

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

First Session

MONDAY, 26 JULY 2021

No. 33

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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.

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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

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.

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.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

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.

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 RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

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.

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 VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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

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

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

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

Ms GAN SIOU HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.

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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 (Power-Assisted Bicycles – Approval) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 7 July 2021 (S. L. 277 of 2021)
 - 1.2 Road Traffic (Registration of Power-Assisted Bicycles) (Amendment) Rules 2021 – Presented on 7 July 2021 (S. L. 278 of 2021)
 - 1.3 Merdeka Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the financial year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. 130 of 2021)
 - 1.4 Singapore Armed Forces (Saver Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. L. 279 of 2021)
 - 1.5 Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. L. 280 of 2021)
 - 1.6 Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. L. 281 of 2021)
 - 1.7 MAS Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. 131 of 2021)
 - 1.8 MAS Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. 132 of 2021)
 - 1.9 Financial Sector Development Fund Annual Report 2020/2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. 133 of 2021)
 - 1.10 Financial Sector Development Fund Financial Statements 2020/2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. 134 of 2021)
 - 1.11 Protection from Harassment (Public Service Worker) (Amendment) Order 2021 – Presented on 9 July 2021 (S. L. 282 of 2021)
 - 1.12 Electricity (Electrical Installations- Exemption) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 12 July 2021 (S. L. 283 of 2021)
 - 1.13 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2021 – Presented on 14 July 2021 (S. L. 284 of 2021)
 - 1.14 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 12) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 July 2021 (S. L. 285 of 2021)
 - 1.15 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 July 2021 (S. L. 286 of 2021)
 - 1.16 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 July 2021 (S. L. 287 of 2021)
 - 1.17 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 July 2021 (S. L. 288 of 2021)
 - 1.18 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 15 July 2021 (S. L. 289 of 2021)

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- 1.19 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 11/2021] – Presented on 16 July 2021 (Pres. Co. 22 of 2021)
 - 1.20 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Registration of Births and Deaths Bill [Bill No 13/2021] – Presented on 16 July 2021 (Pres. Co. 23 of 2021)
 - 1.21 Active Mobility (Competency Tests) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 19 July 2021 (S. L. 290 of 2021)
 - 1.22 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 13) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 19 July 2021 (S. L. 291 of 2021)
 - 1.23 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 19 July 2021 (S. L. 292 of 2021)
 - 1.24 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 19 July 2021 (S. L. 293 of 2021)
 - 1.25 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 19 July 2021 (S. L. 294 of 2021)
 - 1.26 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2020/2021 – Presented on 21 July 2021 (Cmd. 8 of 2021)
 - 1.27 Savings & Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (Saver-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2020 – Presented on 22 July 2021 (S. 135 of 2021)
 - 1.28 Budget Adjustments to Estimates of Expenditure and the Revised Estimates of Revenue for the Financial Year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 – Presented on 26 July 2021 (Cmd. 9 of 2021)
- 2 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time. With leave of Mr Deputy Speaker, 5 other Questions for Oral Answer were addressed in the subsequent Ministerial Statements.
- 3 Ministerial Statements – Fifth Update on Whole-of-Government Responses to COVID-19 – (Minister for Health, Minister for Trade and Industry and Minister for Finance).
- 4 Ministerial Statement – Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) – (Minister for Finance).
- 5 Ministerial Statement – (Minister of Finance) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Ministerial Statement made by the Minister for Finance on Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) be considered by Parliament."
- 6 Adjournment of Debate – (Minister of Finance) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed on Tuesday, 27 July 2021.

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- 7 Courts (Civil and Criminal Justice) Reform Bill – "to amend the Interpretation Act, the Administration of Justice (Protection) Act 2016, the Arbitration Act, the Attorney-General (Additional Functions) Act, the Civil Law Act, the Criminal Procedure Code, the Evidence Act, the Family Justice Act 2014, the International Arbitration Act, the Legal Profession Act, the Prisons Act, the State Courts Act, the Supreme Court of Judicature Act and certain other Acts, to reform, modernise, update and enhance court processes in the civil and criminal justice systems" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Low Yen Ling), Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time; to be read a second time at the first available sitting in September 2021 and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2021].
- 8 Supplementary Supply and Budget Adjustments (FY 2021) Bill – "to make supplementary provision out of the Consolidated Fund to meet additional expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, and to reduce certain appropriations from the Consolidated Fund and Development Fund for that financial year due to exigencies" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for FY2021/22 and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2021].
- 9 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put, Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 11.00 am tomorrow."
- 10 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

And the Question having been proposed at 6.38 pm and the Debate having continued for half an hour, Mdm Deputy Speaker adjourned Parliament without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order.

Adjourned at 7.08 pm

CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA,
Deputy Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Deputy Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 27 July 2021.
