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(FIRST SESSION)

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what steps is the Ministry taking to raise awareness of regular strength training and resistance activity to mitigate the effects of muscle loss and to maintain functional independence among middle-aged and older Singaporeans.
- *2. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what plans does the Ministry have to support safe and guided strength training for middle-aged and older Singaporeans and less active adults who may lack confidence or knowledge to use gym equipment effectively.
- *3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how do the revised targets for fibre and protein productions by 2035 compare to the "30 by 30" targets in terms of total local food production volume; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that these revised targets are adequate, sustainable and resilient to current and future challenges.
- *4. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the rationale for setting targets specifically for (i) fibre and (ii) protein production in the Ministry's new 2035 farming goals; and (b) how is Singapore's food security measured vis-à-vis local farming production.
- *5. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the \$140,000 lifetime CPF contribution threshold for eligibility under the Silver Support Scheme; and (b) what considerations guide any adjustments in light of cost-of-living changes affecting seniors reliant on CPF payouts.
- *6. **Mr Abdul Muhamin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the rationale for maintaining the Silver Support (SS) Scheme's monthly income per person threshold at \$1,500 for the higher tier benefit given that the Local Qualifying Salary has been set at \$1,600; and (b) whether the Ministry will review the threshold for SS Scheme to ensure consistency and adequacy of support for lower-income seniors.
- *7. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the highest tier of Silver Support can be given to seniors above age 80 living in smaller HDB flats, considering that they would likely have outlived their life expectancy and depleted their CPF savings; and (b) whether the Government can top up the CPF LIFE accounts of low-wage seniors who continue to work to cope with living costs.

*8. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what preparatory steps are required before Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can be installed in newly developed estates such as Tengah; (b) what is the estimated timeline for AED installation in Tengah estate, and how it compares with other HDB precincts; and (c) what interim measures are in place to support emergency preparedness in new estates pending AED deployment.

*9. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry regarding the acquisition of The Clementi Mall by a property firm which owns Granral Mall@Clementi, (a) whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCS) has assessed the competition effects on retail tenant mix and leasing terms in the Clementi catchment; and (b) whether the Ministry will issue guidance on when such mall acquisitions shall be notified to CCS for competition review.

*10. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the cumulative number of applicants for the Home Caregiving Grant (HCG) to date; (b) what are the top three conditions cared for by HCG applicants; and (c) what is the number of applicants broken down by age group of (i) 30 to 39 (ii) 40 to 49 (iii) 50 to 59 (iv) 60 to 69 and (v) 70 years and above.

*11. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry has completed its review of the Australian government's move to ban social media access for individuals under the age of 16 through legislation; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider introducing similar legislation.

*12. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the major reasons for the sharp decline in the number of dengue cases reported in 2025; and (b) when will the Project Wolbachia trial be extended to all the towns in Singapore.

*13. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the smartphone ban in secondary schools from 2026 (a) how will schools address parents' concerns about the need for emergency communication with their children; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that teachers are not burdened with the additional workload to check and enforce the new rules that may compromise classroom teaching time.

*14. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how the Government reviews and enhances the Sports Excellence awards to ensure that they sufficiently support elite athletes' training, welfare and long-term development; and (b) whether adjustments are needed to better enable Singapore athletes to achieve sustained success and international recognition in world sports.

*15. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry will engage the Singapore National Olympic Council to review the Major Games Award Programme (MAP) to consider recognising SEA Games Silver and Bronze medallists to motivate and retain emerging athletes; and (b) whether the Ministry can support alternative non-monetary or tiered forms of recognition beyond the MAP, taking into account the SEA Games' biennial nature and competitive standards.

*16. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what interim noise mitigation measures are in place near the Tampines Expressway and the Loyang Flyover construction work sites; (b) how is post-completion noise impact of such sites assessed; and (c) whether additional safeguards will be implemented to protect residents' sleep, health and children's learning environment in the interim.

*17. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of recent news of an Indonesian trafficking ring transferring babies to Singapore (a) how many approved adoptions are being reviewed further; (b) how is the Ministry ensuring that affected families can obtain clarity and resolution expeditiously; and (c) whether the Ministry is considering providing interim assistance to these families, particularly where the adoptees have not obtained Singapore Citizenship.

