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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current rate of real wage growth in Singapore; (b) given rising cost of living concerns, what is the forecast for real wage growth for 2023 and how does this compare to previous years; and (c) what measures are being considered to support businesses in ensuring real wage growth for their employees.
- *2. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the cumulative impact of the series of price increases on wage growth; and (b) in light of these increases, whether there are concerns about the possibility of stagnating wage growth particularly for vulnerable Singapore workers.
- *3. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the real median income growth has kept pace with inflation over the past five years; (b) whether the latest data on real median income growth is within the Ministry's expected range; and (c) whether there is a need for more stratified and sectoral data points considering the impact of the recent price increases on certain vulnerable groups of Singaporeans.
- *4. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the decision by NParks to put down the saltwater crocodile found near Marina East Drive (a) what is the framework in place to decide on the appropriate strategy for urban wildlife management; and (b) what factors determine the relevant approach for different species of wildlife.
- *5. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is the Ministry's approach towards the housing of transgender persons in prison settings in Singapore, having regard to the recent situation in Scotland where a transgender person, convicted of double rape of women, was initially housed in segregation in an all-female jail.
- *6. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether an update can be provided on the cases undertaken by the Public Defender's Office (PDO) since it commenced operations on 1 December 2022; and (b) how does the PDO deal with cases involving alleged crimes that may be viewed by the public as being morally repugnant in assessing whether to provide legal aid.
- *7. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since 2021, how many Singaporeans have successfully applied for MediFund at one healthcare institution and have at least an annual appointment at another healthcare institution (i) within the same cluster and (ii) in a different cluster respectively; (b) how many of such patients have successfully applied for MediFund across all healthcare clusters they have been to; and (c) whether the MediFund application process can be streamlined to support needy Singaporeans who cannot afford their healthcare bills across different healthcare institutions.
- *8. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the projected impact on Singapore's seaports of Thailand's project to build two deep seaports with a rail and road system to link access between the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand; and (b) how can the competitiveness of Singapore's seaports be further boosted to maintain their contribution to Singapore's economy.

- *9. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the likely impact of Thailand's proposed land bridge project on Singapore's status and competitiveness as a global seaport.
- *10. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister regarding the Shared Responsibility Framework that was jointly proposed by MAS and IMDA on 25 October 2023, how does the "waterfall approach" on losses arising from phishing scams adequately safeguard consumers' interests.
- *11. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the proposed framework for equitable sharing of losses between scam victims and financial institutions will consider (i) the better protection of some elderly scam victims through the use of physical hardware tokens for 2-Factor Authentication rather than digital tokens and (ii) the number of elderly banking customers who have limited digital literacy and are placed in a potentially invidious position when their bank phased out the use of physical hardware tokens.
- *12. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with reference to the Families100 Programme by OCBC, whether the training provided by the Ministry for volunteers from the bank include identifying and responding to issues relating to mental health, substance misuse, domestic violence, and sexual, physical or emotional abuse or neglect.
- *13. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with reference to the Families100 Programme by OCBC (a) how will the programme be evaluated; and (b) if the evaluation is positive, whether the Ministry will consider expanding the programme to include other population groups and other corporate partners.
- *14. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether there exists a whole-of-Government plan to develop indigenous capabilities in creating and deploying artificial intelligence (AI) foundation models, including establishing a National Foundation Model Research Institute, so as to help local researchers build core AI foundation model expertise; and (b) if such an AI foundation model plan already exists, what are its core and strategic aims.
- *15. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the UK's decision to replace the A- and T-levels with a single Advanced British Standard qualification (a) whether the Ministry plans to review the format of the GCE A-levels to better cater to broader-based educational requirements; (b) whether there are plans to evolve the A-level syllabus away from meeting university entrance requirements toward non-academic subjects; and (c) whether the separate A-levels, polytechnic diploma and NITEC tracks remain the most suitable for the Singapore context.
- *16. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there are plans to expand the range of institutions and organisations currently available to advise new Family Offices on their philanthropic endeavours; and (b) whether such plans will include the establishment of platforms for the social services, education, healthcare, arts, heritage and sports sectors to present grant proposals to Family Offices.
- *17. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether a fixed timeline can be set for the Police to complete investigations in respect of offences where the accused persons are denied bail.
- *18. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past 5 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.

