# FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE (SECOND SESSION)

## ORDER PAPER WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2023

*No. 117* **2.30 pm** 1

#### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has been able to track the effectiveness of ScamShield in preventing scams since it was launched; (b) what percentage of the local population has downloaded this mobile application; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to introduce ScamShield or similar measures to identify and block scammers from using social media, e-commerce platforms and messaging mobile applications like WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram to trick victims.
- \*2. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the public adoption rate of ScamShield since its launch; (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness of ScamShield; and (c) whether ScamShield complements malware detection apps used by banking customers.
- \*3. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with respect to the announcement by the National Library Board on 7 November 2023 that it will cease its subscription to an e-learning platform from 15 December 2023, whether the Ministry has considered any solutions to defray the cited reason of a significant increase in cost so that public will be able to continue benefitting from access to the platform.
- \*4. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether an update can be provided on the digital cooperation between Singapore and Indonesia through the Nongsa Digital Park (NDP) and its outlook; (b) whether the cooperation in the NDP special economic zone has led to higher growth for Singapore's information communication technology sector; and (c) how much has this cooperation led to more jobs and opportunities for Singaporeans.
- \*5. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry keeps a record of the current number of elderly caregivers who are caring for adult persons with intellectual disabilities, in particular those who are low functioning and, if so, what is the number; (b) what are the current avenues available to help such caregivers in the event they lose their mental capacity due to reasons including an early onset of dementia; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider developing and implementing early identification and support programmes for such caregivers.
- \*6. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light that passengers of private hire cars and taxis have taken to videoing in-vehicle disputes on devices such as handphones, whether LTA will consider allowing such drivers to install passenger facing video recorders with audio functions.
- \*7. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how does the job openings for fresh graduates in the third quarter of 2023 (3Q2023) compare against the same period in 2022; (b) what is the proportion of recently employed fresh graduates who secured (i) contractual and (ii) full-time roles; and (c) considering that the 3Q2023 Labour Market Advance Release reported a decline in the proportion of firms with an intention to hire due to worsened business expectations, what is the Government's assessment of the impact on fresh graduates.

- \*8. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the current measures in place to tackle the rising number of Telegram channels selling nonconsensual and illegally obtained sexually explicit materials, especially after the previous occurrence of the Telegram chat group SG Nasi Lemak; (b) what is the Government's assessment of our enforcement system's current ability to tackle and deter such crimes in a timely way; and (c) what more can be done in working with online platforms to prevent such reoccurrences.
- \*9. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with regard to the data security incident involving the personal data of about 655,000 members of a shopping loyalty programme operated by a luxury resort operator in Singapore (a) whether the incident was reported to the authorities and, if so, when was it reported; and (b) what was the reason provided to the authorities for the three-week delay in notifying affected members.
- \*10. Mr Ong Hua Han: To ask the Minister for Health in view of the Health Sciences Authority's assessment of risdiplam which cited data showing improvements in motor function following 12 months of risdiplam treatment as compared with placebo or historical data, whether the Rare Diseases Fund can include medications, such as risdiplam, to treat spinal muscular atrophy.
- \*11. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the rental cap announced for Geylang Serai Ramadan Bazaar 2024 will be a permanent feature at festival related bazaars going forward; and (b) whether the Government will consider such rental caps for NEA hawker centres and commercial properties leased out by Government agencies.
- \*12. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government can (i) provide subsidies for fertility screening and (ii) introduce a new specific category of fertility screening for the use of MediSave.
- \*13. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past five years, how many employers have insufficient medical and accident insurance coverage for their migrant domestic workers (MDWs) to pay for their MDWs' medical and hospitalisation bills; and (b) whether there are avenues of financial support for employers who are unable to pay for their MDWs' medical and hospitalisation bills.
- \*14. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for National Development in the past two years (a) how many incidents of pet abductions have been reported; (b) what proportion of these cases have had the pets rescued and returned to their owners well and unharmed; and (c) what is the approach when alleged abductions of community cats, which do not have specific named owners but are well-known in the local community, are reported.
- \*15. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Traffic Police will monitor and take action against drivers of vehicles with illegally modified exhaust systems that cause noise pollution along expressways, such as the East Coast Parkway; and (b) whether enhanced action can be taken against such drivers.
- \*16. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry considers there to be sufficient manpower at the Child Protection Service (CPS); and (b) whether there are plans to increase the number of CPS officers.
- \*17. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current allocation of resources for the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) to process complaints; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to ensure that SMC receives sufficient resources to facilitate the timely investigation and expeditious resolution of complaint cases.

