*1st Allotted Day*).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 3 dated 26 February 2021.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Prime Minister whether there can be a one-stop platform for family members or legal representatives of deceased persons to obtain the deceased's list of insurance policies and financial accounts on producing the death certificate and required legal documents in order to facilitate post-death financial administration matters.
2. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the principles, guidelines and considerations to ensure that law enforcement officers use appropriate and proportionate force; (b) what are the principles, guidelines, considerations and training on de-escalation provided to law enforcement officers; (c) what are the regular mechanisms for review for policies regarding the above and how often do they take place; and (d) whether there can be regular public reporting to Parliament on aggregated and anonymised data on police use of force.

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3. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there are any public education efforts on the common guidelines and procedures for law enforcement officers to capture suspects in public, including the appropriate amount of force that is to be used; and (b) what recourse and remedies are available should the public witness or experience law enforcement officers acting in ways that are not in line with stated guidelines or common procedure.
 4. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how does the Ministry currently educate cyclists on Section 11A of the Road Traffic (Bicycles) Rules which mandates lights on bicycles on roads between 7 pm and 7 am the following day; and (b) whether there are any enforcement efforts in relation to this to improve road safety for both motorists and cyclists.
 5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider requiring doctors to provide medical certificates to husbands accompanying their wives for In-vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatments at public hospitals.
 6. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there has been an increase in postpartum complications, infant health, and mental health issues during the COVID-19 pandemic due to factors such as the limited availability of family support and hired caretakers; and (b) if so, what are the steps that have been taken by the Ministry to address this issue.
 7. **Ms Raeesah Khan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the status of the Government's review on mental health strategy; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider (i) greater decentralisation of mental healthcare to improve accessibility and (ii) offering semi-inpatient services to allow for greater patient autonomy.
 8. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will review the necessity of the 5% co-payment in Integrated Shield Plans for only specific hospital categories that have demonstrated unsustainable medical cost increases instead of allowing insurers to impose the requirement across all categories.
 9. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health how can the Ministry safeguard the interests of policyholders against insurance companies who change the terms and conditions of full-cover Integrated Shield Plans signed prior to 8 March 2018.

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10. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health between 2015 and 2020, what is the increase in average claims made through full riders of Integrated Shield Plans covering (i) private hospitals (ii) Class A wards in restructured hospitals and (iii) Class B1 wards and below in restructured hospitals respectively.
 11. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether legal vehicular noise limits in residential areas can be lowered from the current 103 decibels in order to be made comparable to the 75-decibel limit for construction sites near residential areas.
 12. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of sexual harassment and assault cases that have occurred over the last few years involving young people, how are the notions of respect and consent taught in the Ministry's sexuality education curriculum.
 13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider imposing a moratorium on declawing cats and debarking dogs and monitor whether pet euthanasia rates change during this moratorium to study the relationship between such practices and pet euthanasia.
 14. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the rationale for HDB to limit the maximum unladen/laden weight of commercial vehicles to less than 2,000 kg if the vehicles are able to fit into a standard parking lot whereas such weight requirements are not applicable to passenger vehicles; and (b) whether HDB will consider raising the maximum weight limit to minimise the inconvenience to residents driving such vehicles.
 15. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development based on the HDB Sample Household Survey 2018, what is the percentage of respondents in each age group who indicated "aspire for better housing", as further broken down into "larger than current flat type", "private property" and "from rental flat to sold flat".
 16. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how often maintenance checks are conducted on senior fitness corners and playgrounds in public estates, in particular those located near childcare services and schools; and (b) whether there are plans to utilise more inclusive design efforts for persons with different abilities and needs in these community spaces.
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