

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

First Session

MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2022

No. 76

11.00 am

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

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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.

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).

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).

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.

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

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

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).

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 SITOY 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).

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 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 MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).

Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

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).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

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 YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

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

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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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the International Development Association (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 26/2022] – Presented on 16 November 2022 (Pres. Co. 69 of 2022)
 - 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Carbon Pricing (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 27/2022] – Presented on 16 November 2022 (Pres. Co. 70 of 2022)
 - 1.3 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Online Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 28/2022] – Presented on 16 November 2022 (Pres. Co. 71 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Accountancy Functions (Consolidation) Bill [Bill No 29/2022] – Presented on 16 November 2022 (Pres. Co. 72 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Town Councils (Use of Common Property) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 16 November 2022 (S. L. 730 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Report of the Public Petitions Committee – Presented on 17 November 2022 (Parl. 14 of 2022)
 - 1.7 Second Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 22 November 2022 (Parl. 15 of 2022)
 - 1.8 Environmental Public Health (Exemption from Section 67) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 23 November 2022 (S. L. 731 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2022 – Presented on 24 November 2022 (S. L. 732 of 2022)
 - 1.10 Commissioner of Charities Annual Report 2021 – Presented on 28 November 2022 (S. 323 of 2022)
 - 2 23 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
 - 3 SkillsFuture Singapore Agency (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Act 2016" – presented by the Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Education; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 38/2022].
 - 4 Skills Development Levy (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Skills Development Levy Act 1979" – presented by the Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Education; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 39/2022].
 - 5 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018" – 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. 37/2022].
 - 6 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order Nos. 48(8) and (3) to remove the time limits in respect of the speeches of Minister Masagos Zulkifli and Minister K Shanmugam and to enable Minister K Shanmugam to speak more than once."

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- 7 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 8 Exempted Business – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – 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.".
- 9 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.".
- 10 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".
- Debate to be resumed tomorrow.
- 11 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 12 noon tomorrow.".
- 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 7.22 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 29 November 2022.
