

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

Second Session

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2020

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10.00 am

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PRESENT:

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

Mr AMRIN AMIN (Sembawang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health.

Mr ANG HIN KEE (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr ANG WEI NENG (Jurong).

Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (Fengshan).

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

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Ministry of Education.

Mr CHEN SHOW MAO (Aljunied).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Dr CHIA SHI-LU (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr CHARLES CHONG (Punggol East), Deputy Speaker.

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr ARASU DURAISAMY (Nominated Member).

Mr CEDRIC FOO CHEE KENG (Pioneer).

Mr DOUGLAS FOO (Nominated Member).

Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).

Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Leader of the House.

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

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr GOH CHOK TONG (Marine Parade).

Assoc Prof DANIEL GOH PEI SIONG (Non-Constituency Member).

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

Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (Tampines), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.

Mr TERENCE HO WEE SAN (Nominated Member).

Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for Education.

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 Transport and Ministry of Communications and Information and Government Whip.

Mr KHAW BOON WAN (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport.

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

Dr KOH POH KOON (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Nee Soon).

Dr LAM PIN MIN (Sengkang West), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Transport.

Er Dr LEE BEE WAH (Nee Soon).

Mr DESMOND LEE (Jurong), Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for National Development and Deputy Leader of the House.

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

Mr LEE YI SHYAN (East Coast).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten), Deputy Speaker.

Mr LIM HNG KIANG (West Coast).

Prof LIM SUN SUN (Nominated Member).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr MOHAMED IRSHAD (Nominated Member).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Dr LILY NEO (Jalan Besar).

Mr NG CHEE MENG (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister, Prime Minister's Office.

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

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Ms ANTHEA ONG (Nominated Member).

Mr ONG TENG KOON (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Mr PNG ENG HUAT (Hougang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied).

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.

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

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast).

Mr SAM TAN CHIN SIONG (Radin Mas), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (West Coast).

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

Dr TEO HO PIN (Bukit Panjang).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

Mr TEO SER LUCK (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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

Assoc Prof WALTER THESEIRA (Nominated Member).

Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).

Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Health.

Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).

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

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

Prof YAACOB IBRAHIM (Jalan Besar).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Mr YEE CHIA HSING (Chua Chu Kang).

Ms YIP PIN XIU (Nominated Member).

Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr ZAINAL SAPARI (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Government Whip.

ABSENT:

Prof FATIMAH LATEEF (Marine Parade).

Dr INTAN AZURA MOKHTAR (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LIM SWEE SAY (East Coast).

Mr LOW THIA KHIANG (Aljunied).

Ms IRENE QUAY SIEW CHING (Nominated Member).

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong).

- 1 Paper 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 Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 – Presented on 5 June 2020 (S. L. 852 of 2020).
- 2 15 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020" – presented by the Senior Minister of State, on behalf of the Minister for Law; read the first time on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order No. 86, to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Second Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – (Copies of the Bill handed to Members present). [Bill No. 28/2020].
- 4 Proceedings on Supply Business and Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker (Mr Lim Biow Chuan) and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding the Standing Orders, the proceedings on item 3 on the Order Paper for today be taken now."
- 5 Government's Plans in Our Continuing Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Ministerial Statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance on the Government's Plans in Our Continuing Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic be considered by Parliament."; Debate arising.
- 6 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr 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 Deputy Prime Minister's speech."
- 7 Government's Plans in Our Continuing Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Ministerial Statement made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance on the Government's Plans in Our Continuing Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic be considered by Parliament."
- Upon conclusion of the Debate, the Motion lapsed pursuant to Standing Order No. 44(2).
- 8 Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (Paper Cmd. 28 of 2020) – Committee of Supply (Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Head M – Ministry of Finance –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head M of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Anthea Ong).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$3,650,000,000 for Head M agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates.

Head O – Ministry of Health –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head O of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Anthea Ong).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$7,000,900,000 for Head O agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates.

Head V – Ministry of Trade and Industry –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head V of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Anthea Ong).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$1,851,670,000 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates.

The sum of \$1,710,800,000 for Head V agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Development Estimates.

Head S – Ministry of Manpower –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head S of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Assoc Prof Walter Theseira).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$3,122,917,400 for Head S agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates.

The sum of \$59,711,200 for Head S agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Development Estimates.

Head I – Ministry of Social and Family Development –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head I of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Anthea Ong).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$1,063,442,000 for Head I agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates.

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Main Estimates:

<i>Head</i>	<i>\$</i>
K Ministry of Education	300,000,000
Q Ministry of Communications and Information	430,325,000

T	Ministry of National Development	2,880,000,000
U	Prime Minister's Office	60,000,000
X	Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth	12,850,000
Z	Financial Transfers	20,670,000,000

The sum stated for the Head stated below agreed to stand part of the Second Supplementary Development Estimates:

<i>Head</i>		\$
T	Ministry of National Development	500,000,000

Resolved, "That the sum of \$41,042,104,400 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the Public Services shown in the Second Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, contained in Paper Cmd. 28 of 2020."

Resolved, "That the sum of \$2,270,511,200 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the Public Services shown in the Second Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, contained in Paper Cmd. 28 of 2020."

Resolutions to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 9 Second Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 10 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 11 Exempted Business – (Deputy 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."
- 12 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Law) – 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 Law).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 15 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 13 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 8.05 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
