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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower over the past five years (a) how many unionised firms have carried out a retrenchment exercise without notifying the Ministry; (b) what sectors are these firms in; (c) what policy measures exist to ensure responsible human resource practices and tripartism are maintained when a firm decides to retrench employees, especially at a unionised firm; and (d) what action can be taken against firms and employers who are recalcitrant.
- \*2. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks the prevalence of restricted stock units (RSUs) that are issued as compensation for mid-level employees in companies; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry condones the forfeiting of unvested RSUs by companies even in the event of a retrenchment, rather than a resignation.
- \*3. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks the prevalence of non-compete clauses in employment contracts for mid-level employees in companies; (b) if so, whether the Ministry condones the enforcement of such clauses even in the event of a retrenchment rather than a resignation of employees; and (c) what efforts have the Ministry taken to better protect employees from exploitative employment contracts.
- \*4. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the investigation into the tragic death of a police officer and the concerns raised regarding racial discrimination will involve external experts and reviewers beyond the Singapore Police Force (SPF); (b) whether a process invoking the Inquiries Act (2007) will facilitate such external review and help retain confidence in the SPF; and (c) what mechanisms exist for SPF officers to highlight racial discrimination whether against themselves or fellow officers.
- \*5. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each year in the past five years, how many internal allegations and complaints of prejudice, discrimination or unfair treatment are handled in the Singapore Police Force; and (b) what is the respective percentage of such allegations and complaints against the total number of police officers.
- \*6. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how much additional property taxes does the Government expect to collect in 2024 following the decision to increase property taxes as announced by the Ministry on 30 November 2023; and (b) how much property tax does the Government expect to collect in 2025 after accounting for the one-off rebate in 2024.
- \*7. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has considered innovative ways to process the remains of those who have passed on so as to reduce the demand for land to build columbariums in the future; and (b) whether approaches such as allowing ash scattering around trees and resizing of urns and niches have been and will be considered.

- \*8. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the ageing population and projected rise in death rates, whether the Ministry will consider channelling resources towards efforts to change the mindsets of Singaporeans and destigmatise after-death facilities and amenities, such as through public communications and Forward SG dialogues.
- \*9. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what will be the impact of the recent global shipping disruptions on local consumers and businesses; and (b) whether the Government will consider having more mitigating measures to counter such impact.
- \*10. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs since the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021 came into full force on 29 December 2023 and with the wide drafting of some of the provisions of the Act, what options are available to politically significant persons who wish to seek clarifications about complying with provisions of the Act, especially those beyond the guidelines which are periodically issued by the Registrar of Foreign and Political Disclosures.
- \*11. **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.
- \*12. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the dollar amount of Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers left unspent and expired on 31 December 2023; (b) what is the number and percentage of households which (i) donated their CDC Vouchers in 2023 and (ii) did not completely utilise their CDC Vouchers before they expired; and (c) how do we ensure that CDC Vouchers go to those who need them and do not go to waste.
- \*13. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the admitted falsification of crash test results by a Japanese carmaker impacts cars that are sold and driven in Singapore; and (b) if so, what investigation or course of action will the Ministry take in that regard.
- \*14. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development regarding the Disabled Persons Scheme (DPS) which exempts eligible Singapore citizens with permanent disabilities from paying COE premiums and Additional Registration Fees when purchasing a vehicle (a) how many of such applications were received in 2023; (b) which three years had the highest number of applications since the launch of the scheme; (c) what is the number of applications received in each of those years; and (d) whether the DPS is still serving its purpose.
- \*15. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many cases of mpox was diagnosed in Singapore for each quarter of 2022 and 2023; (b) what drove the surge in mpox cases in the fourth quarter of 2023; and (c) whether there are any signs of a continued surge in local mpox transmission and imported cases in 2024.
- \*16. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth following the latest Quality of Life survey which found a decline in happiness among Singaporeans over the past decade (a) whether the Ministry can elaborate on specific local factors that may be contributing to this trend; (b) whether any study has been done to correlate between the observed decline in happiness and the rise in mental health issues; and (c) what initiatives can be taken to achieve better survey results.