- \*18. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Government specifies restrictions in the use of the \$180 million annual funding to SPH Media Trust (SMT), such as on transactions involving Mergers and Acquisitions; (b) whether the Government has information on the price paid by SMT in its acquisition of independent technology media company Tech In Asia; and (c) what measures are put in place to prevent agglomeration risks in the local media industry.
- \*19. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Land Transport Authority can allocate more funds for covered linkways near the Founders' Memorial area and other tourist attractions so that such linkways can look aesthetically nicer and not be merely functional.
- \*20. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the past three years, what is the number of false alarms emitted by the Home Fire Alarm Devices (HFAD) that are installed in public rental flats; (b) what measures has HDB put in place to ensure that false alarms triggered by HFAD in unoccupied rental flats are attended to as soon as possible; and (c) what measures will be taken to reduce the number of such incidents of nuisance.
- \*21. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment since the introduction of presumption sections in the Environmental Public Health Act 1987 for littering from residential flats (a) how many cases of high-rise littering have been reported; and (b) how many individuals have been charged for such offences.
- \*22. Mr Ong Hua Han: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry plans to enhance the ActiveSG app to provide real-time updates on closures of swimming pools due to bad weather and, if so, what is the timeline for implementing this improvement.
- \*23. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Transport whether updated public education campaigns will be conducted to encourage public transport users to exercise greater consideration for other commuters, such as using earbuds while watching videos or taking video calls and moving towards the back of buses or the centre of train cars to allow other passengers to board.
- \*24. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each of the past five years, what is the mean and median number of unannounced inspections conducted on homes of families with children who have been returned to their families after being placed in a place of safety or foster home.
- \*25. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) since 2022, how many Singaporeans have had an existing bank account frozen on law enforcement grounds; (b) how many of such individuals have been prevented by the same bank or other banks from opening a second bank account; and (c) what banking solutions are available for such individuals so that they can apply for jobs which require e-payment of salary or access Government support where payments go to a bank account.
- \*26. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider retaining the current Shuttle Tebrau service after the commencement of the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link to enable an alternative cross-border travel option and, if not, why not.
- \*27. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data on the percentage of construction companies which transport workers in rear decks of lorries that are bizSAFE Level 3 certified; (b) whether the risk management audits on such companies for bizSAFE certification incorporate checks on the new legal requirements and recommended practices set out by the inter-agency advisory on safe transportation of workers effective 1 January 2023; and (c) if so, whether companies which have been certified before 1 January 2023 will be re-audited.

- \*28. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for National Development whether further assistance can be granted to potential buyers of HDB resale flats who are assessed to be eligible only for lower amounts of HDB loans and are still unable to afford HDB 2-room resale flats for their immediate housing needs.
- \*29. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry has performed any reviews to assess the impact on potential buyers of HDB resale flats whose incomes cannot catch up with the rise in HDB resale flat prices.
- \*30. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with the recent cyberattack and disruptions experienced by the public healthcare institutions (a) whether there are wider implications for the public and other critical services given the greater reliance on digital services including Government services; and (b) whether there are further measures required to enhance Singapore's resilience against such cyberattacks.
- \*31. Ms Sylvia Lim: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the lessons learnt from the extended and large-scale distributed denial of service attack on the websites of public healthcare institutions on 1 November 2023; (b) what steps are being taken to upgrade protections to Singapore's key civilian services and infrastructure and to reduce such disruptions; and (c) when will the authorities release a report on the event to the public.
- \*32. Ms Poh Li San: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what caused the inaccessibility of the websites of major public hospitals and polyclinics for more than seven hours on 1 November 2023; (b) what was the impact on users of these websites; (c) what lessons were learnt from this disruption; and (d) what measures will be put in place to mitigate the risks and prevent the reoccurrence of similar disruptions.
- \*33. Mr Pritam Singh: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what was the cause of the seven-hour disruption to the websites of several public healthcare institutions on 1 November 2023; and (b) what remedial measures have been instituted to mitigate against future disruptions.
- \*34. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has any insight on the motive of the distributed denial of service attack on 1 November 2023 which caused disruptions to polyclinics and other public healthcare institutions; and (b) what are the implications on healthcare and other services provided by public healthcare institutions as reports indicate that such attacks are likely to continue.
- \*35. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Prime Minister (a) over the last five years, what has been the trend of (i) household and (ii) individual debts; (b) in each of the last five years, what is the breakdown of the number of debtors by (i) types of non-performing loans (ii) income levels (iii) age and (iv) ethnicity; and (c) what more can be done to get debtors out of debt as soon as possible.
- \*36. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Prime Minister whether and how the Monetary Authority of Singapore regulates credit bureau companies from producing inaccurate credit records of citizens, for instance by linking citizens to legal suits against companies where they are merely shareholders and not litigants.
- \*37. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current number of skilled tradesmen working in Singapore; (b) what is the breakdown in number by (i) Singaporeans (ii) Permanent Residents and (iii) foreigners; (c) what are the (i) average and (ii) median salaries; and (d) what are the (i) average and (ii) median ages.
- \*38. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what will be the trend of demand for skilled tradesmen in Singapore's future economy; and (b) what has been the outcome so far on the Government's efforts in attracting more young Singaporeans to trade jobs.

