

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

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**First Session**

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TUESDAY, 27 JULY 2021

*No. 34*

**11.00 am**

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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.

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 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).

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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 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).

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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 SITOH 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.

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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)).

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

Ms GAN SIOW 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.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

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 Environmental Public Health (Registration of Environmental Control Coordinators and Environmental Control Officers) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 295 of 2021)
  - 1.2 Environmental Public Health (Registration of Environmental Control Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 296 of 2021)
  - 1.3 Environmental Public Health (Specified Premises) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 297 of 2021)
  - 1.4 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 14) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 298 of 2021)
  - 1.5 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 10) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 299 of 2021)
  - 1.6 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories – Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 300 of 2021)
  - 1.7 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities – Control Order) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 301 of 2021)
  - 1.8 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events – Control Order) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 302 of 2021)
  - 1.9 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings – Control Order) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. L. 303 of 2021)
  - 1.10 Long-Term Care Support Fund Audited Financial Statements for financial period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 – Presented on 27 July 2021 (S. 136 of 2021)
- 2 16 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Proceedings on 27 July 2021 – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the Ministerial Statement on River Valley High School Incident and the proceedings on items 3 and 4 on the Order Paper for today be taken before the consideration of the Supplementary Estimates in the Committee of Supply at this day's sitting."
- 4 Simultaneous Debate on Motions – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the motions on "Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) And Phase 3 (Heightened Alert)" and "Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert)" be taken jointly and the debate on these motions be proceeded with simultaneously as though the debate were on a single motion."
- 5 Ministerial Statement – River Valley High School Incident – (Minister for Education).

- 6 Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) – (Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Questions, "That the Ministerial Statements made by the Minister for Finance on the Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
- 7 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be proceeded with beyond the moment of interruption."
- 8 Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) – (Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Questions, "That the Ministerial Statements made by the Minister for Finance on the Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
- 9 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Deputy 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 Minister for Finance's speech."
- 10 Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) – (Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Questions, "That the Ministerial Statements made by the Minister for Finance on the Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) and Phase 3 (Heightened Alert), and Support Measures for Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) be considered by Parliament."
- Upon conclusion of the Debate, the Motion lapsed pursuant to Standing Order No. 44(2).
- 11 Suspension of Standing Orders – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mdm Deputy 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 L and Z as appearing in the Order Paper Supplement for the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure FY2021/2022 be taken in the Committee of Supply under those respective heads of expenditure."
- 12 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (Paper Cmd. 7 of 2021) – Committee of Supply (Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

*(In the Committee)*

Head L – Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head L of the Main Estimates be increased by \$23,000,000." – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)).

Question put and agreed to.

The increased sum of \$46,000,000 for Head L agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

Head Z – Financial Transfers –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head Z of the Main Estimates be increased by \$680,000,000." – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)).

Question put and agreed to.

The increased sum of \$1,660,000,000 for Head Z agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

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Resolved, "That the sum of \$1,706,000,000 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 2021 to 31 March 2022, as amended, contained in Paper Cmd. 7 of 2021."

Resolution to be reported.

Resolution reported and agreed to.

13 Supplementary Supply and Budget Adjustments (FY 2021) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.

14 Adjournment to a Later Date – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to Monday, 2 August 2021."

15 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 9.22 pm

CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA,  
*Deputy Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Deputy Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Monday, 2 August 2021.

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