

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2020

No. 1

5.30 pm

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By Proclamation in the Gazette dated 14 August 2020, the President had appointed The Arts House, Civil Service College, NTUC Centre and The Treasury as appointed places at which the First Session of the Fourteenth Parliament may be held.

As a precaution during the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Articles 64A(2) and 64A(2)(c)(ii) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, the Speaker (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin) decided that proceedings on 24 August 2020 be held at both Parliament House and The Arts House concurrently and in contemporaneous communication with one another, as part of continuity arrangements under the law.

PRESENT:

AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

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

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

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).

Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).

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 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 Health.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

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.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

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

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of National Development.

Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).

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

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).

Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Minister for Education and Second Minister for Finance.

Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).

AT THE ARTS HOUSE

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

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

Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Health.

Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).

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

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister for Finance.

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).

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 Communications and Information and Ministry of Health and Government Whip.

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

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.

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

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

Ms RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar).

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.

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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

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 XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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 JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

- 1 Parl Papers – Papers presented after the adjournment of the last sitting of the 13th Parliament on 5 June 2020 and before the Opening of the 14th Parliament on 24 August 2020, 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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 28/2020] – Presented on 11 June 2020 (Pres. Co. 176 of 2020).
 - 1.2 Professional Engineers Board Annual Report for FY 2019 – Presented on 12 June 2020 (S. 538 of 2020).
 - 1.3 Board of Architects Annual Report for FY 2019 – Presented on 12 June 2020 (S. 539 of 2020).
 - 1.4 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 12 June 2020 (S. L. 853 of 2020).
 - 1.5 Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 16 June 2020 (S. L. 854 of 2020).
 - 1.6 Amusement Rides Safety (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 16 June 2020 (S. L. 855 of 2020).
 - 1.7 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 17 June 2020 (S. L. 856 of 2020).
 - 1.8 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 17 June 2020 (S. L. 857 of 2020).
 - 1.9 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 – Presented on 18 June 2020 (S. L. 858 of 2020).
 - 1.10 Annual Report of the President Industrial Arbitration Court 2019 – Presented on 19 June 2020 (S. 540 of 2020).
 - 1.11 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 22 June 2020 (S. L. 859 of 2020).
 - 1.12 Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles - Approval) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 15 July 2020 (S. L. 1 of 2020).
 - 1.13 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report for the financial year 1 Apr 2019 to 31 Mar 2020 – Presented on 15 July 2020 (S. 1 of 2020).
 - 1.14 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 15 July 2020 (S. L. 2 of 2020).
 - 1.15 MUIS Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 16 July 2020 (S. 2 of 2020).

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- 1.16 Environmental Protection and Management (Hazardous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 16 July 2020 (S. L. 3 of 2020).
 - 1.17 Variable Capital Companies (Consequential Amendments to Other Acts) Order 2020 – Presented on 17 July 2020 (S. L. 4 of 2020).
 - 1.18 Board of Architects Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 – Presented on 24 July 2020 (S. 3 of 2020).
 - 1.19 Professional Engineers Board Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 – Presented on 24 July 2020 (S. 4 of 2020).
 - 1.20 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 10) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 24 July 2020 (S. L. 5 of 2020).
 - 1.21 Central Provident Fund (Contribute As You Earn Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 28 July 2020 (S. L. 6 of 2020).
 - 1.22 Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 28 July 2020 (S. L. 7 of 2020).
 - 1.23 Merdeka Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the financial period from 26 June 2019 to 31 March 2020 – Presented on 29 July 2020 (S. 5 of 2020).
 - 1.24 Annual Report of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprise 2019/2020 – Presented on 30 July 2020 (S. 6 of 2020).
 - 1.25 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Sustainability/Integrated Report 2019 – Presented on 30 July 2020 (S. 7 of 2020).
 - 1.26 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Audited Financial Statement 2019 – Presented on 30 July 2020 (S. 8 of 2020).
 - 1.27 Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 30 July 2020 (S. 9 of 2020).
 - 1.28 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2019/2020 – Presented on 30 July 2020 (S. 10 of 2020).
 - 1.29 Singapore Public Service Commission Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 3 August 2020 (S. 11 of 2020).
 - 1.30 MAS Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 3 August 2020 (S. 12 of 2020).
 - 1.31 Financial Sector Development Fund Annual Report 2019/2020 – Presented on 3 August 2020 (S. 13 of 2020).
 - 1.32 Legal Service Commission Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 3 August 2020 (S. 14 of 2020).