- \*39. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for National Development given the recent feedback about the centralised cooling system by Tengah Town home owners (a) what are the learning points for the Ministry in implementing such built-in systems for new HDB flats aimed at improving Singapore's sustainability goals; and (b) how will HDB implement future similar systems for new HDB flats especially in terms of communications to residents and vendor management.
- \*40. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has studied the potential cost impact of ERP 2.0 on heavy road users such as taxi, private hire and delivery platform drivers; and (b) whether any cost alleviating measures will be considered for these road users to prevent operators from transferring costs to end users.
- \*41. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past 18 months, how many people have been caught for wildlife feeding, in particular, the feeding of pigeons; and (b) besides incurring a fine, whether the Ministry will consider putting in place mental wellness programmes or counselling for repeat offenders.
- \* 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. Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 37/2023] (Minister for Law) Second Reading.
- 2. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill [Bill No. 35/2023] (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) Second Reading.

### **MEMORANDUM**

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

Ms Usha Chandradas : Towards a Vibrant and Sustainable Creative Economy for the Arts. (Nominated Member)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

- 1. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) for each year since 2010, what percentage of public officers have fully utilised the maximum reimbursement of dental expenses, which currently stands at \$120 per year; and (b) whether the Government plans to adjust this quantum in line with the rising cost of healthcare and, if not, why.
- 2. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister what is the current breakdown of senior civil servants on superscale grades that are at grade MX9 and above, by (i) race and (ii) gender.
- 3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the President's current international appointments; (b) whether the Government has taken advice from the Attorney-General on the current constitutional status of the President's international appointments and, if so, what is that advice; and (c) whether the President's current international appointments are, at present, unconstitutional.

- **4. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many persons have been recruited to join the Citizens on Patrol scheme for each year since 2018.
- 5. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the existing sentencing guidelines for outrage of modesty against children are adequate; (b) when was the last review of sentencing guidelines for such offences; and (c) when will the next review be conducted.
- 6. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent case of two Traffic Police officers who were allegedly injured by a stun device (a) whether the Ministry has information on how such a stun device had come into the possession of the alleged perpetrator; and (b) what are the measures to ensure the restriction of the import, delivery or purchase of such stun or similar devices into Singapore.
- 7. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) since 2019, how many mediations were conducted by the Singapore Mediation Centre (SMC) on vehicle leasing disputes; (b) in each year from 2019, what are the (i) top three vehicle leasing issues disputed (ii) average sums of money contended (iii) average mediation fees incurred and (iv) average hours expended in mediation; and (c) what is the (i) number of cases where the lessee of vehicles received financial assistance that helped to alleviate the mediation fees charged by SMC and (ii) average quantum of financial assistance rendered.
- **8. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Law since the establishment of the Public Defender's Office (PDO) (a) how many applications have been received by the PDO; (b) how many applications have been rejected; and (c) what is the breakdown for the unsuccessful applications in terms of the applicants failing the (i) means or (ii) merits test.
- 9. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in each of the next eight quarters (a) how many new gazetted hotels are projected to commence operations; (b) how many new hotel rooms are expected to come onstream; and (c) what is the expected impact on tourism receipts.
- 10. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider placing a cap on the fare charged for commuters of private-hire cars as an incentive to make it an attractive alternative to car ownership.
- 11. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are plans to review the traffic impact assessments for the Faber Hills estate in view of new housing developments approaching completion and taking into account the lived experiences of residents staying in the neighbourhood; and (b) if so, whether LTA will consider introducing additional traffic mitigation measures including the provision of better traffic connectivity.
- 12. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government has data on the number of personal mobility devices (PMDs) and personal mobility aids (PMAs) sold or are in use in 2023 compared to previous years; (b) whether the number of notices and offences year-to-date involving PMDs and PMAs has increased in 2023; and (c) whether the Government will consider regulating the use of PMAs to only those with mobility challenges certified by registered medical professionals to prevent abuse of such devices.
- **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport over the last 12 months, how many COEs from Category E (Open) were used to register new vehicles in other COE categories.
- **14. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider allowing cars registered under the Disabled Persons Scheme to be used as private hire cars (PHC) to allow disabled persons to earn a living as PHC drivers.