*18. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in 2025, how many cases did HDB receive regarding condensation and mould on walls or ceilings arising from neighbours' continuous air conditioning use; and (b) whether HDB will consider requiring flat owners to undertake wall or ceiling enhancements as part of preventive maintenance obligations.

*19. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in light of the strong performance and public support demonstrated by the national football team in qualifying for the Asian Cup, whether the Ministry will consider expanding financial support and training infrastructure for football and other team sports that show similar momentum.

*20. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the breakdown of funding allocated to national athletes competing in the SEA Games 2025 across different sports; and (b) how does this compare to funding levels over the past five years.

*21. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider incorporating acoustic insulation or soundproofing options into the Home Improvement Programme for older flats affected by chronic external noise; and (b) if so, how such measures can be targeted at households most impacted.

*22. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view of the new cross-border arrangements for ride-hailing and e-hailing vehicles between Singapore and Malaysia, what are the measures to address concerns by Singaporean taxi and private hire vehicle drivers regarding intensified competition from Malaysian taxis offering cheaper fares due to lower operating costs, and empty return trips.

*23. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development following the findings of the Ministry's Supporting Lower-Income Households Trends Report 2025, whether the Ministry has further strategies to help more adults in ComLink+ families secure and stay in good jobs.

*24. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in view of the findings from the Supporting Lower-Income Households Trends Report for 2025, what plans does the Ministry have to improve the employment outcomes for lower-income families, if any.

*25. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Animal and Veterinary Service (AVS) will consider (i) mandatory CCTV recordings in areas where pets are handled or housed in pet grooming facilities and (ii) requiring licensed operators to retain such footages for investigation purposes, to support accountability and transparency.

*26. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what measures are being taken to strengthen enforcement against pet businesses, including pet grooming facilities, that fail to comply with the Animals and Birds Act (ABA) and Code of Animal Welfare; and (b) whether under the review of the ABA, serious negligence by pet businesses causing animal harm or death may result in enhanced penalties or longer licence suspensions.

- *27. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in relation to construction noise near residential estates, how is compliance with noise thresholds enforced and how frequently is it monitored; (b) how are prolonged duration and cumulative exposure to such noise factored into enforcement measures; and (c) whether noise thresholds will be reviewed, including the use of psychoacoustic factors such as sharpness and roughness of sound.
- *28. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how does the EatWise SG initiative complement other programmes, such as Healthier SG and Age Well SG; (b) how can members of the public find out more or participate in the initiative; and (c) which community care providers have been trained to recognise early signs of malnutrition and provide basic support under this initiative.
- *29. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what were the criteria used to evaluate the effectiveness of the central kitchen pilot at Yusof Ishak Secondary School; and (b) what were the key priorities behind the decision to expand the operating model to 13 schools commencing from January 2026.
- *30. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide details on how it will monitor the impact of the revised Integrated Shield Plan rider framework on (i) private healthcare utilisation and (ii) public hospital waiting times.
- *31. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs regarding the multi-million dollar gold investment scam involving Genneva Pte Ltd reported to the Police in 2012 (a) whether there are any pending cases against suspects that have not yet concluded; (b) what is the value of the proceeds of crime recovered by the Police; and (c) when can victims file claims to the recovered proceeds.
- *32. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what has been the effectiveness of existing requirements imposed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) on banks to protect consumers from scams; and (b) whether the MAS has plans to introduce stronger safeguards including with respect to credit card issuers.
- *33. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each of the last three years (a) how many workers have been affected by corporate liquidations and what is the total quantum of unpaid wages; (b) how many workers received payouts from the short-term relief fund; and (c) what is the total amount disbursed to these affected individuals to help them tide through financial difficulties following the abrupt closure of their employers.
- *34. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will explore (i) mandatory wage recovery insurance (ii) personal liability for directors for unpaid salaries and (iii) amending the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 to prioritise employees over secured creditors by default without requiring employees to file claims with the Tripartite Alliance for Dispute Management, to deter irresponsible business closures and ensure workers are paid first.