- \*17. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many cases of refusal of entry to the National Environment Agency's (NEA) dengue inspection officers have been reported in the past three years; and (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to increase the penalties for individuals who refuse entry to NEA's dengue inspection officers for inspection under the Control of Vectors and Pesticides Act.
- \*18. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the upcoming rollout of ERP 2.0, whether there are considerations to compensate point-to-point drivers on the downtime that is required for installing the new on-board units in their vehicles.
- \*19. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how many individuals or organisations have submitted feedback during the public consultation on the proposed enhancements to the Community Dispute Management Framework (CDMF) from 11 to 31 May 2023; (b) what are the salient points of feedback received; (c) when will the enhancements to the CDMF be implemented; and (d) what are the reasons for the long duration for the implementation of the current review since it was first announced on 24 August 2020.
- \*20. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health to reduce overcrowding at accident and emergency (A&E) departments in the public hospitals (a) whether the Ministry will implement initiatives to improve health literacy and public understanding of common medical condition and proper emergency care procedures; (b) how is the Ministry raising public awareness about A&E and GP fees, and subsidy programmes like GPFfirst; and (c) how is the Ministry planning to incorporate more remote care and triaging at the A&E departments.
- \*21. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Non-Traditional Sources Occupation List can be expanded to include healthcare cleaners.
- \*22. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to keeping food prices affordable in the heartlands, whether the Ministry will consider taking further measures to assist stallholders of coffee shops who are facing increasing rentals and other business overheads.
- \*23. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the state of the roll out of autonomous buses and taxis in Singapore; (b) what are the main impediments to an expeditious implementation of plans for autonomous vehicle services; and (c) what are the plans and timelines for overcoming these challenges and rolling out such services in Singapore.
- \*24. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) monitors general insurers' compliance of the requirements under Paragraph 6.2 of the Singapore General Insurance Code of Practice when they process claims; and (b) whether the MAS investigates complaints by claimants whose claims are not processed in accordance with the requirements.
- \*25. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth since the launch of the Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers Scheme 2024 (a) how many claimants have outdated addresses or residences that are rented out; (b) what is the Ministry doing to prevent mis-redemption; and (c) what action is being taken to penalise those selling the CDC Vouchers online.
- \*26. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the ongoing situation and the progress of implementing the "Five-Point Consensus" in Myanmar, what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact on ASEAN's unity and image.

- \*27. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the assessed impact of publicity and outreach efforts to encourage increased uptake in routine vaccinations for adults, in particular for the seasonal flu vaccinations; and (b) whether further subsidies or free vaccinations will be considered for a wider group of people in order to boost uptake rates.
- \*28. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Traffic Police can consider allowing motorcyclists to use helmets that are approved by other international motorcycle helmet safety standards in addition to those locally approved to the Singapore Standard 9:2014; and (b) if so, whether upstream measures may be implemented to guard against the import of counterfeit helmets from overseas.
- \*29. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the recourse for residents of new HDB BTO projects should defects that surfaced and are rectified during the Defects Liability Period (DLP) recur after the DLP; and (b) what is the framework upon which compensation for damages caused by such defects are determined; and (c) whether such compensation is borne by the building contractor, HDB or the town council.
- \*30. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA plans to implement gap fillers consistently across all MRT lines; and (b) if so, when does LTA target to accomplish this.
- \*31. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the measures being studied to improve the retention of Child Protection Officers.
- \*32. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with higher occurrences of extreme weather situations indicated in the Third National Climate Change Study, whether the Ministry will consider (i) updating and expanding relevant measures to maintain the safety of outdoor workers, including platform delivery riders, during these occurrences and (ii) bringing awareness to outdoor workers, including freelancers and platform workers, on their right to remove themselves from imminent danger arising from bad weather without fear of reprisal or penalty by employers, hirers, or platform operators.
- \*33. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with regard to the proposed Model AI Governance Framework for Generative AI, whether the Ministry will consider (i) introducing a licensing model which balances the needs of AI developers who require access to training data and the owners or right holders of such data who should be fairly compensated for the use of their works and (ii) extending consultations on the draft framework beyond technology firms to workers and consumer groups across industries.
- \*34. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether an update can be provided on the study of fertility leave for public servants; and (b) if such a study has not been conducted, whether the Government will study this proposal.
- \*35. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether further studies are being conducted to ascertain the socio-economic impact of mitigation efforts for the different emissions scenarios laid out in Singapore's Third National Climate Change Study; (b) if so, what mitigation efforts will the Ministry be looking at; and (c) if not, why so.
- \*36. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the Third National Climate Change Study which reported that annual mean temperatures are projected to rise by 0.55 degree Celsius per decade under the high emissions scenario, (a) whether the Ministry will commission studies of the effects of heat stress on vulnerable groups of the population, such as the elderly, children and outdoor manual workers in the construction industry; and (b) if so, what is the timeline for such studies.

