

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

First Session

FRIDAY, 2 MARCH 2018

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10.00 am

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PRESENT:

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

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 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).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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).

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

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).

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

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).

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.

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.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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 AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

- 1 1 Question for Oral Answer was answered during Question Time.
- 2 Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161 of the 2009 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 2007 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 19 March 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 16/2018].
- 3 Carbon Pricing Bill – "to require the reporting of, and the payment of a tax in relation to, greenhouse gas emissions, and to make consequential and related amendments to the Energy Conservation Act (Chapter 92C of the 2014 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources; read the first time; to be read a second time at a sitting on or after 19 March 2018 and to be printed. [Bill No. 17/2018].
- 4 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 (Paper Cmd. 14 of 2018) – Committee of Supply (Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Supplementary Main Estimates
of Expenditure for FY2017/2018

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

<i>Head</i>	\$
E Judicature	3,664,600
I Ministry of Social and Family Development	118,519,900
Q Ministry of Communications and Information	19,856,800
S Ministry of Manpower	66,694,700
V Ministry of Trade and Industry	21,063,900
W Ministry of Transport	68,608,900
X Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth	40,902,800

Resolved, "That the sum of \$339,311,600 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the public services shown in the Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, contained in Paper Cmd. 14 of 2018."

Resolution to be reported.

Supplementary Development Estimates
of Expenditure for FY2017/2018

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Development Estimates.

<i>Head</i>	\$
I Ministry of Social and Family Development	2,668,500
P Ministry of Home Affairs	70,925,700
S Ministry of Manpower	13,559,300

Resolved, "That the sum of \$87,153,500 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the public services shown in the Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018, contained in Paper Cmd. 14 of 2018."

Resolution to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 5 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (Paper Cmd. 13 of 2018) – Committee of Supply (2nd Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Head J – Ministry of Defence –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Vikram Nair).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$14,238,100,500 for Head J agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$761,000,000 for Head J agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head P – Ministry of Home Affairs –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head P of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Christopher de Souza).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$5,341,251,900 for Head P agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$1,134,320,700 for Head P agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head R – Ministry of Law –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head R of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Christopher de Souza).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$233,470,100 for Head R agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$218,061,100 for Head R agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head V – Ministry of Trade and Industry –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head V of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Liang Eng Hwa); Debate arising.

- 6 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting for the Committee of Supply for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 7 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 (Paper Cmd. 13 of 2018) – Consideration in the Committee of Supply resumed.

(In the Committee)

Head V – Ministry of Trade and Industry –

Debate resumed on Question, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head V of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Liang Eng Hwa).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$977,755,000 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$5,181,486,800 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

With the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker, Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That progress be reported now and leave be asked to sit again on Monday, 5 March 2018." – (Government Whip).

Progress reported – (Government Whip).

Committee to sit again on Monday, 5 March 2018.

8 Adjournment – (Government Whip) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 8.22 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 10.00 am on Monday, 5 March 2018.
