

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2023**

No. 113

11.30 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
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).
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member)
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.
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 KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member) Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).
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).
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).
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.
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.
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 MARK LEE (Nominated Member)
Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).
Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).
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 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).
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).
Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member)
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member)
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).
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.
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member)
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (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.
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member)
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 DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.
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).
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)
Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).
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 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 S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).
Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

- 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 Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment) Rules 2023 – Presented on 20 September 2023 (S. L. 946 of 2023)
 - 1.2 Women’s Charter (Solemnisation and Registration of Marriages) Rules 2023 – Presented on 20 September 2023 (S. L. 947 of 2023)
 - 1.3 Land Transport Authority Annual Report FY2022/2023 – Presented on 20 September 2023 (S. 390 of 2023)
 - 1.4 Land Transport Authority Financial Statements FY2022/2023 – Presented on 20 September 2023 (S. 391 of 2023)
 - 1.5 Annual Report of the Infocomm Media Development Authority 2022/2023 – Presented on 21 September 2023 (S. 392 of 2023)
 - 1.6 Annual Report of the National Library Board 2022/2023 – Presented on 21 September 2023 (S. 393 of 2023)
 - 1.7 Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 22 September 2023 (S. 394 of 2023)
 - 1.8 Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 22 September 2023 (S. 395 of 2023)
 - 1.9 Singapore Food Agency Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 22 September 2023 (S. 396 of 2023)
 - 1.10 Public Utilities Board Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 22 September 2023 (S. 397 of 2023)
 - 1.11 Energy Market Authority Annual Report 2022/23 – Presented on 25 September 2023 (S. 398 of 2023)
 - 1.12 Productivity Fund Administration Board FY2022 Annual Report – Presented on 25 September 2023 (S. 399 of 2023)
 - 1.13 Long-Term Care Support Fund Audited Financial Statements for financial period from 1 Apr 2022 to 31 Mar 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 400 of 2023)
 - 1.14 Economic Development Board Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 401 of 2023)
 - 1.15 Singapore Totalisator Board’s Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 402 of 2023)
 - 1.16 Singapore Totalisator Board’s Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 403 of 2023)
 - 1.17 Building and Construction Authority Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 404 of 2023)
 - 1.18 Board of Architects Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 405 of 2023)

- 1.19 Council for Estate Agencies Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 406 of 2023)
- 1.20 National Parks Board Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 407 of 2023)
- 1.21 Professional Engineers Board Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 408 of 2023)
- 1.22 Urban Redevelopment Authority Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 409 of 2023)
- 1.23 Singapore Land Authority Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 26 September 2023 (S. 410 of 2023)
- 1.24 Workforce Singapore Agency Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 411 of 2023)
- 1.25 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report for the Financial Year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 412 of 2023)
- 1.26 Merdeka Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the Financial Year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 413 of 2023)
- 1.27 Building and Construction Authority Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 414 of 2023)
- 1.28 Board of Architects Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 415 of 2023)
- 1.29 Council for Estate Agencies Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 416 of 2023)
- 1.30 Housing and Development Board Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 417 of 2023)
- 1.31 National Parks Board Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 418 of 2023)
- 1.32 Professional Engineers Board Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 419 of 2023)
- 1.33 Urban Redevelopment Authority Annual Report for FY 2022 – Presented on 27 September 2023 (S. 420 of 2023)
- 1.34 Enterprise Singapore Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 28 September 2023 (S. 421 of 2023)
- 1.35 Sport Singapore Annual Report 22/23 – Presented on 28 September 2023 (S. 422 of 2023)
- 1.36 Government Technology Agency of Singapore Annual Report 2022/23 – Presented on 28 September 2023 (S. 423 of 2023)
- 1.37 Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022/23 – Presented on 28 September 2023 (S. 424 of 2023)

- 1.38 Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2022/2023 – Presented on 28 September 2023 (S. 425 of 2023)
 - 1.39 Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 426 of 2023)
 - 1.40 National Heritage Board Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 427 of 2023)
 - 1.41 Community Care Endowment Fund Annual Report for Financial Year 2022 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 428 of 2023)
 - 1.42 Annual Report and Financial Statements of Yellow Ribbon Singapore for 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 429 of 2023)
 - 1.43 Singapore Tourism Board's Annual Report FY2022 and Audited Financial Statements FY2022 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 430 of 2023)
 - 1.44 Sentosa Development Corporation's Annual Report FY2022 and Audited Financial Statements FY2022 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 431 of 2023)
 - 1.45 National Arts Council Annual Report 22/23 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 432 of 2023)
 - 1.46 Home Team Science and Technology Agency Annual Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 433 of 2023)
 - 1.47 The People's Association Annual Report (Annual Consolidated Financial Statements) 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 434 of 2023)
 - 1.48 National Environment Agency Annual & Sustainability Report 2022/2023 – Presented on 29 September 2023 (S. 435 of 2023)
- 2 14 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 12 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statement.
 - 3 Ministerial Statements – Singapore's Anti-Money Laundering Regime – (Second Minister for Home Affairs, Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan) on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Finance and National Development).
 - 4 Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Legal Profession Act 1966 and to make consequential amendments to the Singapore Academy of Law Act 1988" – 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. 32/2023].
 - 5 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act 1967 and to make consequential amendments to the Income Tax Act 1947" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 33/2023].
 - 6 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Central Provident Fund Act 1953" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Koh Poh Koon), on behalf of the Minister for Manpower; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 34/2023].

- 7 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 8 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."
- 9 Income Tax (Amendment) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.". Question put and agreed to. 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 to 57 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 10 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 8.10 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(3)(a), Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12.30 pm on Wednesday, 4 October 2023.
