

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022

No. 52

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether there are plans to complement commercial supply of antigen rapid test (ART) kits from overseas suppliers with the increase in manufacturing capacity of locally produced ART kits.
- *2. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many Silver Generation Office ambassadors and staff are currently engaged in outreach activities; and (b) in each of the last three years, how many (i) home visits and (ii) telephone check-ins have been conducted.
- *3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower when implementing the mandatory rest day for migrant domestic workers at the end of 2022, whether the Ministry intends to define the rest day as a full 24-hour period of uninterrupted rest.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year over the last three years, how many complaints pertaining to veterinarians have been received by the Animal Veterinary Service; (b) of which, how many have resulted in (i) warnings (ii) fines and (iii) suspension or revocation of licences; and (c) what is the average duration between the filing of a complaint and conclusion of the investigation.
- *5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how are members of the current veterinary Complaint Evaluation Committee selected; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider the formation of a professional board, similar to the Singapore Medical Council, to regulate veterinary practice.

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- *6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development of the cases prosecuted for the illegal import and export of endangered species in the past five years, how many involved (i) the person prosecuted only delivering the endangered species and is not the seller and (ii) the person prosecuted is the seller of the endangered species.
- *7. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to date, what is the number of community gardens and urban farms that have been set up on unutilised HDB multi-storey carparks (MSCP); and (b) in view of Singapore’s “30 by 30” goal, what is being done to facilitate and accelerate the conversion of unutilised HDB MSCP rooftops to community gardens.
- *8. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the occupancy cap for HDB jumbo flats can be increased from the current six persons to between eight and 10 persons.
- *9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider banning the practice of declawing cats and, if not, why not.
- *10. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether micro-chipping of pet cats can be made mandatory.
- *11. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister given that special arrangements were made during the 2020 General Election for those on Stay-Home Notice at designated facilities to vote at these facilities away from other voters (a) whether the Government has any plans to provide similar arrangements for other groups of voters at future elections; and (b) whether the Government will also consider mail-in voting for Singaporeans who are overseas.

* 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **BUDGET STATEMENT:** *Resumption of Debate on Question (18 February 2022) (3rd Allotted Day)*, “That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.”. – (Minister for Finance).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Paper Cmd. 12 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (*1st Allotted Day*).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 11 dated 2 March 2022.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Law for the past five years, what is (i) the annual number of applications to the Legal Aid Bureau in respect of grants of probate or letters of administration and (ii) the annual percentage of applicants who have successfully received such legal aid assistance.
2. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Law for the past five years, what is (i) the annual number of applications to the Legal Aid Bureau in respect of applications to appoint a deputy under the Mental Capacity Act and (ii) the annual percentage of applicants who have successfully received such legal aid assistance.
3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to primary and secondary students with school absenteeism issues and supported by UPLIFT (Uplifting Pupils in Life and Inspiring Families Taskforce), what percentage of them have seen an improvement to an attendance rate of 90% or more.
4. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government can provide an update regarding enforcement actions taken against those who purvey false claims that certain pharmaceutical products are efficacious in treating COVID-19.
5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether an update can be provided on any studies that have been undertaken by the Ministry to study the effects of introducing gender-neutral fertility leave on the employability of the individuals who use it; (b) whether such studies have been or will be conducted and, if so, when will the results of the studies be available; and (c) if no studies have been conducted yet, why not.

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6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether an update can be provided on the Ministry's efforts to work with hospitals to ensure that migrant workers whose employers refuse to provide a letter of guarantee (LOG) or is unable to provide an LOG in a timely manner can access medical treatment.
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