

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

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**First Session**

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WEDNESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2018

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**12.30 pm**

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PRESENT:

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office and Government Whip.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms CHIA YONG YONG (Nominated Member).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr THOMAS CHUA KEE SENG (Nominated Member).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GANESH RAJARAM (Nominated Member).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Minister for Finance.

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Finance.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry).

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Education.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of National Development.

Mr KOK HENG LEUN (Nominated Member).

Ms KUIK SHIAO-YIN (Nominated Member).

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

Asst Prof MAHDEV MOHAN (Nominated Member).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development and Ministry of Education.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister for Education (Schools) and Second Minister for Transport.

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) and Second Minister for Defence.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Assoc Prof RANDOLPH TAN (Nominated Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Ms K THANALETCHIMI (Nominated Member).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic and Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for National Development and Second Minister for Finance.

Assoc Prof Dr YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Marine Parade)).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health.

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources.

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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- 1 Revision of Question Time – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order No 22(1), Questions for Oral Answer set down on the Order Paper for today may continue for up to two and a half hours at this day's sitting."
- 2 22 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods – Causes, Consequences and Countermeasures – (Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed –
- "(1) That Parliament appoints a Select Committee to examine and report on:
- (a) the phenomenon of using digital technology to deliberately spread falsehoods online;
  - (b) the motivations and reasons for the spreading of such falsehoods, and the types of individuals and entities, both local and foreign, which engage in such activity;
  - (c) the consequences that the spread of online falsehoods can have on Singapore society, including to our institutions and democratic processes; and
  - (d) how Singapore can prevent and combat online falsehoods, including:
    - (i) the principles that should guide Singapore's response; and
    - (ii) any specific measures, including legislation, that should be taken.
- (2) That the Select Committee shall comprise –
- (a) Deputy Speaker Charles Chong as Chairman; and
  - (b) seven Members from the Government benches, one Member from the Opposition benches, and one Nominated Member, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection."

On Question put, – a division was taken: Ayes 80, No Nil, Abstention Nil.

<i>Ayes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstention</i>
Amrin Amin	Nil	Nil
Ang Hin Kee		
Ang Wei Neng		
Baey Yam Keng		
Chan Wei Ling, Cheryl		
Chan Chun Sing		
Chee Hong Tat		
Chen Show Mao		
Cheng Li Hui		
Chia Yong Yong		
Chong, Charles		
Choo, Desmond		
Darryl David		
De Souza, Christopher		
Fu, Grace		

*Ayes – continued*

Gan Kim Yong  
Gan Thiam Poh  
Ganesh Rajaram  
Goh Pei Siong, Daniel  
Heng Chee How  
Heng Swee Keat  
Indranee Rajah  
Intan Azura Mokhtar  
Janil Puthucheary  
Khaw Boon Wan  
Khor Lean Suan, Amy  
Koh Poh Koon  
Kok Heng Leun  
Kuik Shiao-Yin  
Kwek Hian Chuan, Henry  
Lee Bee Wah  
Lee, Desmond  
Lee Hsien Loong  
Liang Eng Hwa  
Lim Biow Chuan  
Lim Wee Kiak  
Low Thia Kiang  
Low Yen Ling  
Mahdev Mohan  
Mohamad Maliki Osman  
Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap  
Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim  
Murali Pillai  
Neo, Lily  
Ng Chee Meng  
Ng Eng Hen  
Ng Kok Kwang, Louis  
Ong Teng Koon  
Ong Ye Kung  
Pereira, Joan  
Perera, Leon  
Phua Lay Peng, Denise  
Png Eng Huat  
Pritam Singh  
Rahayu Mahzam  
Saktiandi Supaat  
Seah Kian Peng  
Shanmugam, K.  
Sim Ann  
Sitoh Yih Pin  
Sun Xueling  
Tan Lip Fong, Dennis  
Tan, Randolph  
Tan Soon Neo, Jessica  
Tan Wu Meng  
Tay Teck Guan, Patrick  
Teo Chee Hean

*Ayes – continued*

Teo Ho Pin  
Teo, Josephine  
Thanaletchimi, K  
Tharman Shanmugaratnam  
Tin Pei Ling  
Tong Chun Fai, Edwin  
Vikram Nair  
Yaacob Ibrahim  
Yam Ziming, Alex  
Yee Chia Hsing  
Yong Yik Chye, Melvin  
Zainal Sapari  
Zaqy Mohamad

Resolved, "(1) That Parliament appoints a Select Committee to examine and report on:

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- (b) seven Members from the Government benches, one Member from the Opposition benches, and one Nominated Member, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection."

4 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 5.30 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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