- *35. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what support measures are available during the June and year-end holidays for students without conducive home environments or adult supervision; (b) what proportion of primary and secondary students utilised school-based holiday care or study programmes in 2025; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider funding independent holiday programmes to engage students who require stable, supervised environments during these extended breaks.
- *36. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether an update can be provided on the review on how the structure of HDB carparks can be enhanced to allow electric commercial vehicles with unladen weight exceeding 2,000 kg.
- *37. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether there are plans to further assist and expand support for Singapore small and medium enterprises to adopt and develop leading-edge capabilities, including in areas such as advanced manufacturing, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and internationalisation, so as to enhance their productivity and competitiveness.
- *38. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider (i) implementing standardised Standard Operating Principles (SOPs) for stroller use across all four public bus operators in consultation with relevant stakeholders and (ii) launching a public communications campaign to educate commuters and bus captains on these SOPs to ensure a consistent and inclusive travel experience for families.
- *39. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) which sectors currently maintain active hiring and wage growth; and (b) how are new graduates guided towards these opportunities.
- *40. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider mandating the transfer of non-pedagogical administrative tasks, such as the management of parental consent forms, monetary collections, and event logistics, from teachers to school administrative and operations personnel to align with the Ministry's objective of reducing teacher workload.
- *41. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence in view of the policy shifts as outlined in the 2025 US National Security Strategy paper (a) what are the security implications for Singapore and the region; and (b) whether Singapore's ongoing and future defence cooperations with the US will be impacted by the US' prioritisation of the Western Hemisphere.
- *42. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs how Singapore builds on its established working relationship with the Saudi authorities in managing Hajj arrangements, including addressing considerations around (i) quota allocation (ii) queue arrangements and (iii) health requirements for senior pilgrims.
- *43. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there will be a review in the near term for the per capita household income benchmark used in means testing for Comcare applicants in view of the increase in cost of living in the past few years following the pandemic.
- *44. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the guidelines for commercial mall operators to set aside designated short-term delivery driver parking for bicycles and/or motorcycles will be retroactively promulgated to existing malls, or if they only apply to new developments.

*45. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last 10 years, how many HDB blocks did not garner more than 75% of eligible Singapore Citizen household votes for the Home Improvement Programme; (b) of these, how many blocks were allowed to revote; and (c) what was the outcome of each revote.

*46. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the reasons for the 55% increase in the People’s Association’s expenditure for activities and projects to \$1,136 million for the year ended March 2025 against \$733 million in the preceding financial year; and (b) what is the breakdown of the increased expenditure, by (i) activity and (ii) geography, respectively.

*47. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the “Set, Think, Report, and Engage & Support” framework introduced by IMDA on 1 November 2025 can be used to educate parents in the context of parental regulations on blind box or gacha mechanisms available online; and (b) how does the Ministry intend to educate the public, especially parents, on this framework.

*48. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of a recent fire at an industrial estate in Eunos, whether the Ministry has any plan to further support small and medium enterprises and smaller industrial operators to conduct (i) risk management and (ii) structural safety assessments, to better prevent fire risks at the workplace.

*49. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what is the total expenditure and fees budgeted for and already incurred in relation to (i) the renaming of the Singapore Sports Hub to The Kallang and (ii) the renaming of Kallang Alive Sport Management to The Kallang Group.

*50. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the nature of the Government’s contributions to the Pax Silica initiative, if any; (b) which Singapore companies are involved, if any; and (c) what are the Key Performance Indicators and key objectives relating to the initiative, if any.

*51. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what are the considerations to implement the CPF Lifetime Retirement Investment Scheme, accepted by the Government in 2016, given that a typical investment portfolio of 65% equities and 35% bonds has earned 9.5% returns per annum over the past 5 years, and delaying the scheme’s implementation may deprive CPF members an option to take risks to earn higher expected returns.

*52. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will consider extending the CPF Matched Retirement Savings Scheme to low wage workers below the age of 55, with matching funds channelled into their Special Account, to enable low wage workers to save more for their retirement especially with the help of matched contributions from the community.

*53. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether schools are guided that about 5% to 7% of teachers shall receive C-, D and E performance grades annually; (b) what criteria and approvals govern deviations from the (i) A and B and (ii) C-, D and E distributions, and how often schools deviate from the distribution; and (c) whether any internal C- versus D trade-offs create incentives to award D grades.

