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(FIRST SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for National Development with respect to the Singapore Green Plan (a) what is the long-term proportion of land area set aside for green spaces as urbanisation continues; and (b) what is the progress of the OneMillionTrees movement.
- *2. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in view of the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots for counselling and mental health support by teenagers and young adults (a) how the Ministry is monitoring this trend; (b) what measures are in place to guide users towards qualified mental health services where appropriate; and (c) what safeguards are being considered to protect vulnerable users.
- *3. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry from 2015 to 2025 (a) how many individuals have been granted permanent residency under the Global Investor Programme (GIP) with a breakdown by the investment options; and (b) what is the cumulative investment from these GIP permanent residents with a breakdown by (i) industry sector and (ii) GIP-select funds.
- *4. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of the NCSS Social Service Sector Salary Guidelines (a) what is the percentage of Social Service Agencies currently paying their employees in accordance with these recommendations; and (b) what specific measures are being taken to support the other agencies which have not met the salary guidelines to close the wage gap.
- *5. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Government has considered complementing LUSH 3.0's focus on greenery provision with a biodiversity metric that measures net ecological gain or loss, similar to the UK's Biodiversity Net Gain framework, so that developments are assessed not only by how green they appear but by whether they result in a measurable improvement in biodiversity.
- *6. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether there are plans to strengthen and resource peer support structures for mental health in community settings and workplaces, including training, supervision and safeguards for peer supporters so that early help is more accessible while ensuring that peer supporters are not over-burdened or placed in situations beyond their competencies.
- *7. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has conducted feasibility studies for implementing Transit Priority Corridors (TPCs) connecting the Central Area to towns along the North East Line, such as Punggol, Sengkang, Hougang and Serangoon; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider studying the feasibility of implementing TPCs along these routes.

- *8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry plans to establish a standardised care pathway for elderly residents with possible hearing loss, setting out clear processes for screening, referral for diagnostic assessment, timely access to hearing aids and subsidies, and appropriate follow-up support; and (b) if so, what the key features and timeline are.
- *9. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given that patients referred to Emergency Department by general practitioners (GPs) under GPFirst receive a \$50 subsidy (a) why are polyclinic referrals to Emergency Department excluded from this subsidy and are unable to use MediSave when not admitted; and (b) whether the Ministry will extend these benefits to polyclinic referrals to ensure equitable access.
- *10. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how many noise-related feedback cases have been logged year on year since 2023 to 2025 arising from construction works at Loyang Viaduct and the Cross Island Line stations at Loyang and Pasir Ris East; and (b) how many have been resolved.
- *11. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what legal protections exist for individuals reporting security vulnerabilities in Government-contracted systems; (b) why the Vulnerability Disclosure Programme explicitly provides no exemption from civil or criminal liability, discouraging good-faith research; and (c) whether the Ministry will implement a bug bounty programme with legal protections to incentivise responsible disclosure.
- *12. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether more graduated or proportional arrangements for foreign manpower and levy thresholds can be considered for hawkers and small food and beverage operators to meet their essential kitchen and service staffing needs while still ensuring fair wages and protections for all workers.
- *13. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of a finding in the recent Work Happiness Index that only 56% of Singaporean respondents are happy in the workplace, whether the Ministry is considering any steps to empower employers and upskill employees to make the Singaporean workplace a happier place.
- *14. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in determining households' market income in 2025, what are the amounts in (a) non-employment income by (i) investment income (ii) rental income (iii) contributions from other households (iv) pensions (v) annuities (vi) royalties and (vii) regular insurance payouts; (b) regular Government contributions; (c) ad-hoc Government contributions; and (d) transfers-in-kind, received by each decile of resident households based on household income.
- *15. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the risk that the lower levy for Training Work Permit holders may incentivise employers to deploy such permit holders in roles not genuinely intended for training purposes; and (b) what safeguards are in place to prevent abuse of the scheme.
- *16. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what are the considerations for the Government's recent open announcement of the cyberattacks by UNC3886.

