

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

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**Second Session**

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TUESDAY, 7 APRIL 2020

*No. 130*

**10.00 am**

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PRESENT:

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

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Senior 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), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Trade and Industry.

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr ARASU DURAISAMY (Nominated Member).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr DOUGLAS FOO (Nominated Member).

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 GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr TERENCE HO WEE SAN (Nominated Member).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Education.

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Communications and Information and Government Whip.

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 the Environment and Water Resources and Ministry of Health.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

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

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 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).

Prof LIM SUN SUN (Nominated Member).

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 Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MOHAMED IRSHAD (Nominated Member).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

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

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Ms ANTHEA ONG (Nominated Member).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Education.

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 Communications and Information and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Deputy Government Whip.

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies.

Assoc Prof WALTER THESEIRA (Nominated Member).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health.

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.

Prof YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar).

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), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

ABSENT:

Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Ms IRENE QUAY SIEW CHING (Nominated Member).

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms YIP PIN XIU (Nominated Member).

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- 1 5 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Parliamentary Elections (COVID-19 Special Arrangements) Bill – "to authorise temporary arrangements for the purposes of any election under the Parliamentary Elections Act (Chapter 218 of the 2011 Revised Edition) so that certain electors who are subject to COVID-19 stay orders may vote outside of their electoral divisions, an aspiring candidate need not be present in person during nomination proceedings if ill, and special steps may be taken during a poll and vote counting in the interest of public health" – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry, 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. 18/20].
- 3 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill – "to provide temporary measures, and deal with other matters, relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to make a consequential amendment to the Property Tax Act (Chapter 254 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law; on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order No. 86, to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – (Copies of the Bill handed to Members present). [Bill No. 19/2020].
- 4 Proceedings on Supply Business and Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the proceedings on item 3 on the Order Paper for today be taken now."
- 5 Additional Support Measures in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Ministerial Statement on Additional Support Measures in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
- 6 Time Limit for Speeches – (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 on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the Deputy Prime Minister's speech."
- 7 Additional Support Measures in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Ministerial Statement on Additional Support Measures in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic be considered by Parliament."  
  
Upon conclusion of the Debate, the Motion lapsed pursuant to Standing Order No. 44(2).
- 8 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, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the amendments to increase the sums allocated for Heads S, V and Z in the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for FY 20/21 be taken in the Committee of Supply under those respective heads of expenditure."

- 9 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2020) – Committee of Supply (Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

*(In the Committee)*

Head S – Ministry of Manpower –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head S of the Main Estimates be increased by \$500,000,000." – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)).

Question put and agreed to.

The increased sum of \$1,551,840,000 for Head S agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

Head V – Ministry of Trade and Industry –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head V of the Development Estimates be increased by \$200,000,000." – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)).

Question put and agreed to.

The increased sum of \$591,980,000 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

The increased sum of \$2,298,555,000 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Development Estimates.

Head Z – Financial Transfers –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head Z of the Main Estimates be increased by \$4,000,000,000." – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)).

Question put and agreed to.

The increased sum of \$21,592,925,000 for Head Z agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

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

| <i>Head</i>                                       | \$          |
|---|-------------|
| I Ministry of Social and Family Development       | 145,000,000 |
| K Ministry of Education                           | 237,599,500 |
| L Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources | 62,000,000  |

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| M | Ministry of Finance                        | 20,000,000,000 |
| O | Ministry of Health                         | 200,000,000    |
| Q | Ministry of Communications and Information | 18,000,000     |
| T | Ministry of National Development           | 65,000,000     |
| W | Ministry of Transport                      | 863,000,000    |
| X | Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth   | 110,000,000    |

The sum stated for the Head stated below agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Development Estimates:

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|-------------|---|------------|
| <i>Head</i> |   | \$         |
| L           | Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources | 30,000,000 |

Resolved, "That the sum of \$45,437,344,500 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 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, contained in Paper Cmd. 27 of 2020."

Resolved, "That the sum of \$2,328,555,000 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 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, contained in Paper Cmd. 27 of 2020."

Resolutions to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 10 Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the order for the second reading of the Supplementary Supply Bill (FY 2020) be discharged and the Bill be withdrawn."
- 11 Revised Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – "to make supplementary provision to meet additional expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah); on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order No. 86, to be read a second time immediately – (Copies of the Bill handed to Members present). [Bill No. 20/2020].
- 12 Revised Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 13 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill – (Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 14 Time Limit for Speeches – (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 on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the speech made by the Minister for Law."

- 15 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill – (Minister for Law) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- 16 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, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No 48(3) so far as it is necessary to enable the Minister for Health, Minister for National Development and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law, to speak more than once."
- 17 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill – (Minister for Law) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 18 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."
- 19 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill – (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 – (Minister for Law).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 35 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 20 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 7.43 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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#### MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.

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