- *19. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there will be a review of the penalties imposed on real estate agents who market or sell HDB flats that do not fulfil the minimum occupation period, such as to make the fine comparable to the commission potentially gained from selling such flats or to include other non-financial deterrent penalties.
- *20. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there are plans to boost the availability of carbon credits for companies in Singapore; (b) what guidelines and rules are being established to ensure transparency and uphold public accountability of these carbon credits; and (c) what measures are in place to independently ascertain the veracity and integrity of forest conservation carbon credits.
- *21. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider (i) increasing the quantum of rebates on the Morning Pre-Peak fares and (ii) reinstating the free morning pre-peak hour travel scheme so as to reduce peak-hour crowds while enabling commuters to cope with the upcoming public transport fare increases and, if not, why not.
- *22. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there is a manpower crunch for critical healthcare roles within the hospitals in Singapore, for example radiographers and pharmacists; (b) if so, what are the reasons behind the crunch; and (c) how does the Ministry intend to meet the manpower needs in these areas.
- *23. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many cases of fraud relating to the issuance of bizSAFE certificates for workplace safety and health capabilities have been detected in the past five years; (b) whether there is a trend in the number of such fraud cases; and (c) what are the Ministry's plans to detect and prevent such cases.
- *24. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Commissioner of Charities requires all charitable organisations or fund raisers which are accorded the Institution of Public Character (IPC) status to list their top donors in their annual returns; and (b) how many charitable organisations with IPC status have filed their annual returns for FY2022.
- *25. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current percentage of students in mainstream primary and secondary schools who have been diagnosed with special education needs; and (b) how have the teachers and such students been coping with the alternative assessment arrangements.
- *26. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what steps will be taken to investigate the potential poisoning of dogs at a field in Parry Avenue; and (b) whether the findings of the investigations will be made public.
- *27. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how quickly are families under the ComCare scheme removed from the scheme after their family members have entered employment; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider monitoring the families for a longer period to ensure that financial and job security have been achieved before removing them from the scheme.
- *28. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will review the existing Weekend Car, Off-Peak Car and Revised Off-Peak Car schemes, and introduce more off-peak car scheme options with additional benefits.
- *29. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the expected overall performance of Singapore's economy in 2023; and (b) what are some of the key areas that will determine the growth prognosis of Singapore's economy in 2024.

- *30. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the proposed guidelines for insurers to adopt fair and responsible practices towards persons with disabilities (PWDs) and those with mental health conditions; (b) whether the proposed guidelines will prohibit the denial of health insurance to individuals on the basis of their disabilities or mental health conditions; and (c) when will Singapore withdraw the reservation placed on Article 25(e) of the UN Convention on the Rights of PWDs which prohibits discrimination against PWDs in the provision of health insurance.
- *31. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there is noticeable progress in curbing the population of crows at heartland town centres; and (b) whether there is research conducted on developing more effective measures to reduce the infestation of crows in Singapore.
- *32. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how does the Ministry ensure that appropriate measures have been taken to protect vulnerable residents, including the elderly and those with respiratory issues, from the impact of the haze; and (b) whether there are updates on the Ministry's discussions and cooperation among countries in the region which are experiencing hot spots to reduce haze pollution under the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution.
- *33. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the mental health situation in Singapore can be a factor for consideration whether or not to grant work passes to trained foreign nationals who would like to work in Singapore to offer treatment and services to the community but may not meet quota or salary requirements for applicable passes.
- *34. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether there are plans to review, rejuvenate and revitalise ActiveSG Jurong West Sports Stadium by offering a wider selection of food and beverage and retail options to further enhance the vibrancy and visitorship of the premises.
- *35. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether any code of conduct or best practice contract terms exist for firms or companies that lease vehicles to vocational drivers or riders; (b) since 2021, how many complaints have been received regarding allegations that such contractual terms are misleading, onerous, or unconscionable and what recourse is available; and (c) whether the market concentration of such leasing firms or companies is a possible cause for such complaints.
- *36. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider setting up a dedicated, low-cost dispute resolution platform to facilitate the resolution of leasing disputes between vehicle leasing firms and vocational drivers or riders who are concerned about unfair vehicle leasing terms being invoked against them.
- *37. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what was the average productivity gain achieved by the public transport operators over each of the previous five years; and (b) what was the Network Capacity Factor, as set out in the previous fare adjustment formula, for the period since the previous Fare Review Exercise; and (c) where did the productivity gain mostly come from for this current Fare Review Exercise.
- *38. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the existing number of migrant worker dormitories is sufficient to accommodate the number of migrant workers in the construction sector currently.
- *39. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the criteria for the return of a child to his or her family after being placed in a place of safety or foster home.