- *54. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there are enforcement measures to ensure that closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras, including doorbells with video recording functions, do not face the doors or windows of other flats; (b) if so, what are these enforcement measures; and (c) whether installation regulations are consistent across all estates and between HDB and private estates.
- *55. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development regarding the shortfall of Town Council grant disbursement calculations between FY2011 and FY2024 (a) what were the circumstances that led to the error being discovered; (b) what steps are in place to ensure that this does not occur again; and (c) what additional guidance will be given to Town Councils deciding whether to retrospectively adjust their financial and handover statements to reflect this.
- *56. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether NLB has assessed if Clementi Public Library's space and programme capacity remains adequate for the future in view of new BTOs, ageing population and the planned Cross Island Line interchange; (b) what do recent utilisation indicators such as visits and seat occupancy show; and (c) whether NLB will consider expanding the library or relocating it to larger premises.
- *57. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Land Transport Authority (LTA) will consider publishing real-time train arrival data on the LTA DataMall similar to the existing bus arrival API; (b) if so, what is the implementation timeline; and (c) if not, what are the specific technical or security impediments preventing the release of this data for public scrutiny.
- *58. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what is the approval rate for Long-Term Visit Pass (LTPV) applications from spouses of Singapore citizens over the past three years.
- *59. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB proactively identifies Singapore Citizen households under the Public Rental Scheme which are potentially in distress in order to refer them to the relevant agencies for assistance, including reviewing indicators such as an ongoing rental but without utilities.
- *60. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of the occupancy cap for rental of private residential properties (a) what are the considerations for the cap of eight persons for each rented property; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider scaling the limit according to the property type and floor area to allow a higher but capped number of occupants for larger properties.
- *61. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what follow-up actions, if any, has the Ministry taken following the Charmingly Changi competition in 2021 to enhance the Changi Point area; (b) why have the ideas proposed in the competition not been implemented to-date; and (c) whether there are any plans or timelines to incorporate these ideas into long-term development strategies for the area.
- *62. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence in view of uncertainties in regional and global security, whether the Ministry has any plans to (i) increase reservist commitments, including the frequency or duration of In-Camp Training or (ii) raise the age limit for reservists, like Finland.

- *63. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in respect of the declassification of the Albatross File (a) why was the oral history interview of Madam Kwa Geok Choo classified for over 40 years; (b) whether any other similar interviews remain classified; (c) who are the founding leaders whose interviews remain classified; (d) whether these interviews can be declassified; and (e) if not, why not.
- *64. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government expects Singapore's total population to be at, above, or below 6.9 million beyond 2030; and (b) what are the justifications for such projections.
- *65. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the population figure used by the Government as an infrastructure planning parameter to plan for the long term beyond 2030.
- *66. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the number of public electric vehicle (EV) chargers per 1,000 battery electric vehicles in Singapore; and (b) whether the locations of such EV chargers are evenly distributed across each town in Singapore.
- *67. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the existing avenues of recourse for consumers facing unfair and predatory practices by blind box or gacha mechanism service providers; and (b) how does the Ministry intend to educate consumers on such avenues and how consumers can use them to protect their consumer rights.
- *68. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the structural envelope of existing North East Line station boxes can accommodate platform elongation for longer train sets as a capacity boosting measure; (b) whether corresponding turnback sidings and depot stabling tracks have the requisite length to support these longer formations; and (c) whether such capacity upgrades can be achieved without extensive new underground excavation.
- *69. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether any hazardous air pollutants or volatile organic compounds exceeding international safety limits were detected in Jalan Kayu, Punggol, or Seletar over the past five years; (b) if so, what were the identified sources; and (c) what specific long-term health risk assessments have been conducted for residents in these areas.
- *70. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA can improve bus accessibility for seniors commuting between Hougang Avenue 5 and Hougang Polyclinic by adjusting current bus routes to allow at least one bus service serving Hougang Avenue 5 to stop directly at the Polyclinic, eliminating the need for transferring buses or walking from a different stop.
- *71. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what specific mechanisms does HDB use to monitor food prices in rental coffeeshops let out under its Price-Quality Method (PQM) tender framework; (b) whether HDB has intervened due to affordability concerns; and (c) if so, how often.
- *72. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether Singapore will consider the United Kingdom model where users have to bring their own electric vehicle (EV) charging cables to speed up the deployment of EV chargers.

