

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

First Session

THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022

No. 72

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

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

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

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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

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

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.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).

Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).

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

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

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).

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).

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 LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

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.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

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).

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).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

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

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).

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).

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

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

Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).

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

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 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.

ABSENT:

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).

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

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

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

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

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

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

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

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

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

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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 Appointment of Commissioner of Building Control – Presented on 10 October 2022 (S. 320 of 2022)
 - 1.2 Appointment of Covering Officer for Commissioner of Building Control – Presented on 10 October 2022 (S. 321 of 2022)
 - 1.3 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 October 2022 (S. L. 707 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Singapore Armed Forces (Summary Trial) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 October 2022 (S. L. 708 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Singapore Armed Forces (Central Welfare Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 October 2022 (S. L. 709 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER-Premium Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 12 October 2022 (S. L. 710 of 2022)
 - 1.7 Singapore Armed Forces (Ranks of Servicemen) (Amendment) Regulations 2022. – Presented on 12 October 2022 (S. L. 711 of 2022)
 - 1.8 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 October 2022 (S. L. 712 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 October 2022 (S. L. 713 of 2022)
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 24/2022] – Presented on 18 October 2022 (Pres. Co. 66 of 2022)
 - 1.11 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Business Trusts (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 22/2022] – Presented on 18 October 2022 (Pres. Co. 67 of 2022)
 - 1.12 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Accountants (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 25/2022] – Presented on 18 October 2022 (Pres. Co. 68 of 2022)
 - 2 18 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 and to make consequential amendments to the Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act 2021" – President's recommendation signified; Bill presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and 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. 30/2022].
 - 4 Penal Code (Amendment) Bill – "to repeal 377A of the Penal Code 1871 and to make consequential amendments to that Code and certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time at an available sitting on 28 November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 31/2022].
 - 5 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill – "to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore" – presented by the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time at an available sitting on 28 November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 32/2022].

6 Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Housing and Development Act 1959" – presented by the Minister for National Development; read the first time; to be read a second time at an available sitting on 28 November 2022 and to be printed. [Bill No. 33/2022].

7 International Development Association (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 – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

8 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 12 noon on Monday, 7 November 2022."

9 Adjournment – (Deputy 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 3.45 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Monday, 7 November 2022.