- *40. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he can provide details of the review of (i) firefighting procedures (ii) operational safety (iii) equipping and training that SCDF undertook, following the death of the late SCDF NSF SGT1 Edward Go on 8 December 2022 in a firefighting operation; and (b) what steps have been taken to enhance the safety of officers, particularly NSF officers, in the performance of high-risk duties.
- *41. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government tracks wealth inequality in Singapore; (b) if so, what indicators are used to track wealth inequality; and (c) whether there is data on these indicators over the last 10 years.
- *42. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB is aware of the maintenance issues relating to car parks with interlocking tiles; and (b) whether HDB will cease installation of interlocking tiles for future HDB projects.
- *43. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider requiring all private clinics and hospitals to routinely update patient records on the National Electronic Health Record (NEHR) system; (b) what are the key challenges that are hindering the mandatory submission of patient records by private clinics and hospitals into the system; and (c) whether there is a timeline or plan for the mandatory participation of private healthcare providers in the NEHR system to achieve the goal of a comprehensive integration of healthcare records.
- *44. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) which retail banks in Singapore have phased out hardware tokens for customers; and (b) whether the Monetary Authority of Singapore will mandate that this option be available to customers to enhance the security of online banking.
- *45. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many Employers of Record (EORs) that serve as an employer for tax purposes while their employees perform work at a different company currently operate in Singapore; (b) how many Singaporeans are currently employed by EORs; and (c) whether such Singaporean workers are considered independent contractors and are entitled to employee benefits under the Employment Act.
- *46. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the utilisation rate of Seletar Airport as measured by (i) passenger throughput (ii) runway utilisation and (iii) gate utilisation vis-a-vis its capacity on these measures; and (b) whether the Ministry is looking to increase the airport's utilisation by attracting more commercial airlines, including budget airlines, to use the airport.
- *47. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education whether students in Government, Government-aided, and independent schools, such as (i) students on the Integrated Programme who wish to sit for GCE O-level examinations and (ii) students who wish to register for subjects not offered by their schools, are allowed to register for GCE O-level examinations as private candidates.
- *48. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the recent staff layoffs by a regional food delivery provider (a) whether the Ministry will work with the unions and the affected company to assist impacted staff to find jobs; and (b) whether there will be help to direct them to the relevant Government agencies for other forms of assistance.
- *49. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry classifies the self-employed person's income as variable income in the computation of HDB home loan; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider reviewing this classification for self-employed persons with demonstrated track record of continual and recurring work for more than three continuous years in sectors that are freelance-work dominated such as coaching.

