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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the current per capita cost of running Day Activity Centre services for adults with disabilities with moderate to high needs; and (b) what is the current per capita grants provided by the Government for such Day Activity Centre services.
- \*2. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether he can provide an update on the SPH Media Trust committee's review of overstated circulation numbers of its publications; and (b) what are the measures that SPH Media Trust and the Government will take to prevent similar incidents in the future.
- \*3. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in respect of the SPH Media Holdings Board's Audit and Risk Committee findings published on 16 June 2023 (a) what is the timeline for SPH Media Group to implement the recommendations; (b) whether the Ministry will impose additional obligations on the group to tighten accountability; and (c) whether all the overstated circulation figures and consequent financial impact have been corrected.
- \*4. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with respect to SPH Media Group's filing of a police report over overstated circulation figures of SPH news publications after potential offences were flagged in an investigation by its audit committee (a) whether the Police has classified the police report as one that discloses offences for investigation; (b) if so, what are the offences; and (c) how will the Police treat the key investigative findings by SPH Media Group's audit committee, which include conclusions on the state of knowledge on the part of various SPH officers in relation to the inflated circulation numbers.
- \*5. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in respect of the investigation report issued by SPH Media Group's audit and risk committee on overstated circulation numbers of SPH news publications (a) whether the steps that have been recommended to be undertaken by SPH Media Group in the report are assessed to be adequate; (b) whether regulatory action is being considered; and (c) whether any new regulation is being contemplated to tighten reporting standards by media groups on circulation numbers and other key information to ensure accountability for the same.
- \*6. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in view of the findings and recommendations in the recent report by the Audit and Risk Committee of SPH Media Group, what are the lessons and safeguards that the Ministry will take on funding to SPH Media or other entities in the future.

- \*7. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in view of the report released by the Audit and Risk Committee of SPH Media Holdings Pte Ltd (a) whether the Ministry still plans to continue its S\$900 million funding support for SPH Media Trust over the next five years; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that such monies are spent prudently with good accountability and oversight.
- \*8. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether there is a need to set up a Committee of Inquiry to reveal the cause of Singapore Press Holdings (SPH)'s overstatement of its daily circulation numbers; (b) whether the Ministry will consider revealing to the public on the companies that are involved in assisting SPH to overstate the circulation numbers; and (c) what are the lessons learned to prevent such occurrences.
- \*9. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Government's funding agreement with SPH Media Trust has been concluded and if any funds have been disbursed; (b) if so, whether these funds will be re-assessed in light of the report of the Audit and Risk Committee of SPH Media released on 16 June 2023; and (c) whether the key performance indicators for the funding agreement will include evaluations of SPH Media Trust's risk culture and improvements to its risk management practices and internal controls and processes.
- \*10. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in identifying a site for potential aquaculture activities (a) what are the considerations by the Government; and (b) what are the procedures in place for expert and public consultation.
- \*11. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many HDB flats currently have an Annual Value (AV) of \$13,000 or more; (b) of these, how many have zero Per Capita Household Income; (c) what were these two figures in 2022 before the AVs were increased on 1 January 2023 to reflect the rise in market rents.
- \*12. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to increase the means-testing thresholds for annual values of properties (AVs) given that IRAS has revised the AVs upwards on 1 January 2023 to reflect the rise in market rents; and (b) why is the Ministry not using the AVs as of 2022 for the purpose of means-tested healthcare subsidies for households with zero PCHI.
- \*13. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Government will be studying the feasibility of establishing a new body to regulate artificial intelligence (AI) in Singapore; and (b) what are the efforts made in working with other governments to coordinate responsible development and deployment of AI.
- \*14. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider implementing regulations for direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing services to address concerns related to privacy, accuracy, and consumer protection; (b) what is the Ministry doing to enhance public awareness about the potential sharing and commercial use of genetic data obtained from DTC tests by third parties; and (c) how will individuals have access to accurate information, genetic counselling, and guidance in interpreting test results to mitigate any risks of misinterpretation and unnecessary anxiety.