- *73. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of the recognition of Family Medicine as a specialty (a) whether accredited family physicians will face increased responsibilities including managing non-emergencies and outpatient visits usually managed by hospitals; (b) whether their participation in corporate panels will be impacted; and (c) what are the implications for the standing of physicians holding a Graduate Diploma in Family Medicine.
- *74. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what proportion of private condominiums and apartments have utilised the BCA Accessibility Fund; (b) what has the average utilisation of the fund been over the past five years; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider a dedicated fund to support the provision of other facilities to improve the living environment of seniors in private residential developments.
- *75. **Mr Abdul Muhamin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how does the Singapore Police Force determine whether a case is classified as a scam in situations where a seller fails to complete a transaction and multiple buyers are affected; and (b) what criteria are used to distinguish such cases from civil or commercial disputes.
- *76. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has received reports of foreigners without a valid work pass driving their vehicles into Singapore and using such vehicles for business or trade purposes in Singapore, especially in the construction and commerce sectors.
- *77. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether a default authorisation can be established for Singaporeans to allow medical institutions to verify their healthcare financing coverage, withdraw from their Medisave, and claim from their insurance policies to settle medical expenses for both inpatient and outpatient treatments at public hospitals to eliminate having to complete the relevant Medical Claims Authorisation Forms.
- *78. **Assoc Prof James Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development given the small \$2,000 differential in monthly income cap for couples applying for BTO flats versus Executive Condominium (a) whether HDB will consider raising the income cap of one or the other or both to better align with rising household incomes of the top quintile; and (b) whether HDB will institute periodic increases for income ceilings to align with nominal wage changes.
- *79. **Mr Abdul Muhamin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development given the rising prices of Executive Condominiums (EC), whether HDB will review the current income ceiling for EC eligibility to ensure that they remain accessible to their intended group of middle-income households.
- *80. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the LTA should consider regulating owners of large rental car fleets, given the impact on private-hire drivers' livelihoods if these car rental companies were to undergo financial distress or insolvency; and (b) how will the LTA work with tripartite partners, including the National Private Hire Vehicles Association, for an orderly transition and to safeguard drivers' livelihoods in such circumstances.
- *81. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there will be any increase in Public Transport Vouchers to help lower income households defray the recent fare increases; (b) if so, whether the Government aims to maintain its previous objective of defraying six months of fare increases; and (c) whether the Government will consider defraying 12 months of fare increases instead.

*82. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government will review Temasek's risk-return framework to explicitly value strategic ecosystem building alongside commercial returns; (b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of Temasek's recent deprioritisation of direct early-stage local investments on Singapore's ability to nurture nascent high-potential industries; and (c) if so, whether alternative capital support mechanisms will be introduced to fill this gap.

*83. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether the Ministry can provide an update on (i) how MFA is strengthening its consular assistance and crisis response capabilities for Singaporeans overseas, particularly in light of increasing geopolitical instability and (ii) what measures are being taken to ensure timely communication with and support for Singaporeans during emergencies abroad.

*84. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what are the Ministry's standard operating procedures, if any, for providing emergency consular aid and ensuring the safety of Singaporeans during overseas crises such as the (i) Brown University shooting on 13 December 2025, (ii) Bondi Beach shooting on 14 December 2025 and (iii) Taipei knife attack on 19 December 2025; and (b) what assistance, if any, was rendered by our overseas missions following the Brown University shooting.

*85. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider establishing a policy framework for Goods and Services Tax (GST) relief on essential medications used to treat rare or complex conditions, particularly where patients face high out-of-pocket costs and limited treatment options.

*86. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are any standardised protocols in place for the regularly reviewing of CCTV footage in Government primary schools to minimise the risk of physical and sexual abuse of students, especially those who are younger in age.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. National Council of Social Service (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 21/2025] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 4 dated 13 January 2026.]
2. Singapore Sports Council (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 19/2025] – (Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 4 dated 13 January 2026.]

