

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

First Session

MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2023

No. 79

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

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).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

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) Senior 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 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 SLOW 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).

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.

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 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 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.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

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.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

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), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.

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 SITOY 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.

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, Prime Minister's Office.

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

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).

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).

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), 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:

Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

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 Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 2 December 2022 (S. L. 735 of 2022)
 - 1.2 United Nations (Sanctions – Central African Republic) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. L. 736 of 2022)
 - 1.3 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 325 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 326 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 327 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 328 of 2022)
 - 1.7 East Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 329 of 2022)
 - 1.8 Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 330 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Jalan Besar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 331 of 2022)
 - 1.10 Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 332 of 2022)
 - 1.11 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 333 of 2022)
 - 1.12 Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 334 of 2022)
 - 1.13 Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 335 of 2022)
 - 1.14 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 336 of 2022)
 - 1.15 Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 337 of 2022)
 - 1.16 Sengkang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 338 of 2022)
 - 1.17 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 339 of 2022)
 - 1.18 Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 340 of 2022)
 - 1.19 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report FY2021/2022 – Presented on 6 December 2022 (S. 341 of 2022)

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- 1.20 Legal Profession (Prescribed Statutory Bodies and Law Offices in Public Service) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 December 2022 (S. L. 737 of 2022)
 - 1.21 Legal Profession (Disciplinary Tribunal) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 December 2022 (S. L. 738 of 2022)
 - 1.22 Legal Profession (Modified Application of Act for International Services) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 December 2022 (S. L. 739 of 2022)
 - 1.23 Legal Profession (Solicitors' Accounts) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 December 2022 (S. L. 740 of 2022)
 - 1.24 Public Defenders Regulations 2022 – Presented on 7 December 2022 (S. L. 741 of 2022)
 - 1.25 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment No. 3) Bill [Bill No 32/2022] – Presented on 15 December 2022 (Pres. Co. 73 of 2022)
 - 1.26 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Penal Code (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 31/2022] – Presented on 15 December 2022 (Pres. Co. 74 of 2022)
 - 1.27 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Post-appeal Applications in Capital Cases Bill [Bill No 34/2022] – Presented on 15 December 2022 (Pres. Co. 75 of 2022)
 - 1.28 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Electric Vehicles Charging Bill [Bill No 36/2022] – Presented on 15 December 2022 (Pres. Co. 76 of 2022)
 - 1.29 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the State Lands Protection Bill [Bill No 35/2022] – Presented on 15 December 2022 (Pres. Co. 77 of 2022)
 - 1.30 Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 16 December 2022 (S. L. 742 of 2022)
 - 1.31 Public Trustee (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 16 December 2022 (S. L. 743 of 2022)
 - 1.32 Building Control (Regulating Fixed Installation Contractors) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 16 December 2022 (S. L. 744 of 2022)
 - 1.33 Building Control (Fixed Installation Contractors – Exemption) Order 2022 – Presented on 16 December 2022 (S. L. 745 of 2022)
 - 1.34 Silver Support Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 16 December 2022 (S. L. 746 of 2022)
 - 1.35 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Liquor Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 20 December 2022 (S. L. 747 of 2022)
 - 1.36 Women's Charter (Mediation and Counselling) (Prescribed Persons) (Revocation) Rules 2022 – Presented on 21 December 2022 (S. L. 748 of 2022)
 - 1.37 Women's Charter (Programmes for Children – Prescribed Children) Rules 2022 – Presented on 21 December 2022 (S. L. 749 of 2022)
 - 1.38 Women's Charter (Mediation, Counselling and Family Support Programmes – Prescribed Persons) Rules 2022 – Presented on 21 December 2022 (S. L. 750 of 2022)

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- 1.39 Passports (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 21 December 2022 (S. L. 751 of 2022)
 - 1.40 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 22 December 2022 (S. L. 752 of 2022)
 - 1.41 Workplace Safety and Health (General Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 28 December 2022 (S. L. 753 of 2022)
 - 1.42 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 754 of 2022)
 - 1.43 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 755 of 2022)
 - 1.44 Road Traffic (Fees for Vehicle Recalls) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 756 of 2022)
 - 1.45 Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 757 of 2022)
 - 1.46 Road Traffic (Autonomous Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 758 of 2022)
 - 1.47 Active Mobility (Registration of Registrable Personal Mobility Devices) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 30 December 2022 (S. L. 759 of 2022)
 - 1.48 Pawnbrokers Act 2015 (Amendment of Second Schedule) Order 2022 – Presented on 3 January 2023 (S. L. 760 of 2023)
 - 1.49 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 4 January 2023 (S. L. 761 of 2023)
 - 1.50 Income Tax (Savings Provisions – Assignment of functions under Section 3A) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 762 of 2023)
 - 1.51 Income Tax (Qualifying Mediation and Qualifying Mediator) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 763 of 2023)
 - 1.52 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 764 of 2023)
 - 1.53 Goods and Services Tax (Composition of Offences) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 765 of 2023)
 - 1.54 Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 766 of 2023)
 - 1.55 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 767 of 2023)
 - 1.56 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 768 of 2023)
 - 1.57 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 5) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 769 of 2023)
 - 1.58 Road Traffic (Vehicular Emissions Tax) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 770 of 2023)

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- 1.59 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment No. 7) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 771 of 2023)
- 1.60 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 772 of 2023)
- 1.61 Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 – Presented on 6 January 2023 (S. L. 773 of 2023)
- 2 25 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Ministerial Statement – Singapore’s Response to Current Global COVID-19 Situation – (Minister for Health).
- 4 Ministerial Statement – Safe and Orderly Restoration of Singapore’s Air Connectivity – (Minister for Transport).
- 5 Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Environmental Public Health Act 1987" – presented by the Senior Minister of State (Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan), on behalf of the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 1/2023].
- 6 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 7 SkillsFuture Singapore Agency (Amendment) Bill – (Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Education) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 8 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(d), Mr Speaker extended the sitting beyond the moment of interruption for a period of up to 30 minutes.
- 9 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned.".
- Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

10 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 1.30 pm tomorrow."

11 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed "That Parliament do now adjourn"; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 6.51 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mr Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 7.21 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 10 January 2023.
