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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the call by the UN Climate Change Conference 2023 (COP28) to accelerate zero and low emission technologies (a) what has been the progress in Singapore to increase renewable energy capacity and to improve the overall rate of energy efficiency; and (b) what are the plans ahead to accelerate towards the COP28 goals.
- *2. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the plans for operationalising the UAE Consensus from COP28 including the transition away from fossil fuels to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050; and (b) what is the timetable for this transition in Singapore.
- *3. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how will Singapore contribute to global efforts agreed at the global stocktake at the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) to (i) transition away from fossil fuels to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science (ii) triple renewable energy capacity globally and double energy efficiency by 2030 and (iii) phase down unabated coal power, reduce methane emissions and phase out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies.
- *4. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what are the Ministry's internal guidelines on the use of diplomatic bags; (b) whether there are any previous cases of diplomatic bags being used for personal rather than official matters; and (c) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to manage the risk of the misuse of diplomatic bags.
- *5. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how often are checks conducted to ensure that diplomatic bags are utilised for their intended purposes; (b) how many instances of egregious use have been detected in the past five years; and (c) what measures, if required, will be introduced to ensure that diplomatic privileges are not abused.
- *6. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider (i) increasing the frequency of its biennial routine inspection and (ii) enhancing the monitoring and reporting requirements of all licensed cord blood banking service providers.
- *7. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the incident involving damaged cord blood units by a commercial cord blood banking service provider (a) whether the Ministry has received any reports or requests for assistance from affected parties; (b) whether the Ministry has been directly supporting the affected clients; and (c) if so, how.
- *8. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what safeguards are in place to ensure the suitability of adults who express interest in adopting children, especially children who have endured traumatic pasts; and (b) what measures exist to prevent incidents of abuse by such adults.

- *9. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will (i) enhance existing training schemes of social workers and professionals handling cases of vulnerable underaged persons to detect sexual and other forms of abuse and (ii) strengthen its due diligence and surveillance over the youth development firms the Ministry works with that have exposure to vulnerable underaged persons.
- *10. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current take-up rate of the SkillsFuture Credit (SFC) for lifelong learning and training in the workforce; (b) how responsive have senior citizens and back-to-work women been in utilising their SFC for training and retraining; and (c) whether there are any problems that workers have highlighted in accessing their SFC.
- *11. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) as of 2023, how many eligible Singaporeans have fully utilised their SkillsFuture credits; (b) whether the SkillsFuture credits can be replenished for those who have used up their credits; and (c) what are the reasons why 70% of eligible individuals have not been utilising their SkillsFuture credits since 2015.
- *12. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many complaints has MAS received in the past year about MAS-licensed remittance companies not fulfilling their commitments to remit funds; (b) whether such remittance companies have a legal responsibility to ensure that funds reach their intended recipients and, if not, why not; and (c) what recourse do consumers have if the funds they placed with remittance companies are not remitted through no fault of their own.
- *13. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether remittance companies in Singapore that handled the failed transfers of monies to China have an obligation to ensure funds placed through them reach their intended destinations; and (b) whether an update can be provided on the cooperation with its counterpart agency in People's Republic of China to resolve the issue of frozen or confiscated remittances.
- *14. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent phishing scams involving at least 237 victims since November 2023 with total losses amounting to at least \$606,000 as stated in the Police advisory of 13 November 2023, what specific measures are being taken to enhance cybersecurity awareness among the public, especially regarding the use of popular messaging platforms.
- *15. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many and what proportion of outsourced workers serving during the COVID-19 pandemic including cleaners, porters, healthcare attendants and patient care assistants who were (i) deployed to healthcare institutions and (ii) deployed to patient care areas respectively have been awarded the COVID-19 Resilience Medal; and (b) what is the respective number and proportion of non-outsourced workers directly hired by the healthcare institutions that they served at who have been awarded the medal.
- *16. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will set up a separate confinement facility and programme for adults with special needs such as intellectual challenges or autism who are incarcerated to ensure their safety and better outcomes upon their return to the community.
- *17. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the public sector's achievements of the targets to go green following the launch of the GreenGov.SG initiative; (b) what yardsticks does the Ministry intend to use to assess the greening efforts of the private sector; and (c) what are some of the immediate areas that the private sector, in particular small and medium enterprises, can address in their efforts to go green.

