

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

First Session

MONDAY, 8 JANUARY 2018

No. 55

11.00 am

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PRESENT:

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).

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).

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), Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast), Minister for Manpower.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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).

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

Mr AZMOON AHMAD (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

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

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

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

- 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 Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Audited Financial Statements for Financial Year 2016 – Presented on 7 November 2017 (S. 290 of 2017).
 - 1.2 Amusement Rides Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 14 November 2017 (S. L. 378 of 2017).
 - 1.3 Amusement Rides Safety (Fire and Rescue Management System) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 14 November 2017 (S. L. 379 of 2017).
 - 1.4 Second Report of the Estimates Committee – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Parl. 9 of 2017).
 - 1.5 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 37/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 64 of 2017).
 - 1.6 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Workplace Safety and Health (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 38/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 65 of 2017).
 - 1.7 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Massage Establishments Bill [Bill No 39/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 66 of 2017).
 - 1.8 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 40/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 67 of 2017).
 - 1.9 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 41/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 68 of 2017).
 - 1.10 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Sale of Food (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 42/2017] – Presented on 15 November 2017 (Pres. Co. 69 of 2017).
 - 1.11 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2017 – Presented on 15 November 2017 (S. L. 380 of 2017).
 - 1.12 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 291 of 2017).
 - 1.13 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 292 of 2017).

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- 1.14 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 293 of 2017).
 - 1.15 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 294 of 2017).
 - 1.16 East Coast-Fengshan Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 295 of 2017).
 - 1.17 Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 296 of 2017).
 - 1.18 Jalan Besar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 297 of 2017).
 - 1.19 Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 298 of 2017).
 - 1.20 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 299 of 2017).
 - 1.21 Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 300 of 2017).
 - 1.22 Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 301 of 2017).
 - 1.23 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 302 of 2017).
 - 1.24 Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 303 of 2017).
 - 1.25 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 304 of 2017).
 - 1.26 Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 305 of 2017).

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- 1.27 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2016/2017 – Presented on 17 November 2017 (S. 306 of 2017).
 - 1.28 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 21 November 2017 (S. L. 381 of 2017).
 - 1.29 Singapore's Position on the International Labour Organization Recommendation No. 204 on "Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy" – Presented on 24 November 2017 (Misc. 9 of 2017).
 - 1.30 Medifund Endowment Scheme Annual Report for FY2016 (1 Apr 2016 to 31 Mar 2017) – Presented on 24 November 2017 (S. 307 of 2017).
 - 1.31 Second Report of the Public Petitions Committee – Presented on 29 November 2017 (Parl. 10 of 2017).
 - 1.32 Housing Developers (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 8 December 2017 (S. L. 382 of 2017).
 - 1.33 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Act (Chapter 15A, Revised Edition 2017) – Presented on 12 December 2017 (S. 308 of 2017).
 - 1.34 Attorney-General (Additional Functions) Act (Chapter 16A, Revised Edition 2017) – Presented on 12 December 2017 (S. 309 of 2017).
 - 1.35 Choice of Court Agreements Act (Chapter 39A, Revised Edition 2017) – Presented on 12 December 2017 (S. 310 of 2017).
 - 1.36 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 12 December 2017 (S. L. 383 of 2017).
 - 1.37 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 384 of 2017).
 - 1.38 Statutory Boards (Taxable Services) (Amendment) Order 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 385 of 2017).
 - 1.39 Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 386 of 2017).
 - 1.40 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 387 of 2017).
 - 1.41 Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 388 of 2017).
 - 1.42 Customs (Authorised Piers and Places) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 389 of 2017).

