

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 5 MARCH 2021

No. 26

10.00 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS*

- *1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government undertakes systematic preventive measures to engage the children of drug offenders in programmes that aim to mitigate the risk of these children becoming drug offenders themselves in future; and (b) if so, what criteria or metrics are used to evaluate the effectiveness of such programmes.
- *2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs given the escalating developments in Myanmar involving the use of violence by security forces against demonstrators such as the violence seen in Mandalay on 20 February 2021 (a) what concrete steps will ASEAN take to facilitate a return to stability in Myanmar; and (b) what are the immediate and long-term consequences for the region if the situation does not abate.
- *3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether Singapore will consider sending another consignment of humanitarian aid to the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh, since the efforts to repatriate the Rohingya refugees back to Myanmar have stalled.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) for Government-funded Special Education (SPED) schools, what is (i) the range of school fees and (ii) the mean and median school fees for a student; and (b) after the extension of the Compulsory Education framework to include students with moderate to severe special needs with effect from 2019, what has been the change in average SPED school fees.

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- *5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether couples who have pre-implantation genetically screened embryos stored overseas can have their embryos shipped to Singapore given current travel restrictions during the pandemic.
- *6. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are efforts for telemedicine and mobile medical services to tackle mental health issues remotely, in particular among the elderly; and (b) whether there has been any evaluation in the last one year on how willing and able are our seniors to use such digital services when it comes to their health.
- *7. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there will be a change to the policy of HDB continuing to provide flats to 80% of Singapore's resident population; and (b) whether HDB will review existing policies to further assist Singaporeans in owning HDB flats including giving all Singaporeans a chance to own a BTO flat.
- *8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) for each year in the past three years, how many advisories has the Ministry issued to residents, telling them "not to smoke near the windows or at the balconies, as a way to minimise the amount of cigarette smoke emitted from their premises"; and (b) what percentage of advisories resulted in the issue of second-hand smoke being resolved.

* 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 Bill

1. Minister for Communications and Information:

Postal Services (Amendment) Bill.

Business Motion

1. Leader of the House:

[Subject to the consent of Speaker and general assent of Members present]

PROCEEDINGS ON MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: That, notwithstanding Standing Order 91(2), the Ministerial Statement on Review of Sentencing Framework for Sexual and Hurt Offences be taken before the resumption of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY2021/2022 at this day's sitting.

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: 4 March 2021) (6th Allotted Day).

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law:

Review of Sentencing Framework for Sexual and Hurt Offences.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government has been exploring more ways to encourage innovation in manufacturing methods that use more sustainable materials as an alternative to plastics in local mask manufacturing.
2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's review on the regulatory approach for the pet industry and pet boarding businesses; and (b) whether the Ministry will be introducing a licensing requirement for pet boarding businesses in addition to the standards and best practices listed in the Code of Animal Welfare (for Pet Industry).

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3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether he can provide a further update on the Ministry's investigations into alleged animal welfare-related offences by the operator of the pet boarding facility Platinum Dogs Club.
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