

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

First Session

MONDAY, 3 JULY 2017

No. 47

11.00 am

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PRESENT:

SPEAKER Mdm SPEAKER (Mdm HALIMAH YACOB (Marsiling-Yew Tee)).

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).

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).

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, Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

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.

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 TAN CHUAN-JIN (Marine Parade), Minister for Social and Family Development.

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).

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:

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Assoc Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

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

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

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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 Workplace Safety and Health (Major Hazard Installations) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 May 2017 (S. L. 282 of 2017).
 - 1.2 Workplace Safety and Health (Registration of Factories) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 11 May 2017 (S. L. 283 of 2017).
 - 1.3 Direction of Transfer of Appropriations from Head M and Head Q to Head U for the Financial Year 2017/2018 – Presented on 15 May 2017 (S. 211 of 2017).
 - 1.4 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Merchant Shipping (Wreck Removal) Bill [Bill No 19/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 49 of 2017).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 20/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 50 of 2017).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Terrorism (Suppression of Misuse of Radioactive Material) Bill [Bill No 21/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 51 of 2017).
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 22/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 52 of 2017).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Registered Designs (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 23/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 53 of 2017).
 - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Singapore University of Social Sciences Bill [Bill No 24/2017] – Presented on 16 May 2017 (Pres. Co. 54 of 2017).
 - 1.10 Health Products (Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 16 May 2017 (S. L. 284 of 2017).
 - 1.11 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 May 2017 (S. L. 285 of 2017).
 - 1.12 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 May 2017 (S. L. 286 of 2017).
 - 1.13 Road Traffic (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 24 May 2017 (S. L. 287 of 2017).
 - 1.14 Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 24 May 2017 (S. L. 288 of 2017).

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- 1.15 Income Tax (Electronic Filing of Estimates of Chargeable Income) Rules 2017 – Presented on 1 June 2017 (S. L. 289 of 2017).
 - 1.16 Women's Charter (Registration of Marriages) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 1 June 2017 (S. L. 290 of 2017).
 - 1.17 Town Councils (Governance) Rules 2017 – Presented on 2 June 2017 (S. L. 291 of 2017).
 - 1.18 Pioneer Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 6 June 2017 (S. 212 of 2017).
 - 1.19 Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Period ended 31 March 2017 – Presented on 6 June 2017 (S. 213 of 2017).
 - 1.20 MediShield Life Scheme (Premium Recovery) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 7 June 2017 (S. L. 292 of 2017).
 - 1.21 MediShield Life Scheme (Scheme for Overseas Singapore Citizens) Regulations 2016 – Presented on 7 June 2017 (S. L. 293 of 2017).
 - 1.22 Supreme Court (Presidential Elections) (Application for Avoidance of Election) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 9 June 2017 (S. L. 294 of 2017).
 - 1.23 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 – Presented on 14 June 2017 (S. 214 of 2017).
 - 1.24 Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 16 June 2017 (S. L. 295 of 2017).
 - 1.25 Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2016 – Presented on 19 June 2017 (S. 215 of 2017).
 - 1.26 Public Order (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 19 June 2017 (S. L. 296 of 2017).
 - 1.27 Public Order (Election Meetings) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 19 June 2017 (S. L. 297 of 2017).
 - 1.28 Public Order (Election Meetings in Presidential Elections) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 19 June 2017 (S. L. 298 of 2017).
 - 1.29 Public Order (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 19 June 2017 (S. L. 299 of 2017).
 - 1.30 Employment (Recommendations for Annual Wage Adjustment) Notification 2017 – Presented on 20 June 2017 (Misc. 8 of 2017).
 - 1.31 Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2016 – Presented on 28 June 2017 (S. 216 of 2017).

- 1.32 Annual Report of Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura 2016 – Presented on 28 June 2017 (S. 217 of 2017).
 - 1.33 Monetary Authority of Singapore Annual Report and Financial Sector Development Fund Audited Financial Statements 2016/2017 – Presented on 29 June 2017 (S. 218 of 2017).
 - 1.34 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 29 June 2017 (S. L. 300 of 2017).
 - 1.35 Annual Report of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprise for 2016 – Presented on 30 June 2017 (S. 219 of 2017).
 - 1.36 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 3 July 2017 (S. L. 301 of 2017).
- 2 Petition – A Petition from Mr Koh Eng Khoon, Mr Hong Theng Hoh and Mr Sonny Liew praying that (a) an alternate site for relocation of Sungei Road Market be designated; (b) dialogue be carried out empathetically, genuinely and comprehensively with the Sungei Road Market vendors; and (c) the issue be referred to a Select Committee for further public consultation and deliberation, was presented; ordered to lie upon the Table.
- Petition stood referred to the Public Petitions Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18(6).
- 3 13 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Speaker, 6 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statements.
- 4 Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Chapter 3 of the 2009 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 27/2017].
- 5 Ministerial Statement – Alleged Abuse of Power on 38 Oxley Road – (Prime Minister).
- 6 Ministerial Statement – Ministerial Committee on 38 Oxley Road – (Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security).
- 7 38 Oxley Road – (Prime Minister) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the 2 Ministerial Statements on 38 Oxley Road be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
- 8 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Deputy Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 9 38 Oxley Road – (Prime Minister) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the 2 Ministerial Statements on 38 Oxley Road be considered by Parliament.".
- 10 Adjournment of Debate – (Government Whip) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

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- 11 Adjournment – (Government Whip) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to tomorrow at 11.00 am."

Adjourned at 7.11 pm

HALIMAH YACOB,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mdm Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 4 July 2017.