- \*37. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB will consider exercising discretion in enabling applicants whose monthly income exceed the income ceilings applicable to them by a small margin to apply for HDB housing loans; and (b) if so, what factors will HDB consider in exercising such discretion in favour of applicants.
- \*38. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for couples undergoing Assisted Reproduction Technology treatment at public hospitals (a) what topics are covered under the compulsory counselling for such couples; and (b) what is the mean number of counselling sessions that these couples attend.
- \*39. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether ECDA has plans to meet the demands arising from any future increase in the number of babies born so as to ensure that there are sufficient (i) preschool places and (ii) early childhood educators to provide quality preschool education.
- \*40. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of complaints lodged with the Committee Against Profiteering since 1 January 2024, regarding elevated charges by companies attributing price adjustments to the recent GST hike to 9%; (b) whether the Ministry has observed any instances of price escalation occurring simultaneously among enterprises operating within similar sectors; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to scrutinise such instances for any potential breach of competitive market practices.
- \*41. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many individuals have been charged under section 165 of the Penal Code from 1965 to 2023; (b) how many are convicted; (c) what is the average (i) fine and (ii) prison sentence; and (d) what are the considerations for charging an individual under section 165 instead of the Prevention of Corruption Act.
- \*42. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how does the Ministry assess the impact of productivity support measures on firm-level productivity improvements; (b) what correlation has been observed between these schemes and wage growth; and (c) how have these measures influenced firm competitiveness in local and international markets.
- \*43. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee (EBRC) has been convened; (b) if not, whether he will announce the formation of the EBRC as soon as it is constituted; and (c) whether he will require the EBRC, in its report, to provide detailed reasons for each constituency boundary change, beyond the considerations for sizes of constituencies to ensure fair representation and the need for adjustments to the electoral boundaries arising from population shifts.
- \*44. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the reconfiguration of anchorages in the Eastern Sector of the Port of Singapore arising from the "Long Island" project off East Coast Park, whether the Western Sector of the Port of Singapore or elsewhere within the Port of Singapore currently have any capacity to absorb or accommodate the current capacity located in the Eastern Sector.
- \*45. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in each year of the last 10 years (a) what is the median monthly rent for a stall at hawker centres managed by NEA-appointed operators; and (b) what is the relative difference of such rents compared to NEA-managed hawker centres in a comparable locale, in dollar and percentage terms.
- \*46. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether Government projects that have been planned with Mr Ong Beng Seng's companies will (i) proceed as planned or (ii) have the contracts reviewed; and (b) whether the terms of any such contracts have been amended.

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- \*47. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the current passenger load at Sengkang MRT station and the Sengkang LRT system during morning peak hours; and (b) what further measures will LTA implement to meet commuter demand for public transport services at Sengkang.
- \*48. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will look into ensuring that there is a good distribution of general practitioner (GP) clinics which offer 24-hour and after-office hours services across constituencies and precincts, so that there is affordable and accessible after-hours GP assistance instead of taxing on acute hospital services.
- \*49. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether there is a regular schedule for the review of pensions and benefits of retired public service officers; and (b) if so, how often are such reviews scheduled for.
- \*50. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the enhanced crow trapping measures undertaken by NParks have shown positive results; and (b) whether there will be additional resources and efforts by the Ministry to address the growing population of crows and its menace in the housing heartlands.