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- 1.43 Customs (Exemption for Biodiesel Blends) Order 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 390 of 2017).
 - 1.44 Customs (Motor Vehicles Special Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 391 of 2017).
 - 1.45 Environmental Public Health (General Waste Collection) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 392 of 2017).
 - 1.46 Environmental Public Health (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 15 December 2017 (S. L. 393 of 2017).
 - 1.47 Building Control (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 394 of 2017).
 - 1.48 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 395 of 2017).
 - 1.49 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 396 of 2017).
 - 1.50 Road Traffic (Recovery of Vehicle Licence Fees and Costs) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 397 of 2017).
 - 1.51 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 398 of 2017).
 - 1.52 Road Traffic (Vehicle Removal, Storage and Release Charges – Land Transport Authority) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 399 of 2017).
 - 1.53 Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2017 – Presented on 19 December 2017 (S. L. 400 of 2017).
 - 1.54 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Licensing) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 2 January 2018 (S. L. 401 of 2018).
 - 1.55 Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) (Prescribed Date) Regulations 2017 – Presented on 2 January 2018 (S. L. 402 of 2018).
 - 1.56 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 – Presented on 4 January 2018 (S. L. 403 of 2018).
 - 1.57 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017 – Presented on 4 January 2018 (S. L. 404 of 2018).
 - 1.58 Deliberate Online Falsehoods: Challenges and Implications – Presented on 5 January 2018 (Misc. 10 of 2018).

- 2 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) Act (Chapter 86 of the 2005 Revised Edition)" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2018].
- 4 Cybersecurity Bill – "to require or authorise the taking of measures to prevent, manage and respond to cybersecurity threats and incidents, to regulate owners of critical information infrastructure, to regulate cybersecurity service providers, and for matters related thereto, and to make consequential or related amendments to certain other written laws" – presented by the Minister for Communications and Information; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 2/2018].
- 5 Enterprise Singapore Board Bill – "to establish the Enterprise Singapore Board, to repeal the International Enterprise Singapore Board Act (Chapter 143B of the 2002 Revised Edition) and the Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board Act (Chapter 303A of the 2002 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry); read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 3/2018].
- 6 Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 4/2018].
- 7 Public Sector (Governance) 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 Education (Higher Education and Skills), on behalf of the Prime Minister).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 5:

Amendment made, in page 14, line 7, by leaving out "1A or Group 1B" and inserting "1".
– (Minister of Education (Higher Education and Skills)).

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 15:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 20, lines 27 and 30, by leaving out "1A, Group 1B" and inserting "1";
- (ii) in page 21, line 2, by leaving out "1A, Group 1B" and inserting "1";
- (iii) in page 21, line 5, by leaving out "1A or Group 1B" and inserting "1"; and
- (iv) in page 21, by leaving out lines 7 to 9. – (Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)).

Clause 15, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 16:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 21, line 20, by leaving out "1A, Group 1B" and inserting "1"; and
- (ii) in page 21, line 26, by leaving out "15(4)" and inserting "15(3)". – (Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)).

Clause 16, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 21:

Amendment made, in page 23, line 14, after "20", by inserting ", and every member of a committee which is formed by a Group 1C public body to carry out any of its functions,". – (Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)).

Clause 21, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 39 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 40:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 36, lines 18 and 19, by leaving out "(except a Group 1B or Group 1C public body)"; and
- (ii) in page 36, line 33, by leaving out "Subsections (2) and (3) do" and inserting "This section does". – (Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills)).

Clause 40, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 41 to 87 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 88:

Amendments made:

- (i) in page 100, after line 8, by inserting –
 - "(a) by inserting, immediately after section 5, the following section:
"Directions by Minister
5A. The Minister may give to the Association any direction under section 5 of the Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018."; "
- (ii) in page 100, by leaving out lines 19 to 21;
- (iii) in page 100, line 25, by leaving out "Association" and inserting "Board"; and
- (iv) in page 101, line 5, by leaving out "(11)" and inserting "(13)".

Clause 88, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 89 to 112 inclusive agreed to.

Consequential amendments made:

- (i) in page 21, line 10, by renumbering sub-clause (4) as sub-clause (3);
- (ii) in page 21, line 11, by leaving out "or (3)"; and
- (iii) in page 100, line 9, by re-lettering paragraph (a) as paragraph (b).

First to Third Schedules inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, with amendments; read a third time.

- 8 Payment and Settlement Systems (Finality and Netting) (Amendment) 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 Education (Higher Education and Skills), on behalf of the Prime Minister).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 26 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Immigration (Amendment) 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 Home Affairs).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Moneylenders (Amendment) 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 Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

11 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 7.07 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Deputy Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 January 2018.