- *18. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the potential loss in tobacco tax revenue has been a factor in the decision by the Government to ban e-cigarettes; and (b) what are the practical limitations to introducing an equivalent nicotine tax on e-cigarette products, were they to be made legal.
- *19. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the development of Changi Airport Terminal 5 and its possible completion date; and (b) how is Changi Airport preparing for a possible surge of air traffic in 2024 as the International Air Transport Association expects global air travel volume to exceed pre-pandemic in 2024.
- *20. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the 4% interest rate floor on the CPF Special, MediSave and Retirement Accounts will be extended beyond 31 December 2024; (b) what factors will be considered in determining the revised rate after that date; and (c) what are the circumstances under which the current interest rate floor may be reduced.
- *21. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what support measures are in place for hawkers to cope with the escalating costs of supplies and ingredients; and (b) whether previous pilot programmes that consolidate hawker orders to leverage on bulk purchasing for ingredients have been effective in reducing costs for hawkers.
- *22. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Land Transport Authority will consider requiring licensed ride-hailing service operators under the Point-to-Point Passenger Transport Industry Act 2019 to appoint external auditors on a regular basis to check the data from technological systems that are used to derive prices for charging commuters and verify that the charges are correct and conform with regulatory standards.
- *23. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health in relation to admission to public hospitals between November 2023 and December 2023 (a) whether there was an increase in median waiting time for hospital admission compared with the median waiting time for previous months in 2023; and (b) whether more day care and home care services may be made available to families caring for sick elderly or disabled relatives during festive periods to avoid non-emergency admissions.
- *24. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there was a technical outage caused by a system change in the Singapore Polytechnic course management system at the start of the semester on 16 October 2023; (b) if so, how many students were affected by this event; and (c) how did the Singapore Polytechnic administration address any loss of learning as a result.
- *25. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what kind of assistance can the Ministry offer to (i) Singaporeans who suffer serious injuries overseas and (ii) Singaporeans who have family members who suffer fatalities overseas.
- *26. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider providing additional co-funding at a reduced percentage for couples who have used up all the co-funding for Assisted Conception Procedures in public Assisted Reproduction centres for their first child.
- *27. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower as at 31 December 2023, what is the respective number and percentage of Singaporean CPF account holders who have met their (i) Basic Healthcare Sum (ii) Basic Retirement Sum (iii) Full Retirement Sum and (iv) Enhanced Retirement Sum.