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### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

#### 1. Minister for Home Affairs:

Allegations Surrounding Suicide of Sgt Uvaraja s/o Gopal.

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### ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Prevention of Proliferation Financing and Other Matters Bill [Bill No. 2/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

*Resumption of Debate on Question (5 February 2024)*

“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Minister for Law).

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**NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

1. The Society of Saint Maur Incorporation (Amendment) Bill as reported from the Select Committee (Paper Parl. 19 of 2024) – Ms Joan Pereira (Tanjong Pagar) – Third Reading.

2. **Dr Wan Rizal (Jalan Besar):**  
**Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui (Holland-Bukit Timah):**  
**Ms Mariam Jaafar (Sembawang):**  
**Dr Tan Wu Meng (Jurong):**  
**Mr Yip Hon Weng (Yio Chu Kang):**

ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH: That this House recognises the importance of mental health as a health, social and economic issue; affirms the importance of a robust national mental health ecosystem; and calls for a whole-of-Singapore effort to implement a national strategy to enhance mental health and well-being.

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3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member):**  
**Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member):**

PUBLIC FINANCES: That this House calls on the Government to review its current budget and reserve accumulation policies in order to help present-day Singaporeans reduce their financial burdens and improve their quality of life, while continuing to save for future generations of Singaporeans.

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider allowing banks to adopt Singpass as the primary method (i) to verify the addresses of bank account holders and (ii) for bank account holders to update their addresses.
2. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what is the estimated increase in the frequency of flights from Tengah Air Base after operations from Paya Lebar Air Base (PLAB) are relocated there prior to PLAB's decommissioning in 2030; and (b) what are the noise mitigation measures being explored.
3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) for each year since 2018, what is the percentage of Exit Permit (EP) applicants who receive instant approvals; (b) whether the Ministry has ceased to instantly approve EP applications and, if so, why; (c) what is the median time taken to approve an EP if it is not instantly approved; and (d) what can applicants do to accelerate the approval process if their EP is not instantly approved.
4. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is Singapore's strategy to ensure the security of its trade routes and shipping lanes amidst geopolitical tensions, particularly with the threat posed to ships heading to Israel as articulated by the Houthis; (b) what diplomatic and trade policy initiatives will be undertaken to address the potential impact on global trade routes and to safeguard Singaporeans' business interest; and (c) how does the Ministry plan to ensure that Singaporean shipping companies and vessels are adequately prepared to navigate these challenges.
5. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) in the wake of China's demarches made to Singapore for the congratulatory message to Taiwan's new President, whether this will have any impact on the bilateral diplomatic relations between Singapore and China; (b) what steps is the Ministry undertaking to safeguard Singapore's diplomatic interests and relationships in regions where China holds significant influence; and (c) how does Singapore plan to reinforce its commitment to diplomatic neutrality while simultaneously maintaining diplomatic ties with Taiwan and other nations involved.

6. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether there is any regular or mandatory sensitivity training for commanders and key officers in the Police to detect and deter workplace or any other discrimination in their respective units.
7. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Police will consider tracking its counselling or para-counselling services through its peer support programmes and assess whether there is any trend of alleged discrimination cases within a unit, while ensuring the confidentiality and anonymity of the police officers being assisted.
8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the cost of installing a traffic enforcement camera at a signalised intersection; and (b) whether the Traffic Police plans to deploy more such enforcement cameras for detecting red light running offences in addition to the current cameras deployed.
9. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the latest increase in GST rate is expected to affect core inflation; (b) what are the other key drivers that could push up inflation this year; and (c) what mitigating measures will be used to manage price stability.
10. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how will the four paradigm shifts announced at the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference impact the Sustainable Development Goals that Singapore has committed to.
11. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference provided an opportunity for Singapore to further relations with the global community to tackle common issues such as agri-food production, water management and renewable energy.
12. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether an update can be provided on the outcome of Singapore's participation at the 2023 UN Climate Change Conference, especially in regard to the Sustainable Development Goals.
13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in each year of the past five years, how many investigations have been brought against caterers or companies for (i) failing to provide a time stamp for every catered meal and (ii) serving food beyond four hours from the time the food is cooked and kept between five to 60 degree Celsius.
14. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in each year of the last 10 years (a) what is the actual output of food produced locally; and (b) what is the percentage of local consumption for food produced locally, as broken down by (i) meat (ii) seafood (iii) fruits and (iv) vegetables.
15. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment based on the Singapore Food Agency's tender plans for farm land, what is the expected (i) number of local food farms and (ii) production capacity of local food farms with a breakdown by food types, in the next three years.
16. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Singapore is on track to meet the Government's 30-by-30 target to raise Singapore's food self-production level to 30% of total food needs by 2030; (b) whether there are any sectors that lag behind and what is being done to support them; and (c) what are the plans to enhance food security beyond 2030.



17. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether students are able to combine results from separate sittings of (i) GCE O-level examinations when applying for admissions into educational institutions like polytechnics and junior colleges and (ii) GCE A-level examinations when applying for admissions into universities; (b) whether the same arrangement will apply to the planned Secondary Education Certificate examinations from 2027; and (c) whether the same arrangements apply to international students.
18. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past three years, what is the annual number of students who apply to ITE; (b) of these, what is the number of students who gain admission to ITE broken down by (i) O-level qualifications (ii) N(A)-level qualifications (iii) N(T)-level qualifications and (iv) other qualifications.
19. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to admissions into Institutes of Technical Education (a) how is the allocation of places between O-level and N-level students decided; and (b) how are the grades on subjects taken at the different Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) levels taken into account when computing the points for admission.
20. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students sat for Tamil and the five non-Tamil Indian languages (NTILs) at the PSLE, “N”, “O” and “A” level examinations respectively, in 2023; (b) what was the number of students who sat for the same examinations in 2013; and (c) what is the total Ministry subvention or grant allocated to the teaching and development of each of these languages in 2013 and 2023 respectively.
21. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) why are the interest rates for the Child Development Account (CDA) not pegged to the CPF Ordinary Account (CPF OA) interest rate; and (b) whether the Government has considered taking measures to encourage banks to increase CDA interest rates to match the CPF OA interest rate and, if not, why.
22. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for FY 2022 and FY 2023 respectively, what are the average and median social worker to caseload ratios at Family Service Centres.
23. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in each of the past five years, how many cases of financial abuse and exploitation of vulnerable adults have been reported; and (b) what are the common types of relationship which suspects and perpetrators have with the victims.
24. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the existing measures to detect and identify financial exploitation and abuse of vulnerable adults; and (b) what recourse do vulnerable adults have if they are suspected to be financially abused by their family members.
25. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry tracks the current number of infants on a waitlist for a place at an infant care centre; (b) what is the average waiting time; and (c) how many new infant care places are likely to be ready in 2024 and 2025.
26. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what does the Ministry consider to be the key accomplishments of the Singapore Centre for Social Enterprise (raiSE) since its inception in 2015; and (b) how does raiSE plan to better support social enterprises to scale amidst the current high interest rate business environment.

27. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Health in the last two years, what are the number of Singaporeans and permanent residents who have made withdrawals under MediSave Care from (i) their own accounts and (ii) their spouse's accounts.
28. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many households who have collected their keys in the Tengah estate have signed up for the centralised cooling system; (b) of these households, how many have reported issues with the centralised cooling system, such as water leaks and airflow problems; and (c) how much has been spent by SP Group to rectify these issues.
29. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to offer the installation of personal alert buttons for seniors at risk of falls, beyond those living in public rental housing or studio apartments, to any HDB household upon request, as part of the Home Improvement Programme or the Enhancement for Active Seniors programme.
30. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many elderly residents aged 65 and above who currently live alone reside in homes that are installed with wireless alert systems; (b) what is the projected number of such residents in 2030; (c) whether there are plans to include the installation of wireless alert systems under the HDB EASE programme, and (d) if so, what are the estimated out-of-pocket costs for such installation.
31. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to install special extra glazed or cladded windows for the new HDB BTO Jurong West Crystal flats that are located next to the MRT tracks.
32. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can expedite the approval process to set up vending machines for food and essential items at the HDB BTO Jurong West Jewel project as residents have shifted in and there are no convenience stores nearby to buy food and other daily necessities.
33. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past five years, on how many occasions did HDB exercise its discretion under section 58(9) of the Housing Development Act to provide approval for a trust to be created over a HDB flat; and (b) whether HDB will consider allowing the creation of a trust interest which favours parents who provide monies to their children to buy a flat in return for being able to live together, to protect these parents when relations break down.
34. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year of the last two years, how many retirees have downgraded from private properties to HDB flats.
35. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB flats are required to comply with an industry standard for sound proofing; and (b) if so, how does this standard compare to high-rise private residences such as condominiums.
36. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of record-high temperatures in Singapore (a) whether recent studies have been conducted on the temperatures in HDB rental flats in comparison to other types of flats; (b) if so, what are the results; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will commission such studies to better understand the effects on such flats.
37. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how will the Singapore Government Partnerships Office (SGPO) ensure prudence in the use of public funds and maximise benefit for Singaporeans; (b) how will SGPO's performance be evaluated; (c) whom will the SGPO report to for projects involving significant public funds and inputs; (d) whether SGPO's focus will extend beyond social projects; and (e) for projects under SGPO involving public facilities, who determines the management responsibilities.

38. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) in each year from 2020 to 2023, how many residents (i) sought help from or (ii) were referred to People's Association grassroots leaders (GRLs) to assist in resolving neighbour disputes; (b) what proportion of such facilitations resolved the neighbour disputes; (c) what training are GRLs provided to perform these duties; and (d) whether all GRLs who are deployed for these duties are first sent for training.
39. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there are plans to introduce levers for the greater adoption of and adherence to the Tripartite Standards (TS); (b) what are the mechanisms to address actual and suspected breaches of the TS by companies; and (c) what are the considerations leading to the removal of companies as a TS adopter after they have been found in breach of the TS.
40. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for the past three years, what is the take-up rate of career transition programmes among workers aged 35 and below who are transitioning to other careers from working full-time as platform workers such as taxi drivers, private-hire car drivers and delivery workers; (b) of which, how many have successfully transitioned; and (c) what are the reasons for those whose transitions are unsuccessful.
41. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the Retirement Account savings threshold that determines whether payouts under the Retirement Sum Scheme will last for 20 years from the payout eligibility age or for a shorter period.
42. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in cases where employers of foreign domestic helpers are unable to afford the medical or hospitalisation expenses of their employees, whether the employer may use part of his savings in his CPF MediSave account to pay for such expenses; and (b) what are the measures to help raise awareness among potential employers on the importance of comprehensive medical and hospital insurance coverage for their domestic helpers.
43. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has annual data from 2019 to 2023 on (i) the average speed of vehicles on Singapore's expressways during peak hours (ii) which expressways are significantly more congested than others and (iii) which are the three most accident-prone expressways.
44. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has considered launching express public buses from Bukit Batok West Extension to the Central Business District; and (b) if not, why not.
45. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what steps are being taken to ensure fair practices and consumer protection in the growing car-sharing industry; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to balance the need for regulation with the promotion of innovative and cost-effective transportation solutions.
46. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Land Transport Authority can build noise barriers along the stretch of MRT tracks next to the HDB BTO Jurong West Jewel and Jurong West Crystal projects to reduce railway noise levels from passing trains.
47. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the contributing factors for the increase in COE prices for cars in the recent bidding exercise that concluded on 17 January 2024.
48. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider redesignating developments with only strata-titled landed homes as restricted access homes for the registration and licensing of electric vehicle chargers for private charging at home.

- 49. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how frequently does the Ministry conduct assessments on the effectiveness of current road markings during heavy rain; and (b) whether there are plans to implement more weather-resistant and visible reflective markings to improve visibility in adverse weather considering the increased frequency of adverse weather due to climate change.
- 50. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how is Singapore's shipping sector undergoing the green transition while remaining competitive; and (b) what proportion of Singapore firms in the maritime sector have a decarbonisation strategy.
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