

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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## First Session

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MONDAY, 4 JANUARY 2021

No. 14

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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

Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).

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.

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

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) 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 Health.

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).

Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).

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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).

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 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.

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 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).

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Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

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

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), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health.

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.

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 HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education 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, 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, 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 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 Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

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

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 Education and Second 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 HE TING RU (Sengkang).

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 RAEESAH KHAN (Sengkang).

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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 Customs (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 82 of 2020).
    - 1.2 Customs (Duties) (Exemption) Order 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 83 of 2020).
    - 1.3 Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 84 of 2020).
    - 1.4 Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 85 of 2020).
    - 1.5 Point-To-Point Passenger Transport Industry (Amendment of Schedule – Saving and Transitional Arrangements) Order 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 86 of 2020).
    - 1.6 Point-To-Point Passenger Transport Industry (Exempt Ride-Hail Service Operator) Order 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 87 of 2020).
    - 1.7 Point-To-Point Passenger Transport Industry (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 88 of 2020).
    - 1.8 Road Traffic (Taxi Service Operator Licence) (Revocation) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 89 of 2020).
    - 1.9 Road Traffic (Private Hire Car Booking Service Operator) (Revocation) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 90 of 2020).
    - 1.10 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 91 of 2020).
    - 1.11 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 92 of 2020).
    - 1.12 Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 93 of 2020).
    - 1.13 Road Traffic (Chauffeured Private Hire Car and Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 5 November 2020 (S.L. 94 of 2020).
    - 1.14 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 6 November 2020 (S.L. 95 of 2020).
    - 1.15 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 18) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 6 November 2020 (S.L. 96 of 2020).
    - 1.16 MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 9 November 2020 (S.L. 97 of 2020).
    - 1.17 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Personal Data Protection (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 37/2020] – Presented on 11 November 2020 (Pres. Co. 7 of 2020).
    - 1.18 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Apostille Bill [Bill No 35/2020] – Presented on 11 November 2020 (Pres. Co. 8 of 2020).
    - 1.19 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill [Bill No 43/2020] – Presented on 11 November 2020 (Pres. Co. 9 of 2020).

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- 1.20 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 36/2020] – Presented on 11 November 2020 (Pres. Co. 10 of 2020).
  - 1.21 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (United Nations Development Programme) Order 2020 – Presented on 12 November 2020 (S.L. 98 of 2020).
  - 1.22 Diplomatic and Consular Relations (United Nations Development Programme) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 12 November 2020 (S.L. 99 of 2020).
  - 1.23 Customs (Offices and Stations) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 23 November 2020 (S.L. 100 of 2020).
  - 1.24 Long-Term Care Support Fund Audited Financial Statements for Financial Period from 2 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 – Presented on 30 November 2020 (S. 90 of 2020).
  - 1.25 Silver Support (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 December 2020 (S.L. 101 of 2020).
  - 1.26 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 19) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 December 2020 (S.L. 102 of 2020).
  - 1.27 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities – Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 7 December 2020 (S.L. 103 of 2020).
  - 1.28 Air Navigation (91 – General Operating Rules) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 December 2020 (S.L. 104 of 2020).
  - 1.29 Air Navigation (121 – Commercial Air Transport by Large Aeroplanes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 December 2020 (S.L. 105 of 2020).
  - 1.30 Air Navigation (125 – Complex General Aviation) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 December 2020 (S.L. 106 of 2020).
  - 1.31 Air Navigation (135 – Commercial Air Transport by Helicopters and Small Aeroplanes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 December 2020 (S.L. 107 of 2020).
  - 1.32 Air Navigation (137 – Aerial Work) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 8 December 2020 (S.L. 108 of 2020).
  - 1.33 Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 9 December 2020 (S.L. 109 of 2020).
  - 1.34 United Nations (Sanctions – Central African Republic) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 9 December 2020 (S.L. 110 of 2020).
  - 1.35 United Nations (Freezing of Assets of Persons – Sudan) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 9 December 2020 (S.L. 111 of 2020).
  - 1.36 Air Navigation (Regulated Air Cargo Agents) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 10 December 2020 (S.L. 112 of 2020).
  - 1.37 Active Mobility (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 14 December 2020 (S.L. 113 of 2020).
  - 1.38 Legal Profession (Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism) (Amendment) Rules 2020 – Presented on 15 December 2020 (S.L. 114 of 2020).

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- 1.39 Pawnbrokers Act 2015 (Amendment of Third Schedule) Order 2020 – Presented on 15 December 2020 (S.L. 115 of 2020).
  - 1.40 Charities (Fund-raising Appeals for Local and Foreign Charitable Purposes) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 23 December 2020 (S.L. 116 of 2020).
  - 1.41 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 – Presented on 24 December 2020 (S.L. 117 of 2020).
  - 1.42 Judges' Remuneration (Annual Pensionable Salary) (Amendment) Order 2020 – Presented on 28 December 2020 (S.L. 118 of 2020).
  - 1.43 MediFund Endowment Scheme Annual Report for FY2019 (1 Apr 2019 to 31 Mar 2020) – Presented on 28 December 2020 (S. 91 of 2020).
  - 1.44 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 20) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 29 December 2020 (S.L. 119 of 2020).
  - 1.45 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 29 December 2020 (S.L. 120 of 2020).
  - 1.46 Employment (Administrative Penalties) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 30 December 2020 (S.L. 121 of 2020).
  - 1.47 Regulation of Imports and Exports (Prescribed Agreements) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 31 December 2020 (S.L. 122 of 2020).
  - 1.48 Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 31 December 2020 (S.L. 123 of 2020).
  - 1.49 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 January 2021 (S.L. 124 of 2020).
  - 1.50 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 January 2021 (S.L. 125 of 2020).
  - 1.51 Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 4 January 2021 (S.L. 126 of 2020).
- 2 26 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
  - 3 Ministerial Statements – Third Update on Whole-of-Government Response to COVID-19 – (Minister for Health and Minister for Education).
  - 4 Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Electronic Transactions Act (Chapter 88 of the 2011 Revised Edition) and to make consequential and related amendments to the Bills of Lading Act (Cap. 384) and the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act (Cap. 53B)" – 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. 1/2021].
  - 5 Payment Services (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Transport, on behalf of the Prime Minister) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

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6 Exempted Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."

7 Payment Services (Amendment) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Question put and agreed to. 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 Transport, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

8 Guns, Explosives and Weapons Control Bill – (Minister of State (Mr Desmond Tan), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

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 to a Later Date – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put, Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to 12 noon tomorrow."

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 7.54 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 12 noon on Tuesday, 5 January 2021.

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