NOTICE OF MOTION**1. Leader of the House:**

EXPRESSION OF REGRET AT THE CONDUCT OF MR PRITAM SINGH AND CONSIDERATION OF HIS SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE AS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION: 1

That this Parliament – 3

1. Affirms that honesty and integrity are fundamental pillars of Singapore's parliamentary and political system; 5

2. Notes the judgment in *Pritam Singh v Public Prosecutor* [2025] SGHC 242 where the High Court upheld Mr Pritam Singh's conviction for lying to the Committee of Privileges, and the findings of the Committee of Privileges that he had guided Ms Raeesah Khan to continue with her lie to Parliament; 7

3. Expresses regret at the conduct of Mr Pritam Singh, which was dishonourable and unbecoming of a Member of Parliament; 9

4. Considers that Mr Pritam Singh's conviction and conduct render him unsuitable to continue as the Leader of the Opposition, a Parliamentary leadership position carrying important responsibilities, duties and privileges, and that his continuation in this role would undermine the standing of Parliament and public confidence in the integrity of Singapore's political system; 11

5. Notes that the High Court judgment and the Committee's findings have implications for Ms Sylvia Lim and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap, which have to be considered separately; and 15

6. Calls upon all Members of Parliament to uphold their solemn duty to respect and abide by the law, act with integrity at all times, and honour the trust placed in them by Singaporeans. 17

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Ms Yeo Wan Ling : Strengthening Support and Dignity for Migrant Domestic Workers (Punggol) and Singapore Families.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in light of the second Data Centre Call for Application issued in December 2025 (a) what assessment has the Government made of the implications for electricity demand; and (b) what consideration is being given to accelerating or increasing renewable electricity development and import targets to support sustainable growth of data centre capacity.
2. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what are the two-year, five-year and 10-year recidivism rates for child sexual abuse offences over the past 10 years.
3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what was the basis for selecting the 11 locations for the installation of new Traffic Violation Enforcement Cameras since September 2025; and (b) whether more cameras will be deployed to other high-risk areas such as school zones, to enhance road safety.
4. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each year over the past five years, what is the number of cases of licensed liquor sellers selling alcoholic beverages to underage persons or allowing underage persons to consume alcohol on their premises; (b) how frequently are spot checks conducted at such establishments; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to increase such spot checks.
5. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs on the mass storage and charging of larger quantities of lithium-ion batteries in workplaces (a) whether existing fire safety standards and advisories are adequate for such workplaces; and (b) whether additional measures are needed to mitigate fire risks at such storage facilities.
6. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the current percentage of the Government's security contracts that have transitioned to outcome-based models that do not require security officers to be stationed for 12 hours at a time; and (b) what percentage of security officers working under Government contracts work 65 or more overtime hours monthly in 2025.
7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) whether the Ministry assesses Singapore's defence ecosystem dynamism and agility in pivoting towards emerging demands; (b) if so, what is the current assessment and percentage increase in defence export value over five years; and (c) whether the Ministry is aware of any expansion by the local defence industry in manufacturing and research capacity amid global defence spending surge.
8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) how the 2025 US National Security Strategy's shift toward hemispheric security, economic nationalism, and greater burden-shifting to partners will impact Singapore's defence interests; and (b) what broader strategic issues does this raise about Singapore's long-term positioning, relevance, and vulnerabilities in a world where America increasingly narrows its definition of core interests.

9. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Government has information on (i) the types of post-natal care services and (ii) average costs incurred for such services within eight weeks after delivery at public and private hospitals respectively; and (b) whether the Government will consider allowing the use of Medisave for postpartum care services at public and private hospitals, especially where there are post-delivery complications.

10. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what specific technical or regulatory barriers prevent the inclusion of Japan's Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency and South Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety as reference agencies for therapeutic product registration; (b) to what extent does such exclusion delay the registration of medicines optimised for regional populations; and (c) whether the Ministry will conduct a feasibility study on recognising such World Health Organisation Listed Authorities as HSA's reference agencies, to accelerate drug access.

11. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the shift in model from the Community Health Assist Scheme's means-tested co-payments to Healthier SG's capitation model signals a departure from the Ministry's philosophy of shared responsibility in healthcare financing; and (b) without market-based price signals to moderate demand under the capitation model, what specific mechanisms will prevent buffet syndrome and ensure Healthier SG's long-term fiscal sustainability.

12. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the administrative requirements imposed by insurers on doctors for cancer drug claims under the Cancer Drug List (CDL); and (b) whether the Ministry has endorsed or advised on these procedures for Integrated Shield Plan claims.

13. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether patients may have follow-up tests, including blood tests, scans, or procedures in a polyclinic physically closer to them, but belonging to a different public healthcare cluster from the hospital that ordered the follow-up tests; and (b) whether such hospitals will have access to the ensuing test reports.

14. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the number of Singapore citizens aged 65 and above who are currently receiving CPF LIFE monthly payouts and who need to pay their annual premiums for national health insurance schemes in cash due to insufficient MediSave funds; and (b) of this, how many are paying amounts that exceed 50% of their annual CPF LIFE payouts.

15. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current three-year retention rate for entry-level care workers; and (b) whether the Ministry will publish indicators to track whether care roles are becoming more secure and attractive for Singaporeans.

16. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment to enhance recreational fishing access for children and families, whether the Ministry will consider (i) opening additional temporary fishing sites during school holidays along waterways such as ABC Waters @ Lorong 8 Toa Payoh and (ii) piloting rod rental or family fishing programmes in designated fishing locations with higher utilisation.

17. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how does the Government intend to raise awareness and publicise the activation and locations of cooling spaces under the Mercury Taskforce heatwave response plan; and (b) whether access to and locality of community cooling spaces can be prioritised for populations more vulnerable to heatwaves including seniors living alone, low-income households, rental flat dwellers and outdoor workers.

18. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what measurable targets have been set for reducing industrial air pollution impact in north-eastern Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will commit to publishing periodic public reports detailing air quality trends and the outcomes of bilateral engagements regarding cross-border pollution incidents.

19. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government supported the inclusion of language describing the phasing out of planet-warming fossil fuels in the decision text of the UN Climate Change Conference 2025 (COP30).

20. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider including child abuse offences under the Children and Young Persons Act 1993 in the Third Schedule of the Registration of Criminals Act 1949 as offences for which a criminal record cannot be spent.

21. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what infrastructure, policy measures, or financial plans are in place or being developed to address heat stress and heat-related illnesses among vulnerable groups such as elderly, children, persons with disabilities and low-income families given projections that Singapore's daily maximum temperature could rise by up to 5.3°C by 2100.

22. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether all consumer IP cameras and smart doorbells with video recording functions which are sold for local use in Singapore have to undergo assessment for the Cybersecurity Labelling Scheme to allow consumers to make informed decisions towards purchasing more secure devices.

23. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with rising concerns over excessive screen time among children (a) what measures is the Ministry implementing to help parents and schools manage children's digital usage safely; and (b) how will the Ministry monitor and assess the effectiveness of these initiatives.

24. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there is an upward trend in verbal abuse or physical assault of teachers or educators from students or parents, following findings from the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) 2024 that Singapore participated in, which found that verbal abuse or intimidation directed at teachers or staff concerns about 5% of teachers on average.

25. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has assessed (a) what proportion of Singapore students' performance in international benchmarks such as the Programme for International Student Assessment can be attributed to school-based learning versus external tuition or enrichment; and (b) what methodologies are used to distinguish the relative contributions of each.

26. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Law over the past three years, how many applications have been filed with the Family Justice Courts for enforcement of divorce maintenance orders.

27. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the expected growth of the CPF Basic Retirement Sum beyond 2027; and (b) whether the Government can release the CPF Basic Retirement Sum at least five years in advance so that Singaporeans can plan ahead.

28. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Silver Support Scheme can be reviewed (i) to move from quarterly payouts to monthly payouts, so that beneficiaries can more easily plan their finances with more regular inflows of Government support and (ii) to reduce the differentiation between HDB flat sizes, which may lead to unnecessary comparisons between neighbours.

29. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what measures are being taken to address involuntary non-time-based underemployment, especially for fresh graduates and junior professionals, given expected easing in job mobility and hiring sentiments.

30. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the total number of S Pass holders who participated in the Cultural Orientation Programme (COP) pilot from December 2023 to 2025; and (b) in reviewing the pilot, whether the Ministry will consider if an online programme is sufficiently effective in achieving objectives or if a more community-based and in-person approach should be adopted.

31. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will further enhance the Silver Support Scheme by extending the eligibility to seniors living in Executive Apartments and with low per capita household incomes, similar to those living in 5-room HDB flats.

32. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has assessed indoor heat risks in older public rental blocks which may trap heat due to design and ventilation; (b) what additional resources will be prioritised for such blocks including heat-reflective coatings, shading, and ventilation; and (c) whether HDB will consider the installation and subsidising of air-conditioning for tenants of such blocks.

33. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the status of the plan announced in 2022 to pedestrianise a 500m stretch of Orchard Road between Buoyong Road and Handy Road; and (b) when is the target date for completion.

34. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the value of residential property owned by Singaporean and non-Singaporean households as broken down by household income deciles, in each of the last 10 years.

35. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) amid rising noise-related disputes in residential developments including HDB estates and condominiums, how do agencies determine the source and responsibility of noise when complaints arise; (b) what operational constraints limit enforcement actions on such complaints; and (c) whether the Ministry will study structured approaches used in other dense cities to strengthen enforceable protections for residents' night-time peace.

36. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what protocols does the Animal and Veterinary Service have in place to assess the health, mobility, and stress levels of senior or infirm dogs during trapping operations; and (b) whether these protocols will be reviewed following a recent incident in Seletar involving the death of an elderly dog.

37. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the adequacy of the construction guidelines and building codes in relation to catering for the impact of seismic actions; and (b) whether any revisions are being planned, such as the inclusion of buildings below 20 metres in height.

38. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of HDB flats in respect of which accrued interest on the resale levy will be payable if the former owners purchase a second subsidised flat; and (b) over the last 10 years (i) what is the number of cases annually where such resale levy interest was charged and (ii) what is the number of partial or full waivers granted.

39. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development about the Budget Meals initiative (a) whether the Ministry performs routine checks on the nutritional value of the meals; and (b) whether minimum nutritional standards can be set to ensure that such meals contain adequate protein, vegetables, and essential nutrients, in addition to carbohydrates.

40. **Mr Abdul Muhamimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs since the launch of the Wakaf Masyarakat Singapura (a) how many Muslims have added the Fund to their will or nominated the Fund as a beneficiary through their CPF or insurance; and (b) how will the Government ensure that all segments of the Muslim community understand and are able to contribute to the Fund.

41. **Mr Abdul Muhamimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs for each year from 2021 to 2025, (a) how many applications were received by the Syariah Court for divorces; (b) of these, how many applicants eventually divorced due to (i) infidelity (ii) financial problems and (iii) desertion, respectively.

42. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether there are plans to review current regulations, implement safety standards or promote safer alternatives to transporting workers in the rear of lorries to prevent workplace injuries and accidents.

43. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of the 60 sites identified in March 2021 where roads can be converted into footpaths, cycling paths or bus lanes (a) how many such conversions have taken place; and (b) for those sites yet to be converted, why have the conversions yet to take place.

44. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what further design, enforcement and behavioural measures will be implemented to protect bus commuters, especially seniors, children and persons with mobility needs, from fast-moving cyclists near bus stops; and (b) how does the Ministry assess whether current measures and enforcement sufficiently reduce near-misses, collisions and perceived safety risks when passengers are boarding or alighting.

45. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has plans to reconsider requiring all users of Personal Mobility Devices (PMD) to purchase compulsory insurance to safeguard the interests of both pedestrians and PMD users in the event of an accident involving the PMD.

46. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has received complaints about the arbitrary issuance of fines by regulated car park management companies; (b) if so, how many such complaints were received in each of the past two years; and (c) what measures are in place or planned to safeguard motorists' rights and ensure fair, transparent enforcement practices.

47. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Land Transport Authority has evaluated the feasibility of Selective Door Operation (SDO) to deploy longer train sets on the North East Line as a capacity boosting measure.

48. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether more ActiveSG gyms and programmes such as the Combat Age-Related Loss of Muscle series can be made available in Woodlands town.

49. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what has been the take-up rate of the SG Culture Pass since its launch; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider allowing unused credits of citizens who are unable to utilise them, due to disability or other constraints, to be transferred within their immediate family members so that the intent of the Pass to promote arts and culture is retained.
