

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

First Session

MONDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

No. 67

12.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).

Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).

Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

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

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

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and Environment.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

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

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

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

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).

Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development.

Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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

Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

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

Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.

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- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
- 1.1 Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation Funds (Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation Benefits) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 3 August 2022 (S. L. 656 of 2022)
 - 1.2 Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation Funds (Appeals Panel) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 3 August 2022 (S. L. 657 of 2022)
 - 1.3 Financial (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 3 August 2022 (S. L. 658 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2022 – Presented on 4 August 2022 (S. L. 659 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Parking Places (Provision of Parking Places and Parking Lots) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 4 August 2022 (S. L. 660 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 5 August 2022 (S. L. 661 of 2022)
 - 1.7 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 5 August 2022 (S. 247 of 2022)
 - 1.8 Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 10 August 2022 (S. 248 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Gambling Duties Regulations 2022 – Presented on 11 August 2022 (S. L. 662 of 2022)
 - 1.10 Gambling Duties (Compoundable Offences) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 11 August 2022 (S. L. 663 of 2022)
 - 1.11 Income Tax (Meaning of "Prescribed Property" in Section 13X(6)) Rules 2022 – Presented on 12 August 2022 (S. L. 664 of 2022)
 - 1.12 Income Tax (Exemption of Benefits Received in Connection with COVID-19 Events) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 12 August 2022 (S. L. 665 of 2022)
 - 1.13 Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2021 – Presented on 12 August 2022 (S. 249 of 2022)
 - 1.14 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Defenders Bill [Bill No 17/2022] – Presented on 12 August 2022 (Pres. Co. 59 of 2022)
 - 1.15 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore Armed Forces and Other Matters Bill [Bill No 15/2022] – Presented on 12 August 2022 (Pres. Co. 60 of 2022)
 - 1.16 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No 16/2022] – Presented on 12 August 2022 (Pres. Co. 61 of 2022)
 - 1.17 National Council of Social Service (NCSS) Annual Report FY2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 250 of 2022)
 - 1.18 Singapore Medical Council Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 251 of 2022)

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- 1.19 Singapore Nursing Board Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 252 of 2022)
 - 1.20 Singapore Dental Council Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 253 of 2022)
 - 1.21 Singapore Pharmacy Council Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 254 of 2022)
 - 1.22 Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. 255 of 2022)
 - 1.23 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 – Presented on 17 August 2022 (S. L. 666 of 2022)
 - 1.24 Environmental Protection and Management (Vehicular Emissions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 667 of 2022)
 - 1.25 Gambling Control (Singapore Sweep Ticket Retail Sale – Exemption) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 668 of 2022)
 - 1.26 Gambling Control (Young Person's Employment – Exemption) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 669 of 2022)
 - 1.27 Gambling Control Act (Amendment of Second Schedule – Saving and Transitional Arrangements) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 670 of 2022)
 - 1.28 Gambling Control (Minor Gambling – Class Licence) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 671 of 2022)
 - 1.29 Gambling Control (Trade and Other Promotional Games and Lotteries – Class Licence) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 672 of 2022)
 - 1.30 Gambling Control (Fundraisers – Class Licence) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 673 of 2022)
 - 1.31 Gambling Control (Compoundable Offences) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 674 of 2022)
 - 1.32 Gambling Control (General) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 675 of 2022)
 - 1.33 Gambling Control (Remote Games of Chance – Class Licence) Order 2022 – Presented on 18 August 2022 (S. L. 676 of 2022)
 - 1.34 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 19 August 2022 (S. L. 677 of 2022)
 - 1.35 Air Navigation (119 – Air Operator Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 22 August 2022 (S. L. 678 of 2022)
 - 1.36 Air Navigation (121 – Commercial Air Transport by Large Aeroplanes) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 22 August 2022 (S. L. 679 of 2022)
 - 1.37 Air Navigation (125 – Complex General Aviation) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 22 August 2022 (S. L. 680 of 2022)
 - 1.38 Air Navigation (137 – Aerial Work) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 22 August 2022 (S. L. 681 of 2022)

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- 1.39 Presidential Council for Minority Rights Annual Report for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022 – Presented on 26 August 2022 (Cmd. 18 of 2022)
 - 1.40 Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 30 August 2022 (S. 256 of 2022)
 - 1.41 Workplace Safety and Health (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 30 August 2022 (S. L. 682 of 2022)
 - 1.42 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 August 2022 (S. L. 683 of 2022)
 - 1.43 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 August 2022 (S. L. 684 of 2022)
 - 1.44 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 2 September 2022 (S. L. 685 of 2022)
 - 1.45 Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 2 September 2022 (S. L. 686 of 2022)
 - 1.46 Active Mobility (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 2 September 2022 (S. L. 687 of 2022)
 - 1.47 Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2022 – Presented on 5 September 2022 (S. L. 688 of 2022)
 - 1.48 Foreign Employee Dormitories (Prescribed Associates) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 5 September 2022 (S. L. 689 of 2022)
 - 1.49 Civil Service College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 5 September 2022 (S. 257 of 2022)
 - 1.50 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 September 2022 (S. L. 690 of 2022)
 - 1.51 Casino Regulatory Authority Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 7 September 2022 (S. 258 of 2022)
 - 1.52 Health Promotion Board Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 8 September 2022 (S. 259 of 2022)
 - 1.53 Public Utilities (Tariffs for Water) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 9 September 2022 (S. L. 691 of 2022)
 - 1.54 Prisons (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2022 (S. L. 692 of 2022)
 - 1.55 Prisons (Advisory Committees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2022 (S. L. 693 of 2022)
 - 1.56 Prisons (Employment) (Revocation) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 September 2022 (S. L. 694 of 2022)

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- 2 Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – A tribute speech was made by the Leader of the House.
- The House rose and observed a one-minute silence as a mark of respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- 3 22 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 18 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statement.
- 4 Ministerial Statement – Strengthening Singapore’s Position as a Global Hub for Talent – (Minister for Manpower).
- 5 Business Trusts (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Business Trusts Act 2004" – presented by the Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 22/2022].
- 6 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Income Tax Act 1947 and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 23/2022].
- 7 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill – "to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Acts" – presented by the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 24/2022].
- 8 Accountants (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Accountants Act 2004 and to make consequential amendments to the Banking Act 1970" – presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 25/2022].
- 9 Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
- The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 26 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 10 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day’s sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."

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- 11 Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Bill – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Minister for Trade and Industry).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 30 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 7.12 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 13 September 2022.