- 15. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Transport in each of the last five years, how many vehicles have had enforcement actions taken against the drivers or vehicle owners for failing to conform to the provisions of the requirements of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules relating to specifications for identification marks, as broken down by vehicle type.
- **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport how is the quota for Category E (Open) of the Certificate of Entitlement determined.
- 17. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will the Beverage Container Return Scheme apply to the funeral industry when implemented in April 2025, in view of the higher rates of bottled water consumption at funeral wakes; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider partnering town councils and the funeral industry to set up temporary collection points for beverage containers and cardboard boxes at or near funeral wakes.
- **18. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether an update may be provided on the expected start and completion dates for building the Bukit Batok hawker centre that will be co-located with the assisted living residential flats pilot in Bukit Batok Town as announced during the Committee of Supply debates in 2019.
- 19. Mr Sitoh Yih Pin: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) when will the Woodleigh Village Hawker Centre at Block 202C Woodleigh Link in the Bidadari estate be completed; and (b) what is the projected opening date of the hawker centre so that Bidadari residents may enjoy convenient access to food and beverage services at the hawker centre.
- 20. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the Nanyang Environment and Water Research Institute (NEWRI) study regarding a chemical compound which could be leaking in minute traces into the tap water (a) what are the steps that PUB will take to ensure the safety of tap water post-treatment; (b) what is the public outreach to allay any concerns on the safety of tap water; and (c) whether the Ministry will be studying the outcome of the research by NEWRI, once concluded, to explore any follow-up actions.
- 21. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year in the past five years, what is the number of children and young persons who were removed by the Child Protection Service (CPS) and subsequently returned to the same family of origin, more than once.
- 22. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Health in light of the increasing trend of vaping amongst youths and students, what are the plans to tackle online advertisement and the ease of purchasing vaping devices on social media and online messaging platforms such as Telegram.
- 23. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider allocating more resources and manpower to the Health Sciences Authority within the next five years for enforcement against offences relating to the purchase, use or possession of vaporisers or electronic cigarettes.
- **24. Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many applications has the Rare Diseases Fund (RDF) received since November 2022; (b) how many RDF applications in this period sought funding for non-listed medications; (c) how many RDF applications in this period have been successful; and (d) whether annual reports on the RDF highlighting the number of applications received and the financial status of the fund can be published.

- **25. Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how are donors to the Rare Diseases Fund (RDF) being informed that they have the option of specifying that the principal sum of their donations can be drawn down for Cell, Tissue, and Gene Therapy Products (CTGTPs); and (b) whether these donors can be informed on what constitutes the expendable component of the RDF as stated in the RDF donation form.
- **26. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether any local studies have been conducted to examine the prevalence of alcohol consumption among Singaporeans aged 30 and below, and its corresponding impact on these young adults' health; and (b) if no, whether the Ministry can consider commissioning a local study to examine the long term health impact of excessive alcohol consumption during early adult years.
- **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) over the past five years, what is the average number of cyberattacks faced by our public healthcare institutions annually; (b) what safeguards are put in place to protect such critical systems; and (c) what allowed the cyberattack on 1 November 2023 to succeed in bringing a seven-hour disruption to the websites of several public healthcare institutions.
- **28. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Health having regard to the fact that more than 90% of Singaporeans of and above the age of 50 carry dormant varicella-zoster virus and a study in the US suggesting that up to one in three adults can experience the reactivation of the virus in the form of shingles, whether the Government will study ways to enable seniors from low-income backgrounds to have access to shingles vaccines which are currently viewed as expensive.
- 29. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Health (a) in each of the last five years, how many times have patients from specialist outpatient clinics at public hospitals and polyclinics declined to collect their prescribed medication; (b) what is the average price of medication declined to be collected by patients; (c) what are the common reasons cited for non-collection; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider collecting such data if it is not currently doing so.
- **30. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year from 2019, what is the breakdown in terms of number and proportion of those aged 60 and above who (i) have applied to tap on the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund (SMF) (ii) have been successful in their applications and (iii) have been unsuccessful and offered alternative solutions beyond the \$200 voucher for assistive devices, respectively.
- 31. Mr Sitoh Yih Pin: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the progress on implementing the revised framework for allocating and pricing land for places of worship; (b) whether any tenders have been launched under the new framework and, if so, what are the outcomes of such tenders; (c) whether any religious organisations have applied to renew their leases under the new framework and what are the outcomes of these applications in terms of lease renewal premiums; and (d) whether the Government has received any feedback on the new framework.
- **32. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what strategies are being considered to manage the urban bird population, especially that of crows; and (b) whether there are considerations on issues such as locations and the number of trees that are planted in neighbourhoods behind strategies to discourage the roosting of birds.
- **33. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the many upcoming new private housing developments in the Lentor area and to make living more convenient for the residents there, whether there are plans to (i) increase the amenities in the area, such as hawker centres, car parks and other community facilities, and (ii) improve the traffic connectivity around the area's vicinity.

