

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022

No. 56

10.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing the 80:20 fund-raising rule requiring at least 80% of funds raised for foreign charitable purposes be applied towards charitable purposes in Singapore; (b) whether a specific list can be provided for fund-raising activities where this rule can be waived; and (c) whether this rule can be waived for more fund-raising activities other than those for immediate disaster relief in other countries.
- *2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether an update can be provided on the plans to regulate all foreign worker dormitories under the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act (FEDA); and (b) whether a timeline can be provided on when the FEDA will be amended.
- *3. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider a text messaging service in addition to the 24-hour National Anti-Violence Helpline to allow for the quick reporting of family violence cases or urgent queries for assistance via non-verbal means.
- *4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in 2021, what has been the average frequency of the different rehabilitation programme interventions provided in (i) prisons (ii) drug rehabilitation centres and (iii) halfway houses; (b) what are the minimum qualifications and training which prison counsellors must have; and (c) what criteria are used to assess the effectiveness of these programmes.

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- *5. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether prison and drug rehabilitation centre inmates are prohibited from exercising in their cells; (b) if so, what is the Singapore Prison Service's (SPS) rationale for the rule; and (c) whether the SPS will consider allowing inmates to do prescribed workouts in their cells given the significant psychological and health benefits of exercise.
- *6. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what are the plans and timeline to implement the busking zones that were announced in the Ministry's Committee of Supply debates in March 2020.
- *7. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider setting up a demerit point system for residents who are recalcitrant neighbours who repeatedly create noise nuisance and other community disamenities.
- *8. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of the impact that social isolation has had on the mental health of seniors in the past two years (a) how many seniors have required mental health intervention; (b) of which, how many of these cases are detected through community efforts and social service agencies (SSA); and (c) what are the efforts by the Ministry and the SSAs to conduct mental health screening for seniors.
- *9. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has studied the impact of a potential ban on all types of trans fat in foods sold in Singapore, including in supermarkets and eateries; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the implementation of the ban on partially hydrogenated oils as an ingredient in all foods sold here that has been effective from June 2021.
- *10. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health given the rapid increase in the use of antigen rapid test (ART) for self-testing, whether the Government will consider working with the ART kits manufacturers to reduce and streamline the amount of unnecessary packaging used in these kits.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Paper Cmd. 12 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 7 March 2022) (*5th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (7 March 2022)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head L of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, what has been the average wage earned by prison inmates per hour of work in prison jobs; and (b) whether the Ministry prescribes a wage framework for such jobs or is developing one.
 2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) for each year in the past five years, what is the median household income of primary school students who (i) take one foundation subject (ii) take two or more foundation subjects and (iii) do not take any foundation subjects, respectively; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to collect such data if it currently does not do so.
 3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past three years, what is the annual number of (i) eligible students (ii) successful applications and (iii) unsuccessful applications under the Financial Assistance Scheme; (b) how many secondary students on the scheme are from Government versus Government-aided schools; (c) how many secondary school students on the Independent School Bursary scheme are on 100% financial assistance; and (d) when does the Ministry plan to next review the income eligibility criteria in view of inflation.
 4. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past 10 years (a) what are the respective numbers of work permit holders who have attempted and committed suicide who were living in dormitories; and (b) what percentage of them were not living in dormitories.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

	<i>2022</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	490	Public Utilities (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022	7 March 2022
S.L.	491	Sewerage and Drainage (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022	7 March 2022