- *50. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry is considering a review of the availability and suitability of programmes to identify and support seniors who may be experiencing mental health issues, including those who may be reluctant to accept support.
- *51. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the expected impact of the escalating Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the Singapore economy.
- *52. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Transport following a meeting between the Ministry, trade associations and NGOs in October 2023, whether an update can be provided on the possibility of a timeline to ban the transportation of workers on the back of lorries.
- *53. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry since the Grab-Uber merger in 2018 which was found to be anti-competitive on Singapore's ride hailing market (a) whether the Government has data on the merger's impact on Grab's (i) market share (ii) fares (iii) driver earnings and (iv) quality of service; (b) whether the financial penalties and measures imposed in 2018 were sufficient to overcome the anti-competitive impacts; and (c) if not, whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore will consider taking any further action and, if not, why not.
- *54. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the current proportion of non-domestic water consumers who consume (i) potable water (ii) more than 40 cubic metres of potable water per month and (iii) non-potable water, such as NEWater and industrial water; and (b) in 2022, what is the total consumption of potable and non-potable water per day by non-domestic water consumers.
- *55. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Tripartite Workgroup formed to develop the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangements (FWAs) will introduce FWAs tailored to lower-wage frontline and blue-collar workers to allow time-off for caregiving and upskilling; (b) what measures are in place to ensure that employers support FWAs without hindering the job security or career progression of such workers; and (c) whether there is a framework in development to recognise and reward employers who embrace and implement FWAs for their blue-collar workforce.
- *56. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister in light of the recent disruption to banking digital services for DBS and Citibank on 14 October 2023 (a) what are the lessons which can be learned from the outage; and (b) whether the Government will be taking any action to ensure that similar disruptions will not recur or will be minimised in the future.
- *57. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health what actions have been taken to ensure that mental health professionals are fully equipped to address the unique challenges such as gender dysphoria, bullying and familial rejection faced by LGBTQ individuals who seek mental health counselling.
- *58. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of how the Government takes into account socio-psychological needs for Comcare calculations (a) what is the source of the discrepancy between the Minimum Income Standard of \$6,426 for a family with two children as published in the Minimum Income Standards Report 2023 and the Comcare Long-Term Assistance of \$1,930 for a 4-person household; and (b) how much of the discrepancy is due to differences in (i) the composition of the consumption basket used (ii) prices of components in the basket and (iii) household composition and consumption needs.

- *59. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the priority given to owed employees' wages or salaries during the winding up of a company; and (b) whether the Ministry is reviewing the \$13,000 cap on owed employees' wages and salaries prescribed under the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Maximum Amount Payable in Priority) Order 2020.
- *60. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry regarding the Residential Demand Response (R-DR) pilot programme which empowers households equipped with smart meters to reduce electricity consumption during demand peaks in the power system (a) when are the peak demand periods; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider lowering electricity prices during off-peak periods to better smoothen energy usage in households throughout the day.
- *61. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the current anti-money laundering measures in Singapore will result in a delay in the opening of bank accounts for companies; and (b) if so, how will such delays affect Singapore's reputation as having an efficient business environment.
- *62. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are any plans to expand or improve the capacity and facilities at Hougang Polyclinic.
- *63. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower regarding the planned unemployment support under the expanded SkillsFuture programme (a) what measures are in place to discourage dependency on unemployment support; (b) how will the system prevent excessive claims from individuals with additional income streams; (c) whether recipients will be mandated to actively seek job opportunities and attend interviews to remain eligible; and (d) what insights were gained from the administration of the COVID-19 recovery grant, where recipients were required to demonstrate active job seeking.
- *64. **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.
- *65. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of lower social participation rates amongst male retirees (a) whether the set-up of a Silver Club with a range of social activities and programmes targeted at retiring seniors of different staff levels in the formal workforce can be explored; and (b) whether these retiring seniors can be automatically registered for such a Silver Club or another similar club, months prior to retirement for early engagement, with incentives for participation in the first year of retirement.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bill

1. Minister for Home Affairs:

Stillbirths and Births (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 33/2023] – (Minister for Trade and Industry) – Second Reading.
 2. Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 32/2023] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
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NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied):**
Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang):

COST OF LIVING CRISIS: That this House calls on the Government to review its policies so as to lower cost of living pressures on Singaporeans and their families. 1

MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Carrie Tan : Enhancing Public Rental Housing for Human Thriving.
(Nee Soon)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Prime Minister whether post-retirement medical benefits for Government pensioners can be extended to cover all in-patient treatments received at community hospitals, nursing homes and hospices, including palliative care, without referrals from the restructured hospitals.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Lamppost-as-a-Platform (LaaP) trial on the feasibility of mounting sensors on lampposts has concluded; and (b) if so, whether there are plans for a large-scale rollout of LaaP.
3. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister in view that the recent disruptions of DBS and Citibank digital banking and payment services were reportedly caused by data centre failure, how does MAS plan to ensure that the banks' IT infrastructure which is critical to banking operations have fail-safe and redundancy measures to meet with any surge in demand.
4. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the extent of current compliance by the banks in implementing the four obligations for financial institutions as set out in the Shared Responsibility Framework jointly issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore and Infocomm Media Development Authority on 25 October 2023; and (b) how many phishing scam cases in the past two years involved potential breaches by banks of these four obligations.
5. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister regarding the phishing scams intended to be covered by the Shared Responsibility Framework jointly issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore and the Infocomm Media Development Authority on 25 October 2023, what is the average and median amount of loss suffered by such victims in the last two years.

6. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance over the last 10 years, what is Singapore's Gini coefficient (i) before and (ii) after taxes and transfer, based on household income from all sources including work and non-work income, such as investments and property.
7. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs how many requests have been received from Singapore citizens and permanent residents for assistance to extricate themselves or their family members from the Israel-Palestine conflict area.
8. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether an update can be provided on the planned collaborations with foreign counterparts to combat scams and recover scammed monies, especially for cases where the scammers are based overseas.
9. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each year since 2018, what is the ratio of local population to full-time SPF National Servicemen; and (b) how many Volunteer Special Constabulary officers are recruited for each year since 2018.
10. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Law what is the impact of the launch of the Public Defender's Office on the number of cases taken up by the Criminal Legal Aid Scheme.
11. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how has the current high interest rate environment affected funding and borrowing for local startups; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider providing startups with more support to help them service their debts and continue to grow while they are still in their infancy stages of growth.
12. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry is aware of any investments, including contractual and supply chain links between Singaporean businesses or entities and the ongoing Rempang Eco-City project in Batam; and (b) if so, whether there are efforts to assess and reduce any negative effects on Singapore as a result of such involvement.
13. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether platform companies can be incentivised to partner with vehicle leasing firms or companies with responsible contractual practices for the lease of vehicles to vocational drivers or riders.
14. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of plans by neighbouring countries like Thailand to build deep seaports supported by inland systems, how will the Government maintain the competitiveness of Singapore's seaports and uphold the trade lanes towards Singapore.
15. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the ERP 2.0 system (a) what is the estimated cost to (i) dismantle all the present In-Vehicle Unit (ii) retrofit the new on-board units and (iii) maintain the new unit in all vehicles; (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any cost-benefit analysis relative to the current system; and (c) what is the Ministry's estimated timeframe for the completion of rollout of the new system.
16. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what measures are being explored to tackle high-rise littering when the design of HDB blocks renders the use of CCTVs infeasible.
17. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the planned counsellor-to-student ratio at schools and Institutes of Higher Learning in 2024; and (b) whether the current provision of counsellors is adequate to provide early intervention on the mental health needs of students.
18. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each of the past five years (a) what is the number of Child Protection Service (CPS) officers; and (b) what is the mean and median number of cases that each CPS officer manages.

19. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are steps being initiated to ensure the affordability and accessibility of mental health insurance, especially for individuals in lower-income brackets and, if so, what are they.
20. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each of the past five years, what is the mean and median waiting time for a patient to receive psychiatric help at the Institute of Mental Health.
21. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has studied how private insurance plans, such as Integrated Shield Plans, can remain sustainable without having to reject new applications based on pre-existing conditions; and (b) whether there are any plans to explicitly forbid private insurance companies from rejecting new applications for insurance plans based on pre-existing conditions and, if not, why not.
22. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) which of the MPOWER tobacco control interventions recommended under the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control have yet to be implemented in Singapore; and (b) what steps will the Government take to ensure that Singapore achieves best-practice levels in all MPOWER measures.
23. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider including a recommendation for teenage boys to be vaccinated by choice against the Human Papillomavirus in the National Childhood Immunisation Schedule, in line with recommendations by other health authorities in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia; and (b) if not, why.
24. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Health Sciences Authority will consider regulating do-it-yourself aesthetic injectable kits and requiring such injections to be administered by qualified medical practitioners to ensure the safety of patients.
25. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in each of the past five years, what was the take-up rate of human papillomavirus (HPV) (i) bivalent (ii) quadrivalent and (iii) 9-valent vaccines by adults aged between 18 and 64; and (b) whether the Ministry plans to (i) include HPV 9-valent vaccines under the National Adult Immunisation Schedule and (ii) provide subsidies and allow the use of MediSave for HPV 9-valent vaccines for those aged between 27 and 64 years.
26. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Health in view that the Inter Agency Task Force on Mental Health and Well-Being has launched Singapore's National Mental Health and Well-being Strategy, whether there will be reconsideration for the proposed National Mental Health Office to come under the oversight of the Prime Minister's Office.
27. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development in the past three years, what is the average annual amount of housing loans taken by HDB resale flat buyers who have paid more than S\$1 million for their flats.
28. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the considerations for excluding disputes involving billing-on-behalf-services in IMDA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Scheme; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider including disputes on such services, especially those involving App store purchases, in the Scheme.
29. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the proportion and number of micro-enterprises in (i) the exercise sector and (ii) the education sector that are supported by IMDA's Data Protection Essentials Programme since its inception in April 2022; and (b) in each sector, what is the breakdown by the number of enterprises that have (i) completed the IMDA Start Digital Programme and (ii) successfully implemented the one-step professional service and received the grant of \$1,600.

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30. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) for each of the past 10 years, what is the usage rate, in terms of unique logins, for Wireless@SG; and (b) what is the share of resident versus non-resident usage for each of those years respectively.
31. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the cost of maintaining the Wireless@SG system annually; and (b) given advances in mobile data technology and usage, whether there are plans for the eventual phase-out of the system.
32. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the recent case of foreigners working illegally as food delivery riders in Singapore without valid work passes (a) whether there are routine checks conducted to identify such foreigners, especially those using foreign-registered vehicles; (b) what penalties apply to platforms that engage such foreigners; (c) whether there are plans for stricter penalties on account holders who abet such offences; and (d) to date, how many cases of illegal food delivery by foreigners have been apprehended.
33. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in each quarter since Q1 of 2000 to 2012, what is the re-entry to employment rate of retrenched residents; and (b) since Q1 of 2000, what proportion of those who re-entered employment found jobs that paid at least 80% of their last drawn wage and were in the same sector as their previous jobs.
34. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower since the amendments to the Employment Act 1968 to give recognition to medical certificates issued by all medical practitioners with effect from April 2019, how many cases have there been where employees were not allowed to take their medical leave as they have not gone to their companies' approved panel of doctors.
35. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether holders of Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP)/LTVP+ with Letter of Consent (LOC) and who are family members of Singaporeans are subjected to dependency ratio ceilings in companies that employ them; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry plans to undertake an active education campaign to raise awareness of this fact among employers to make it easier for LTVP/LTVP+ holders with LOC to gain employment.
36. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider legislating or issuing a code of practice governing acceptable advertisements for maid agencies to ensure that such advertisements are sensitive to foreign domestic helpers and do not cause confusion to consumers.
37. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what are the avenues of interim (i) financial support and (ii) disability allowance that are available to employees who are unable to work for extended periods of time due to mental illness.
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