- **34. Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how often does URA conduct checks to ensure that commercial properties are used according to their authorised business use; (b) how many violations had there been in each of the last three years for unauthorised business use; and (c) how will the Ministry strengthen its enforcement against such violations.
- 35. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB homeowners who decide to cancel the installation of the centralised cooling system pioneered in Tengah can be granted a full waiver of the cancellation and dismantling fees; (b) whether HDB has plans to continue rolling out such a centralised cooling system in future HDB BTO projects or those that are currently being built; and (c) whether such centralised cooling systems have been installed and tested in commercial buildings managed or owned by HDB.
- **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the projected number of HDB rental flat blocks and units that will be cleared over the next five years.
- 37. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the Government's approach and policy on governing the safe and responsible development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Singapore; and (b) what are the subsequent steps that the Government is planning to take in AI governance following the signing of the Bletchley Declaration.
- **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether instructors engaged by Government schools and agencies will be held to the Sports School's updated safety policies and protocols; and (b) if so, what steps will the Ministry take to (i) ensure such instructors know the expectations and obligations (ii) guide a fair division of responsibilities and liabilities between main and sub-vendors (iii) assist freelance instructors to address the cost of liability coverage and (iv) ensure organisers take ownership and accountability for safety protocols when engaging contractors.
- 39. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has accurate data on individuals who are involuntarily unemployed; (b) how will the Ministry define what is a sufficient monthly payout quantum for individuals under the SkillsFuture's unemployment support scheme; (c) what is the estimated financial impact of this scheme; (d) how does the Government intend to fund this scheme; and (e) whether it will lead to potential tax hikes such as GST or income tax.
- **40. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past five years, how many instances of feedback or requests specifically received via the FWMOMCare mobile application have been about (i) illegal employment (ii) criminal kickbacks (iii) false declarations of salary (iv) employment agency's failure to refund agency fees and (v) illegal deployment respectively.
- 41. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many employers have employed exoffenders to benefit from the Uplifting Employment Credit (UEC) since it was implemented in April 2023; and (b) how many ex-offenders are employed to date as a result of the UEC.
- **42. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view that Dependent's Pass (DP) holders have been required to secure applicable work passes in order to work in Singapore since 1 May 2021, what is the breakdown by the number of DP holders who (i) have gained employment and (ii) are unemployed.
- **Ms** He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the past five years (a) what is the percentage of Dependant's Pass holders who lost their passes due to (i) divorce and (ii) death of their spouse respectively; and (b) what percentage of individuals who lost their Dependent's Passes subsequently obtained (i) employment pass and (ii) S-pass.

- **44. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the enhanced measures to reduce heat stress for outdoor workers (a) whether the Ministry has avenues to directly convey these enhanced measures to foreign outdoor workers; and (b) if so, whether communication can be done in their respective native languages.
- **45. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the reasons behind the delay in rolling out the Lifetime Retirement Investment Scheme that was proposed by the CPF Advisory Panel in 2016; and (b) what is the expected timeline for setting up this Scheme.
- **46. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2019 (a) what is the number of own account workers in each percentile of the income groups based on average monthly household income respectively; and (b) what is the proportion of own account workers in each percentile of the income groups respectively.
- 47. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks how many companies have established boundaries on after-hours work communication between supervisors and staff since the Alliance for Action on Work-Life Harmony was launched; (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to encourage more companies to adopt such good workplace practices; and (c) whether the Ministry can consider including after-hours work communication policy as a requirement under the Tripartite Standard for Work-Life Harmony.