- *28. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how are feedback and requests from the public, medical professionals, and members of Parliament weighted when considering whether a condition should be included in the Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDMP) to be eligible for treatment subsidies; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider creating an additional category to subsidise treatment costs of non-CDMP conditions such as glaucoma which if left untreated can impair the Instrumental Activities of Daily Living of senior persons.
- *29. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each of the past five years, how many and what percentage of Child Protection Service officers have (i) resigned or (ii) requested to be transferred to a different department within the Ministry or to another Government agency respectively.
- *30. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to the National Artificial Intelligence (AI) Strategy 2.0 (a) what will be done to gain the trust and support of all Singaporeans and stakeholders in view of the prevailing ethical and copyright concerns worldwide towards AI technology; and (b) whether the Government intends to focus on strengthening regulations and ethical frameworks on the use of AI technology before implementing the Strategy.
- *31. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry will allow households to utilise their GST U-Save vouchers to pay for other living expenses, such as their monthly service and conservancy charges; and (b) if not, why not.
- *32. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health since September 2022 (a) what is the total value of healthcare subsidies saved with the introduction of the use of residential property Annual Value (AV) for means testing; and (b) whether the Ministry has given further consideration to removing the AV as a means testing criterion for healthcare subsidies.
- *33. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the availability of financial credit to young people, whether the Ministry is considering reviewing existing in-school financial literacy programmes to ensure their relevance and effectiveness.
- *34. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many 3-room HDB flats are currently rented out under the Public Rental Scheme; and (b) how many remain available.
- *35. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the National Environment Agency (NEA) imposes a minimum standard of cleanliness for public toilets at coffee shops; and (b) if not, whether NEA will consider issuing a guideline or standard to ensure the cleanliness of all public toilets.
- *36. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Cyber Security Agency and other related agencies provide advice, support and assistance to entities outside the .gov.sg internet domain such as (i) banks (ii) NETS (iii) public healthcare institutions' intranet and internet-facing facilities (iv) utilities providers and (v) telcos to attain adequate cyber resilience against cyberattacks including distributed denial-of-service attacks; and (b) if so, what is the nature of the support.
- *37. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider extending the grace period for parking in HDB and URA car parks for taxi and private hire drivers.
- *38. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what assessment has been made of the impact of higher property prices on the property taxes payable by religious, heritage and cultural organisations.
- *39. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update on the feasibility studies to make Integrated Shield Plan insurance fully portable.

- *40. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current status of the Single Room Shared Facilities (SRSF) pilot for HDB rental flats; and (b) when does HDB expect the first batch of successful applicants to be able to collect the keys to SRSF flats.
- *41. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs over the past three years (a) how many criminal cases investigated by the Singapore Police Force and Central Narcotics Bureau involved the use of instant messaging services by companies which do not have registered businesses in Singapore; (b) whether these overseas companies generally cooperated with enforcement authorities in investigations; and (c) what are the identities of uncooperative companies, if any.
- *42. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider regulations to prevent cat feeding at locations which will cause disamenities to the residents living in the area especially where the cat feeding results in excessive cat faeces in the neighbourhood.
- *43. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has completed its inspection of all Construction Temporary Quarters (CTQs) for compliance with the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act; (b) what have been the most common minor lapses identified; (c) what have been the most common major lapses identified; and (d) what actions have been taken against the non-compliant CTQs.
- *44. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of increasing COE prices for commercial vehicles (a) what support is available for SMEs to manage these rising costs; (b) whether the Ministry has evaluated the overall system effectiveness of previous pilot programmes for consolidating last-mile delivery via third-party logistics (3PL); and (c) if these pilots have been successful, how does the Ministry plan to encourage greater adoption of 3PL services among SMEs.
- *45. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many HDB neighbourhood centres have been selected for Revitalisation of Shops (ROS) scheme after the Housing and Development Act 1959 has been amended in January 2023; and (b) whether the Ministry will increase the budget for ROS given that the construction cost has increased significantly in the last one year.
- *46. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many companies have applied for Government grants such as the Productivity Solutions Grant and the Industry Digital Plans for Workplace Safety and Health technology solutions in the last two years; and (b) how successful are these technology solutions in reducing workplace accidents and injuries in these companies.
- *47. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the rationale for reinstating Bus Service 167 after the LTA announced its discontinuation; (b) whether the aforementioned rationale provides grounds for the LTA to reinstate other discontinued bus services, including along Bedok Reservoir Road; and (c) how much is the restoration of Bus Service 167 expected to cost the Government each month for the next two years.
- *48. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what percentage of complaints about pigeon feeding in the past three years are unresolved; (b) what are the key reasons for these unresolved complaints; (c) how is surveillance technology being used to identify and address pigeon feeding incidents; and (d) how can the Ministry permit culling in a humane manner with minimal environmental and community impact as a last resort.
- *49. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how has the Ministry assessed the impact of cost increases experienced by hawkers on the prices of affordable food options at hawker centres operated by Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres.

