

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

First Session

MONDAY, 4 APRIL 2022

No. 60

1.30 pm

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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 Transport.

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

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

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

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) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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

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.

Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).

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.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

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

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.

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.

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.

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

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), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

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 SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education 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, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

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

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), 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.

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 WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), 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 MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), 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 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 16 March 2022 (S. L. 492 of 2022)
 - 1.2 Workplace Safety and Health (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 March 2022 (S. L. 493 of 2022)
 - 1.3 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 18 March 2022 (S. L. 494 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Income Tax (Income Tax (Exemption of Benefits Received in Connection with COVID-19 Events) Rules 2022 – Presented on 22 March 2022 (S. L. 495 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 7/2022] – Presented on 23 March 2022 (Pres. Co. 51 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Gambling Control Bill [Bill No 6/2022] – Presented on 23 March 2022 (Pres. Co. 52 of 2022)
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Singapore Bill [Bill No 5/2022] – Presented on 23 March 2022 (Pres. Co. 53 of 2022)
 - 1.8 United Nations (Sanctions – Yemen) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 23 March 2022 (S. L. 496 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 23 March 2022 (S. L. 497 of 2022)
 - 1.10 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 28 March 2022 (S. L. 498 of 2022)
 - 1.11 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 28 March 2022 (S. L. 499 of 2022)
 - 1.12 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 28 March 2022 (S. L. 500 of 2022)
 - 1.13 White Paper on Singapore Women's Development – Presented on 28 March 2022 as Cmd. 14 of 2022 and ordered to lie upon the Table – Order discharged and Paper withdrawn on 29 March 2022.
 - 1.14 Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 29 March 2022 (S. L. 501 of 2022)
 - 1.15 Air Navigation (101 – Unmanned Aircraft Operations) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 29 March 2022 (S. L. 502 of 2022)
 - 1.16 White Paper on Singapore Women's Development – Presented on 29 March 2022 (Cmd. 15 of 2022)
 - 1.17 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Act 2021 (Commencement) Notification 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 503 of 2022)
 - 1.18 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Act 2021 (Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 504 of 2022)

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- 1.19 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 505 of 2022)
 - 1.20 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 506 of 2022)
 - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Investment Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 507 of 2022)
 - 1.22 Central Provident Fund (Division of Fund-Related Assets in Matrimonial Proceedings) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 508 of 2022)
 - 1.23 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Transfers) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 509 of 2022)
 - 1.24 Central Provident Fund (Education Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 510 of 2022)
 - 1.25 Central Provident Fund (Reserved Amount) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 511 of 2022)
 - 1.26 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 512 of 2022)
 - 1.27 Central Provident Fund (Public Sector Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 513 of 2022)
 - 1.28 Central Provident Fund (Approved Housing Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 514 of 2022)
 - 1.29 Central Provident Fund (Ministry of Defence Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 515 of 2022)
 - 1.30 Central Provident Fund (Non-Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 516 of 2022)
 - 1.31 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 517 of 2022)
 - 1.32 Central Provident Fund (Approved HDB-HUDC Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 518 of 2022)
 - 1.33 Central Provident Fund (Approved Middle-Income Housing Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 519 of 2022)
 - 1.34 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 520 of 2022)
 - 1.35 Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 521 of 2022)
 - 1.36 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 522 of 2022)
 - 1.37 Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 523 of 2022)
 - 1.38 Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 524 of 2022)

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- 1.39 Workplace Safety and Health (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 525 of 2022)
 - 1.40 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 526 of 2022)
 - 1.41 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 527 of 2022)
 - 1.42 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Reopening – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 31 March 2022 (S. L. 528 of 2022)
 - 1.43 Supreme Court of Judicature (Intellectual Property) Rules 2022 – Presented on 4 April 2022 (S. L. 529 of 2022)

2 Announcement by Speaker – Mr Speaker made the following communication to the House:-

"Hon Members, in line with the announcement by the Government on 24 March 2022 on making a decisive step towards living with COVID-19, revised Safe Management Measures will be implemented in Parliament from today, 4 April.

All Members are now seated within the Chamber, on the same floor. This marks the first time that Members in the 14th Parliament, which opened on 24 August 2020, are able to conduct parliamentary proceedings with all Members seated on the same floor. I have to admit that I am very pleased to see this happen.

I thank all Members, especially Members who have had to be seated a floor away previously, for your forbearance as we maintained our vigilance and stood united in battling COVID-19 together.

We have indeed come a long way, but we know there is still some ways to go in the journey ahead. Thus, the current seating arrangement in the Chamber is still based on Members being separated into two groups. Similarly, Members will also take your breaks in separate break rooms, according to the group you are in – although we have mixed the groups, so you can make new friends.

Within Parliament House, Members will remain masked at all times, except when asking questions and making speeches in the Chamber. Members seated in the second and third rows will now be able to speak, without their masks, from the rostrums in the second row or from the microphones right in front of your seats.

The seats in the Speaker's Gallery, right across from me, have been set aside for Members who are close contacts of COVID cases, but who have tested negative for COVID. And there is a separate rostrum for such Members seated in the Speaker's Gallery.

The Public Galleries in Level 3 will now be open to members of the public who wish to follow the proceedings in Parliament House. But as always, the livestream of parliamentary proceedings is available for the public to watch at their own convenience and from anywhere.

Here in Parliament, we will continue to abide by the latest public health advisories and make adjustments according to the prevailing situation.

Hon Members, we have reached a milestone in our fight against COVID-19 and we can take heart that in this House, we have remained steadfast in carrying out our duties as parliamentarians, with deep commitment, even in the face of such a crisis. We did not let the virus slow us down and we soldiered on to complete the parliamentary business before us.

This sense of commitment and solidarity with one another and with Singaporeans must remain strong, as we move into the next phase of fresh challenges, but also, of opportunities."

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- 3 22 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Speaker, 16 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statements.
- 4 Ministerial Statements – Inflation and Business Costs – (Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Trade and Industry).
- 5 Ministerial Statement – The Establishment of the Public Defender’s Office – (Minister for Law).
- 6 Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore" – presented by the Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 11/2022].
- 7 Adoption of Children Bill – "to repeal and re-enact the Adoption of Children Act 1939 with amendments to provide for the process of the adoption of children and the regulation of practices in the adoption sector and connected matters, and to make related and consequential amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Minister for Social and Family Development; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 12/2022].
- 8 Extradition (Amendment) Bill – (Second Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 9 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."
- 10 Extradition (Amendment) Bill – (Second Minister for Law) – 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 – (Second Minister for Law).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 30 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 11 Financial Services and Markets Bill – (Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Prime Minister) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 12 Adjournment of Debate – (Minister of State (Mr Alvin Tan) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

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- 13 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to 10.00 am tomorrow."

Adjourned at 8.27 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 10.00 am Tuesday, 5 April 2022.