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- 1.33 The National Research Fund Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 3 August 2020 (S. 15 of 2020).
 - 1.34 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Restrictions on Consumption) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2020 (S. L. 8 of 2020).
 - 1.35 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Personal Insolvency) Rules 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2020 (S. L. 9 of 2020).
 - 1.36 Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Corporate Insolvency and Restructuring) Rules 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2020 (S. L. 10 of 2020).
 - 1.37 Rules of Court (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2020 – Presented on 4 August 2020 (S. L. 11 of 2020).
 - 1.38 Road Traffic (Vehicular Emissions Tax) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 August 2020 (S. L. 12 of 2020).
 - 1.39 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 August 2020 (S. L. 13 of 2020).
 - 1.40 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licenses and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 August 2020 (S. L. 14 of 2020).
 - 1.41 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 11) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 6 August 2020 (S. L. 15 of 2020).
 - 1.42 Public Transport Fund Financial Statements for Financial Year ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 7 August 2020 (S. 16 of 2020).
 - 1.43 The CONNECT Fund Financial Statements for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2020 – Presented on 12 August 2020 (S. 17 of 2020).
 - 1.44 Singapore Armed Forces (Urine Specimens and Urine Tests) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 13 August 2020 (S. L. 16 of 2020).
 - 1.45 Building Control (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 18 August 2020 (S. L. 17 of 2020).
 - 1.46 Corrigendum to Central Provident Fund Board Annual Report 2019 – Presented on 18 August 2020 (S. 18 of 2020).
 - 1.47 Central Provident Fund (Contribute As You Earn Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 20 August 2020 (S. L. 18 of 2020).
 - 1.48 National Council of Social Services (NCSS) Annual Report FY 2019 – Presented on 20 August 2020 (S. 19 of 2020).
 - 1.49 Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 21 August 2020 (S. L. 19 of 2020).

- 2 Election of Speaker – Leader of the House, addressing herself to the Clerk of Parliament, proposed that Mr Tan Chuan-Jin do take the Chair of this Parliament as Speaker, which proposal was supported by Mr Sitoh Yih Pin.

There being only one proposal, the Clerk of Parliament declared Mr Tan Chuan-Jin to have been elected as Speaker of this Parliament.

- 3 Oath of Mr Speaker – Mr Speaker, standing at the Table, took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and thereafter took the Chair of the House.

The Mace, which before lay below the Table, was placed upon the Table.

- 4 Oaths of Allegiance and Affirmations– The following Members took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance or made and subscribed the Affirmation in the order below (in groups):

(Parliament House)

Mr Lee Hsien Loong – Ang Mo Kio

(The Arts House)

Mr Heng Swee Keat – East Coast

(Parliament House)

Mr Teo Chee Hean – Pasir Ris-Punggol

(The Arts House)

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam – Jurong

Group 1 (Parliament House)

Ms Indraneel Rajah – Tanjong Pagar

Mr Chan Chun Sing – Tanjong Pagar

Mr Masagos Zulkifli B M M – Tampines

Mr Lawrence Wong – Marsiling-Yew Tee

Dr Vivian Balakrishnan – Holland-Bukit Timah

Mr Ong Ye Kung – Sembawang

Dr Tan See Leng – Marine Parade

Group 2 (The Arts House)

Mr S Iswaran – West Coast

Dr Ng Eng Hen – Bishan-Toa Payoh

Mr Gan Kim Yong – Chua Chu Kang

Group 3 (The Arts House)

Mr Edwin Tong – Marine Parade

Mrs Josephine Teo – Jalan Besar

Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman – East Coast

Mr Desmond Lee – West Coast

Group 4 (Parliament House)

Mr Tan Kiat How – East Coast

Ms Sim Ann – Holland-Bukit Timah

Dr Amy Khor Lean Suan – Hong Kah North

Ms Low Yen Ling – Chua Chu Kang

Dr Koh Poh Koon – Tampines

Group 5 (The Arts House)

Dr Janil Puthucheary – Pasir Ris-Punggol

Mr Zaqy Mohamad – Marsiling-Yew Tee

Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal

Ibrahim – (Nee Soon)

