

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS*

- *1. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there are efforts to work with other Ministries on youth mental health awareness amongst parents and on equipping parents with mental health awareness and response skills to better support children and youths in the environment of their own homes.
- *2. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how frequently does NParks check its trees to ensure that they are in a healthy condition and not prone to falls; and (b) whether there is a safety check regime in place for parks under the charge of NParks to ensure that our parks remain safe for users.
- *3. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current inspection routine and procedure to ensure that trees in public areas are safe from tree rot, infestation and tree failure that can potentially cause a loss of life; (b) whether there are sufficient resources allocated to conduct these inspections; and (c) what are the scenarios that will cause a healthy tree to fail within nine months after its inspection.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education what efforts are being undertaken to ensure a strong availability of industrial attachments and internships for students of institutes of higher learning in future-ready industrial sectors including sectors in greentech, urban farming and artificial intelligence.

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- *5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Law for Temporary Occupation Licences (TOLs) issued for continued occupation by owners of properties that are already acquired by and reverted to the Government and which are not required for immediate development (a) what are the considerations behind the decisions for (i) renewal or termination of TOLs and (ii) duration of each TOL term; (b) whether the occupants are consulted in such decisions; (c) whether there is a standard process for public interest like heritage value or community impact to be taken into consideration in these decisions; and (d) whether TOLs can be passed on from a deceased family member to surviving relatives.
- *6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the six-month pilot programme by SMRT Taxis to progressively equip its fleet of 2,800 taxis with booster seats for young children; and (b) whether the pilot will be extended to all taxis companies.
- *7. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB housing loan eligibility can be computed based on applicants' higher income prior to their being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and re-adjusted, if need be, prior to their key collection.
- *8. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to increase the number of URA season parking tickets for our heavy vehicle parks especially at towns where there is more demand and new applicants are placed on waitlists.
- *9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can extend the Assisted Reproduction Technology co-funding scheme to couples where the wife is 40 years or older at the point of marriage.
- *10. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs of the average of 24,255 applications received each year from Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) holders who requested for the renewal of their pass through non-spousal sponsorship (a) what is the breakdown by relationship to sponsor; (b) what is the approval rate for each category and what are the common reasons for rejection; and (c) what are the circumstances under which LTVP holders married to Singaporean citizens can seek sponsorship from other Singaporean citizens.

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- *11. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many appeals does HDB receive each year for reduction of the minimum occupation period due to changes in homeowners' income situations and need to downsize before five years is up; (b) whether there is an upward trend in 2020 due to loss of jobs and income; and (c) whether there are any efforts by HDB to provide financial counselling to young couples when they apply for their first flat.
- *12. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how do the existing mechanism and enforcement ensure that adequate cybersecurity measures are taken by companies that are in possession of customer data; and (b) what are the follow-up procedures after a loss of data is detected.
- *13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can consider extending the pilot for the Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening to private clinics so as to increase the number of patients enrolled under the pilot study.
- *14. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can increase the number of BTO flats in new towns in the north east so as to have a good mix of BTO flats islandwide for offer in each exercise.

* 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.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (Paper Cmd. 5 of 2021) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 2 March 2021) (*4th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (2 March 2021)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head S of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Desmond Choo).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's review on requiring frontline officers with the Singapore Police Force to undergo psychological first-aid training to improve the quality of response to attempted suicides.
 2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Singapore Police Force's Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU) currently includes social workers trained in suicide interventions; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider including social workers in the CNU when responding to suicide attempts.
 3. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to install traffic lights or lifts to pedestrian overhead bridges along Sengkang West Way and Sengkang West Avenue to enhance road safety and convenience for residents in Fernvale constituency in view of the increasing number of senior citizens and young families living there.
 4. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether migrant workers on special passes staying in dormitories and who have not been and are not able to leave their dormitory rooms for work may have special arrangements to leave their dormitories on a more regular basis for mental health reasons; and (b) whether the Ministry is able to expedite their cases in order to facilitate their return to their home nations.
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