

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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FIRST SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is exploring the authorisation of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children aged under five years; and (b) with some countries adopting different stands towards vaccination of young children against COVID-19, how does the Ministry decide which is the most suitable strategy for our country.
- \*2. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how regularly does the Ministry conduct reviews on the necessity of TraceTogether and SafeEntry; (b) what are the metrics that the Ministry consider when making this regular determination that TraceTogether and SafeEntry are still necessary; and (c) whether the Ministry (i) quantifies the impact of the compliance burden on business owners, the effect on productivity and the effect on electricity consumption in general in enforcing these requirements and (ii) takes into account this burden in the metrics.
- \*3. **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.

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- \*4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) how many seniors did the SG Cyber Safe Seniors Programme reach out to last year; (b) whether there are any plans to expand this outreach target, especially to those who have not attended any similar programmes and do not live with younger family members; (c) if so, what are these plans; and (d) how does the programme ensure that seniors are continuously educated on the latest types of scams given the evolving nature of scams.
- \*5. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are any plans to introduce cybersecurity awareness as part of the core curriculum in primary schools.
- \*6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for the last three years, what is the annual number of victims of job scams who are aged 60 years old and above; and (b) what are the targeted measures to protect seniors who are looking for jobs from falling prey to these scams.
- \*7. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether EMA has the responsibility to ensure that electricity retailers uphold the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act 2003 when they exit the market; (b) if so, whether EMA sets a standard for compensation when an electricity retailer exits the market; and (c) whether a transparent method to determine a fair standard can be made known.
- \*8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the findings of its review to extend the Working Mother's Child Relief to single unwed parents; and (b) if the review has not been completed, when will it be available.
- \*9. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each year in the last five years, how many cases of suicide have occurred among suspects, accused persons, and convicted persons; and (b) what mental health support is provided to accused persons both pre- and post-conviction.
- \*10. **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.
- \*11. **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.

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- \*12. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the expected timeline for the Marina East construction staging ground to be relocated out of the East Coast area.
- \*13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will issue a circular to all veterinarians to provide guidelines on the issue of convenience euthanasia; (b) if so, when does the Ministry intend to do so; and (c) if not, why not.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (Paper Cmd. 13 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Paper Cmd. 12 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 2 March 2022) (*2<sup>nd</sup> Allotted Day*).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (2 March 2022)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Vikram Nair).

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) since 2017, how many pre-enlistees entering national service are granted their first and second choice of vocation respectively; (b) how does the Ministry balance the need to be universal and fair when assigning vocations while ensuring the best match of skill sets; and (c) how does the Ministry work on improving the appeal of less popular vocations.
  2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether the scheme of allowing pre-enlistees entering national service to indicate their preferred vocation of choice can be extended to NSmen who wish to utilise their newly obtained skill sets for their reservist training.
  3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry can provide status updates on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) in respect of the implementation of (i) tariff concessions and (ii) the Rules of Origin; and (b) when will further updates on the impact assessment of RCEP on Singapore be published.
  4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry how does the Ministry plan to educate local companies and other stakeholders on their potential benefits from the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.
  5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the total number of hours that teachers have to work per week has increased or decreased for (i) 2019 compared to 2018 and (ii) 2020 compared to 2019.
  6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education in the past five years, what is the annual resignation rate of teachers.
  7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the past five years, what is the respective mean and median cost in the public hospitals for (i) a fresh In-vitro fertilisation (IVF) cycle and (ii) a frozen IVF cycle.
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