Mr Heng Chee How – Jalan Besar

Mr Chee Hong Tat – Bishan-Toa Payoh

Mr Desmond Tan – Pasir Ris-Punggol

Group 6 (Parliament House)

Mr Pritam Singh – Aljunied

Miss Cheng Li Hui – Tampines

Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang – Nee Soon

Mr Liang Eng Hwa – Bukit Panjang

Mr Baey Yam Keng – Tampines

Mr Lim Biow Chuan – Mountbatten

Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo – East Coast

Group 7 (Parliament House)

Mr Darryl David – Ang Mo Kio

Mr Sitoh Yih Pin – Potong Pasir

Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling – East Coast

Mr Murali Pillai – Bukit Batok

Mr Eric Chua – Tanjong Pagar

Dr Tan Wu Meng – Jurong

Ms Tin Pei Ling – MacPherson

Mr Leon Perera – Aljunied

Group 8 (Parliament House)

Mr Gan Thiam Poh – Ang Mo Kio

Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry – Kebun

Baru

Ms Foo Mee Har – West Coast

Mr Chong Kee Hiong – Bishan-Toa

Payoh

Mr Yip Hon Weng – Yio Chu Kang

Group 9 (Parliament House)

Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin – Ang Mo Kio
 Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song – Aljunied
 Miss Rachel Ong – West Coast
 Mr Mohamed Sharael Mohd Taha – Pasir
 Ris-Punggol
 Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim – Sengkang
 Ms He Ting Ru - Sengkang

Group 10 (The Arts House)

Mr Desmond Choo – Tampines
 Mr Alex Yam Ziming – Marsiling-Yew
 Tee
 Mr Seah Kian Peng – Marine Parade
 Mr Christopher de Souza – Holland-Bukit
 Timah

Group 11 (The Arts House)

Mr Derrick Goh – Nee Soon
 Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye – Radin Mas
 Ms Sylvia Lim – Aljunied
 Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng – Jalan Besar

Group 12 (The Arts House)

Ms Mariam Jaafar – Sembawang
 Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui – Holland-Bukit
 Timah
 Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan – Pioneer
 Dr Lim Wee Kiak – Sembawang

Group 13 (The Arts House)

Dr Wan Rizal – Jalan Besar
 Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong – Jurong
 Ms Yeo Wan Ling – Pasir Ris-Punggol
 Ms Raeesah Khan – Sengkang

Group 14 (Parliament House) (in Malay)

Ms Rahayu Mahzam – Jurong

Group 15 (The Arts House) (in Malay)

Mr Saktiandi Supaat – Bishan-Toa Payoh
 Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman – Marine Parade
 Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap –
 Aljunied
 Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim – Chua Chu
 Kang

Group 16 (Parliament House) (in Chinese)

Ms Sun Xueling – Punggol West
 Mr Don Wee – Chua Chu Kang
 Ms Gan Siow Huang – Marymount

Group 17 (The Arts House) (in Chinese)

Ms Hany Soh – Marsiling-Yew Tee
 Ms Poh Li San – Sembawang
 Mr Alvin Tan – Tanjong Pagar
 Ms Carrie Tan – Nee Soon
 Ms Grace Fu Hai Yien – Yuhua

Group 18 (The Arts House) (in Chinese)

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis – Sengkang
 Ms Ng Ling Ling – Ang Mo Kio
 Mr Ang Wei Neng – West Coast
 Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong – Hougang
 Mr Xie Yao Quan – Jurong

Group 19 (The Arts House) (in Tamil)

Mr Vikram Nair – Sembawang

Group 20 (Parliament House)

Ms Hazel Poa – Non Constituency
 Mr Leong Mun Wai – Non Constituency

- 5 Addresses and Acknowledgement – The Leader of the House, Mr Pritam Singh, Mr Saktiandi Supaat, Ms Tin Pei Ling and Mr Vikram Nair made congratulatory addresses to Mr Speaker and Mr Speaker thanked the House for the great honour which the House had bestowed upon him.
- 6 Suspension of Sitting – Mr Speaker suspended the sitting until 8.00 pm pursuant to Standing Order No. 2(4)(b).
- 7 President's Speech – The President delivered her speech at the opening of the First Session.

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- 8 Adjournment – Parliament stood adjourned without question put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15(1).

Adjourned at 8.28 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be named by the Leader of the House.