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- *50. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the rationale for requiring at least one of the co-applicants or co-occupiers of first-timer families applying for HDB flats to have worked continuously for 12 months to be eligible for the Enhanced CPF Housing Grant (Families); and (b) whether the Government plans to review the need and period of this continuous employment requirement.
- *51. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the disruptions to shipping and general insecurity in the Red Sea region that escalated in December 2023 (a) what is the anticipated impact for Singapore on (i) consumer prices (ii) fuel costs and (iii) logistical and supply chain delays; and (b) what mitigation actions are being taken to lessen the impact.
- *52. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to the availability of financial credit to young people, whether the Government is considering working with financial institutions to prevent young people from accumulating unsustainable levels of debt.
- *53. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each year in the past five years, how many dispute cases arising from overuse of air-conditioning in HDB flats causing condensation and mould disamenities to neighbours does HDB receive; (b) beyond referring the disputing parties to the Community Mediation Centre, whether HDB is looking to enhance regulations to prevent or enforce against indiscriminate use of air-conditioning in HDB flats that causes disamenity to others; and (c) if not, why not.
- *54. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider obesity as a chronic disease under the Chronic Disease Management Programme and if not, what are the considerations or prerequisites to be met before the Ministry will do so.
- *55. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the National Multimodal Large Language Model Programme will incorporate non-textual training data for commonly used languages in Singapore such as Singlish, Malay, Tamil and Chinese dialects to enhance its voice recognition capabilities and widen the accessibility of this programme to Singaporeans.
- *56. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the existing non-citizen quota for the renting out of public housing flats of not more than 11% of each block to non-Malaysian Singapore permanent residents or foreigners will continue to apply with the relaxation of rental occupancy caps.

* 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 Bills**

1. **Minister for Law:**
Criminal Procedure (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.
 2. **Prime Minister:**
Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.
 3. **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:**
Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.
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NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **Ms Tin Pei Ling (MacPherson):**
Mr Sharael Taha (Pasir Ris-Punggol):
Ms Hany Soh (Marsiling-Yew Tee):
Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo (East Coast):
Mr Alex Yam Ziming (Marsiling-Yew Tee):

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE AND SAFE DIGITAL SOCIETY: That this House reaffirms our commitment to adopt a whole-of-nation approach to sustain trust by building an inclusive and safe digital society.

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MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Mr Keith Chua : Building on a Generous Society and Nation.
(Nominated Member)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Government has data on the take-up rate of the “money lock” feature at the local banks; and (b) whether MAS is working with financial institutions to explore new technologies and measures to better protect local banking consumers from digital banking scams, especially for transactions involving foreign bank accounts and against scammers accessing local bank accounts from abroad.
2. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in each of the last three years, based on the annual returns filed by Singapore-incorporated companies, what is the breakdown in the average and median (i) operating margin (ii) pre-tax margin and (iii) net margin for SMEs and non-SMEs.
3. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the hiring of auxiliary police officers (APOs) from Taiwan since 2017 is continuing to date; (b) what particular work challenges have been associated with hiring such APOs; and (c) which other jurisdictions are being considered for the recruitment of APOs.

4. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the Ministry's considerations in applying its approach to retail premise lease agreements onto private hire car (PHC) lease agreements by introducing practices such as having (i) a code of conduct for the leasing of PHCs as well as (ii) an industry committee to guide the upkeep and adoption of such a code.
5. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether new bus services will be introduced to connect Tengah new town to nearby primary schools in Bukit Gombak or other schools with a high enrolment of Tengah residents.
6. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA can consider extending Bus Service 992 to serve West Scape at Bukit Batok and, if not, why.
7. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Land Transport Authority works with online map providers to update their maps once new roads are built, especially in new estates such as Tengah and Bidadari; and (b) if so, how can such updates be carried out in a more timely manner.
8. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many MRT stations are equipped with sheltered bicycle parking facilities; (b) whether LTA is considering installing such bicycle parking areas at all MRT stations; and (c) if not, what are the reasons inhibiting such installation.
9. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the recent recommendation by the Active Mobility Advisory Panel to reduce the speed limit of all motorised personal mobility aids (PMAs), whether the recommended speed limit of 6 km/h will allow all PMA users to safely cross all roads in time including roads with two or more lanes in each direction.
10. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) why are interim markets, such as the one for stallholders while Bukit Timah Market and Food Centre is closed for reconstruction, operated privately rather than by the National Environment Agency; and (b) why are subsidised rentals unable to be offered at interim markets.
11. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) as of 31 December 2023, how many hawker centres are operated by social enterprises; (b) how do costs at hawker centres operated by social enterprises, such as rent, table-cleaning and dishwashing fees, and parking fees, compare to those at hawker centres operated by the National Environment Agency; and (c) whether these costs are regulated by the Government, and, if not, why not.
12. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there have been efforts to monitor the implementation of the disposable carrier bag charge at smaller vendors who are not required to participate; and (b) if so, whether there have been any preliminary studies on the effectiveness of the programme in reducing plastic bag usage.
13. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Education in each year from 2019 to 2023, what is the percentage of autistic special education school students who (i) continued their education in a mainstream school after completing the PSLE and (ii) transferred to mainstream schools after being assessed as suitable by the Multi-Agency Advisory Panel.
14. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the ratio of special needs officer to student in post-secondary education institutions; and (b) what programmes are in place at these institutions to proactively monitor and support special needs students who have difficulties transitioning into post-secondary education.
15. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Education for each year from 2019 to 2023, what is the respective percentage of special needs students who graduated from mainstream secondary schools and are currently (i) employed and (ii) enrolled in an Institute of Higher Learning.

16. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are noise regulations relating to public educational institutions for both during and after their operating hours; and (b) if so, what are these regulations.
17. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there can be better leverage of technology and processes to enable students to receive their Secondary One school posting results earlier than the third week of December of the particular year to allow more time for parents to pursue appeals and for the Ministry to respond in time before the start of the new academic year.
18. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many persons with disabilities (PwDs) enrolled with SG Enable are currently using personal mobility aids (PMAs) for freelance delivery work; and (b) for these PwDs who expect their income from delivery work to be reduced in view of the Active Mobility Advisory Panel's proposal to reduce the speed limit of all motorised PMAs, what assistance can be given to (i) address the immediate impact on their finances and (ii) bolster their longer-term economic sustainability.
19. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the mean duration that special education school students remain in employment after completing the School-to-Work Transition Programme; and (b) what is the average salary of students who complete the programme.
20. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the rationale for not providing non-working mothers with the same level of infant care or childcare subsidy as working mothers for enrolling Singapore citizen children below seven years old in full-day infant care or childcare programmes at licensed childcare centres.
21. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there can be consideration as part of the Active Ageing agenda in allowing seniors to finance the purchase of assistive devices that counter ageing-related deterioration and enhance seniors' work productivity, such as hearing aids, via their CPF monies or Government-endorsed financing arrangements with approved device providers.
22. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the past five years, what is the Assisted Reproductive Technology success rate for public and private centres respectively for couples (i) under 30 years old (ii) from 30 years old to 35 years old (iii) from 36 years old to 40 years old and (iv) above 40 years old.
23. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the past five years, how many patients fail to attend appointments at the IMH and are eventually discharged because they fail to attend the appointments.
24. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of published studies that link ultra-processed food to poorer mental and physical health outcomes, whether the Government will consider introducing regulation to tackle this issue and promote a healthier food environment.
25. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider strengthening the Healthcare Services (Cord Blood Banking Service) Regulations 2021 to provide more provisions for consumer protection given the irreplaceable nature of cord blood.
26. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current average waiting time to secure appointments for root canal treatment at public healthcare institutions; (b) with the growing importance of root canal treatment for preserving oral health and quality of life, whether the Ministry will consider expanding MediSave coverage for root canal treatment; and (c) if not, what are factors hindering such a move and what alternatives do patients have.

27. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the proportion of healthcare workers working in frontline functions, such as those who had to liaise directly with COVID patients, that did not receive the COVID-19 Resilience Medal; and (b) what is the appeal process for those who did not receive the COVID-19 Resilience Medal but is of the opinion that they should be awarded the medal.
28. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) which of the dengue vaccine candidates submitted to the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) are under consideration for registration; and (b) what is the status of Takeda's TAK-003 application to the HSA for registration as a dengue vaccine.
29. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many community gardens are there currently across Singapore; (b) how are these community gardens managed; and (c) what have been the impact of these community gardens on community development and food resilience.
30. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development since 2000 (a) what is the total cost incurred by land reclamation projects and the total area reclaimed; and (b) of the reclaimed land that had since been sold via Government Land Sales, what is the (i) total area (ii) original costs incurred and (iii) land sales proceeds.
31. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the last 10 years (a) how many reports has NParks received regarding tree failure incidents on (i) public property (ii) town council property and (iii) private property respectively; and (b) of these, how many cases are on trees which had previously been flagged or reported to NParks on grounds of safety concerns.
32. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the last 10 years (a) how many claims for damages to property or personal injury caused by trees on public property managed by NParks were received; (b) how many claims eventually resulted in payments being made; and (c) what was the mean amount of such payments made.
33. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in the last one year (a) how many National Library Board's members have borrowed at least one physical book from the libraries; (b) what has been the total number of physical books borrowed; and (c) of these, how many have been reserved and collected as opposed to being picked up from the bookshelves.
34. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what proportion of space in NLB libraries is used for (i) bookshelves (ii) seats without desks (iii) seats with desks (iv) activity areas (v) multimedia stations and (vi) other purposes.
35. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth for each year since 2017 (a) what is the (i) number of companies and (ii) percentage of registered companies that participate in the Corporate Volunteer Scheme; (b) what proportion of these companies hit the annual qualifying deduction cap; and (c) what are the most common qualifying expenditures on which these companies submit tax deductions.
36. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Government will consider providing individuals who expend personal time to volunteer at Institutions of Public Character (IPC) the option of claiming a 2.5 times tax deduction on qualifying expenditures, like the provision extended to companies when their employees volunteer at IPCs under the Corporate Volunteer Scheme.
37. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Manpower from 2022 to 2023 (a) what is the (i) average monthly resignation rate and (ii) proportion of part-time to full-time employment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in the workforce; and (b) what is the median pay gap between PwDs who are Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians (PMETs) and PMETs who have no disability.

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38. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the number and percentages for each of (i) purpose-built dormitories and (ii) factory-converted dormitories that currently do not meet the interim standards under the Dormitory Transition Scheme.
39. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in the last five years, what is the annual number of CPF members who have been exempted from CPF LIFE due to them owning private annuities.
40. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the monthly number of workplace fatalities and workplace injuries reported in the last three years with a breakdown by (i) SMEs (ii) non-SMEs (iii) workers aged 55 and above (iv) workers aged below 55 and (v) industry sectors.
41. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many SMEs have tapped into StartSAFE programme since its launch; (b) how effective has the programme been in improving workplace safety in SMEs; and (c) whether there are plans to expand and enhance the programme to encourage more SMEs to adopt StartSAFE.
42. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower regarding cases filed with the Employment Claims Tribunal for each year from 2021 to 2023, what is the breakdown of the number of cases (i) filed with the tribunal (ii) where there was a hearing (iii) filed by employers and (iv) filed by employees.
43. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2021 to 2023, what is the number of cases that (i) went on appeal to the High Court after the Employment Claims Tribunal judgment was given and (ii) leave was not granted to appeal on the Employment Claims Tribunal judgment to the High Court.
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