- \*15. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding Singaporeans who are based overseas and have been recognised for outstanding work in research through prestigious awards such as the Sloan Research Fellowship (a) whether the Minister will consider inviting them to return to Singapore to work in our academic or research institutions; (b) whether our institutions will be open to collaborating with their organisations; and (c) what efforts are being undertaken to enhance ties with Singaporeans doing outstanding work in research institutions overseas.
- \*16. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will review the current migrant domestic worker hiring policies and rules to allow for more diverse care arrangements of the elderly such as those in the private co-living care format; and (b) what are the Ministry's concerns and constraints preventing more flexibility in such employment rules, and what are the statistics or data that give rise to these concerns.
- \*17. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has studied the importance of economic connectedness through cross-class interaction between families of low and high socio-economic status, in uplifting children from lower income families; and (b) what specific changes in policies have been adopted to take into account such economic connectedness.
- \*18. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the progress of Traffic Police's planning on the initiative to require speed-management devices on lorries that are used to ferry migrant workers; and (b) what is the expected timeline for the adoption of such devices on all such lorries.
- \*19. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what procedures and safeguards are being put in place before Temporary Occupation Licences are granted over sea spaces; and (b) what is the long-term plan for the governance and planning of sea spaces by URA.
- \*20. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how quickly do HDB officers contact a public rental flat tenant who is in arrears; and (b) when a tenant dies or relocates, how many months does it take before a new tenant moves into the flat.
- \*21. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) collects data on consumption rate of food items that are not included in SFA's annual reports or the Singapore Food Statistics; (b) if so, what are these food items or categories of food items; and (c) if not, why are they not tracked.
- \*22. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of jobs that have been created for Singaporeans and permanent residents as a result of the setting up of family offices in Singapore since the scheme was first launched; (b) if so, what is the number; and (c) how many of such Singaporeans and permanent residents earn (i) less than \$2,000 monthly (ii) more than \$2,000 but less than \$5,000 monthly and (iii) more than \$5,000 monthly, respectively.
- \*23. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether a study has been done to quantify the contributions of the family offices set up in the past three years to the Singapore economy and how they compare to other groups including citizens and foreigners under employment passes; and (b) if not, whether the Government will consider tracking this in the future.

- \*24. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how does the Ministry follow up on feedback concerning secondhand smoke at homes to ensure that the issues are resolved other than noting there is no repeat feedback from the same informer.

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### NOTICE OF MOTION

- 1. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied):**

**SPORTING SUCCESS:** That this House celebrates the accomplishments of our athletes and para-athletes at the 32nd Southeast Asian Games and the 12th ASEAN Para Games in Cambodia, and calls on the Government to undertake a thorough evaluation of the areas of improvement in Singapore's sporting ecosystem, and commit to realising clear, achievable goals for sporting success over the coming decade.

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry is conducting a review on the inclusion of wildlife crimes in the Organised Crime Act 2015; and (b) if so, will the Ministry provide an update of the review and when the review is expected to be completed.
- 2. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport what efforts will be undertaken by the Government to address the issue of possible road congestion along and in the roads near to Serangoon North Avenue 1 in view of new residents who will be moving into the Affinity@Serangoon condominium and the new HDB BTO Serangoon North Vista.
- Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether an update can be provided on how many formal enforcement actions, including written warnings, have been issued since the 1 June 2023 stricter rules on tray return at hawker centres, food courts and coffee shops; and (b) whether data is available on how many such warnings have been issued to persons at or above the age of (i) 70 years (ii) 80 years and (iii) 90 years respectively.
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- 4. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the ratio of senior citizens to available day care and community-assisted living services; (b) how will the Government ensure that sufficient and affordable home care services are available for the senior population to support ageing in the community; (c) what key policy initiatives will be implemented to enhance and expand home care services for seniors; and (d) how will the Government collaborate with relevant stakeholders to meet the increasing demand for home care services.
- 5. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what studies have been undertaken into possible under-reporting of incidents of abuse of healthcare workers in the public healthcare sector; and (b) based on these studies, whether the Ministry has assessed what is the actual incidence of abuse.

6. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information how will the Ministry work with enforcement agencies to ensure that instant messaging and e-commerce platform owners take responsibility for enabling illegal practices such as carpooling for profit and sale of food delivery rider accounts.
  7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past two years, of the companies adopting the Tripartite Standard on Work-Life Harmony, how many and what percentage provided (a) over and above the statutory requirements for (i) paid or unpaid childcare leave (ii) additional time-off for employees with young children (iii) additional time-off for female employees due to pregnancy and childbirth (iv) paid or unpaid leave for maternity and (v) paid or unpaid leave for paternity; and (b) what are the figures for such provisions for (i) eldercare sick leave and (ii) Family care leave.
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