- *17. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each of the past five years (a) what was the number of reported workplace heat-related illnesses; (b) of these, how many occurred in (i) outdoor and (ii) indoor settings respectively; and (c) how many resulted in (i) hospitalisation (ii) medical leave exceeding three days or (iii) fatality.
- *18. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has studied how projected increases in extreme weather events may affect workplace safety in high-exposure sectors; and (b) which sectors are assessed to face the highest weather-related workplace safety risks.
- *19. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what is the number of Malays granted Permanent Residency (PR) and citizenship for each year since 2010.
- *20. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is aware of compatibility issues between ERP 2.0 on-board units and certain carpark gantry systems; (b) if so, how many such incidents have been reported since ERP 2.0 rollout; and (c) what steps are being taken to ensure seamless interoperability between ERP 2.0 and all parking gantry systems islandwide.
- *21. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what enforcement measures and penalties are in place to detect and take action against companies that make CPF contributions to locals who are not under their employment to artificially inflate their local workforce numbers in order to qualify for higher foreign worker quotas.
- *22. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for the Year of Assessment 2024, what was the 25th percentile, median and 75th percentile income of the top 1,000 earners who are Singapore Citizens.
- *23. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry is conducting any study to assess if child minding services are sufficient to support working mothers on shifts, given that ECDA childcare centres are no longer required to operate on Saturdays and Sundays; and (b) whether the Ministry is developing other formal childcare resources to support such needs.
- *24. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance regarding the Occasional Paper published on 9 February 2026 (a) what is the list of administrative data used to compile wealth data; (b) whether assets and investments located overseas are included in the calculation of households' income and wealth; and (c) if so, what is the value of assets and income for each decile as broken down by local versus overseas contributions.
- *25. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what enforcement measures are in place to hold bike sharing operators accountable when they fail to prevent their bicycles from being parked outside designated bicycle parking zones; and (b) whether penalties are imposed on bike sharing operators when their bicycles are found obstructing public spaces, including walkways, void decks, and MRT station entrances.
- *26. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry currently collects disability employment data disaggregated by disability type such as intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder, and physical disabilities; (b) if not, whether the Ministry will commit to collecting and publishing such granular sub-sector data; and (c) whether effective interventions can be designed without such breakdown in data and if so, how.

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- *27. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what the Ministry's plans are to further professionalise bus captain roles; and (b) what the Ministry's plan is to encourage more young Singaporeans to take up bus captain positions.
- *28. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry assesses the current trend of declining job creation per dollar of investment to persist over the next five years; (b) if so, why or if not, why not; and (c) whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown of how many of the 15,700 jobs expected over the next five years are entry-level roles versus senior management roles.
- *29. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in promoting safer alternatives to transportation of workers and equipment on lorry deck, what new measures will the Ministry implement to support SMEs, particularly specialist trades reliant on frequent point-to-point travel and lorry deck transport for both workers and equipment, to mitigate cost pressures and operational disruption.
- *30. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) over the past five years, how many cases under the Protection from Harassment Act 2014 is the Government aware of that have been filed against commuters for alleged abuse against our public transport workers; and (b) of these, how many involved allegations of online harassment, such as doxing.
- *31. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the aggressive expansion of well-capitalised foreign retail brands in Singapore (a) whether the Ministry monitors market concentration risks where the actual scale may not be reflected in official statistics; (b) whether this risks retail homogenisation; and (c) what strategies ensure that local businesses representing Singapore's culture are not displaced by this trend.
- *32. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what percentage of the Nuclear Energy Office's full-time staff possess (i) direct experience in researching, developing, and/or operating nuclear power plants overseas and (ii) a relevant nuclear engineering academic degree.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time (QT). For such Questions, Members may email to parl_cop@parl.gov.sg in advance a postponement notice that will be effected after QT. Members must submit their notices to the Clerk within one hour after the end of QT (SO 22(3)). Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk within the stipulated time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 5 of 2026) – Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 (Paper Cmd. 4 of 2026) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 26 February 2026) (*2nd Allotted Day*).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 6 dated 26 February 2026.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether there are any plans to issue a new series of banknotes for the Singapore dollar with updated safety and anti-counterfeiting features, given that the current Portrait series has been in circulation for over 25 years, longer than any previous series of banknotes.
2. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider having commuting support measures to encourage marriage and parenthood, such as stronger cost offsets including targeted or time-limited private transport rebates or equivalent transport credits for families with young children, particularly for lower- and middle-income households.
3. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what proportion of Singapore's gold reserves is stored outside Singapore, if any; and (b) if there are any overseas gold reserves, whether this proportion will be reviewed in light of recent geopolitical tensions.
4. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will review and enhance the Working Mother's Child Relief by (i) increasing the relief quantum (ii) pegging the relief quantum to income earned or (iii) assessing its adequacy in substantially offsetting rising childcare and household costs.
5. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the feasibility of establishing rare earth processing capabilities in Singapore given their strategic importance to aerospace and defence supply chains; (b) what environmental and regulatory barriers exist, particularly regarding radioactive byproduct disposal; and (c) what alternative strategies Singapore is pursuing to secure access to critical rare earth materials.
6. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry for each of the past four editions of the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix, what is the (i) total cess collected under each edition's respective cess collection order (ii) total expenditure incurred by the Government and (iii) contribution to Singapore's gross domestic product.
7. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) as of January 2026, how many inmates have been emplaced on the Employment Preparation Scheme (EmPS); (b) what proportion of the prison population do they represent; (c) what are the recidivism rates of EmPS participants versus non-participants; and (d) what are the most common reasons eligible inmates are not emplaced on EmPS.
8. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Traffic Police has faced difficulties in identifying vehicles as a result of non-standard number plates, such as reflective or small plates; and (b) if so, how many instances have this occurred in each of the last three years.
9. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the specific tools, if any, outside of joint operations, that the Traffic Police use to ensure foreign-registered vehicles entering Singapore are checked for payment of composition fines and compliance with court summonses; and (b) what is the threshold of outstanding fines that will result in a foreign vehicle being barred entry.

10. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given the approval by US Food and Drug Administration of blood-based p-tau217 tests that can predict Alzheimer's disease risk up to 20 years before symptoms (a) whether the Ministry has assessed cost-effectiveness of subsidising such tests for high-risk individuals; (b) what is the estimated eligible population in Singapore; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider including such screening in the national dementia strategy.
11. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry plans to allow private healthcare providers to procure drugs not included in the Healthier SG Medication List from the Government's central healthcare procurement agency, Agency of Logistics and Procurement Services (ALPS); (b) if so, what is the timeline for implementation; and (c) if not, why not.
12. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in each of the last five years (a) what percentage of children under the age of 18 were diagnosed with (i) mental health and (ii) neurodevelopmental conditions; and (b) what percentage of children throughout the population were prescribed medication for these conditions.
13. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the rationale for treating second-hand smoke, which is a Group 1 carcinogen, as a neighbourly dispute rather than a public health threat; and (b) whether the Ministry will introduce penalties for smokers whose emissions drift into neighbouring units and prohibit smoking on residential balconies to protect residents' health.
14. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there are any guidelines or prohibitions on social service agencies working with town councils to collaborate on initiatives to enhance reach within the communities and promote greater awareness of their services and programmes to support families and individuals in need.
15. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the Ministry's indication in 2021 that it was considering sabbaticals for teachers (a) whether there are any schemes for in-service teachers to take extended developmental leave; (b) if so, what are the eligibility criteria and utilisation rates over the past three years; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider such schemes to support well-being and strengthen professional development.
16. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the rationale for offering G1 Humanities in secondary schools as a combined subject comprising Social Studies and a lighter exposure module in Geography, History and Literature; (b) whether this structure provides sufficient depth for students to discover their strengths and sustain interest; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider offering standalone G1 Humanities subjects for more in-depth learning.
17. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will compile and publish updated and integrated guidelines for schools to safeguard student health and well-being during adverse climate events, such as haze or heatwaves; and (b) how will these guidelines balance student safety and well-being with minimising disruption.
18. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower how many cases of unauthorised CPF contributions to non-employees have been detected by the Government in the past three years.

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19. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what has been the take-up of the enhanced Matched Retirement Savings Scheme since January 2025, broken down by (i) age band (ii) gender and (iii) source of top-ups, compared with 2024, respectively.
20. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many manpower-related appeal cases received by the Ministry under all its schemes in the past two years involved call-backs that did not proceed because the appellant did not answer the phone; (b) what proportion of total appeals does this represent; and (c) whether the Ministry provides alternative follow-up channels before such cases are closed.
21. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will consider extending the enhanced Matched Retirement Savings Scheme or introducing a similar matching scheme for vulnerable workers experiencing career interruptions due to caregiving or medical reasons.
22. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government will consider reintroducing larger-format HDB flats similar to executive or jumbo units, with eligibility restricted to families with or expecting young children, as a measure to encourage marriage and parenthood; and (b) what alternative approaches is the Government exploring to better meet the space needs of larger families.
23. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) how many Primary 1 students enrolled at Madrasah Irsyad Zuhri Al-Islamiah in 2026 opted for Tamil as their Mother Tongue Language (MTL); (b) what outreach efforts are being taken by MUIS among Tamil-speaking Muslim parents to encourage madrasah enrolment; and (c) what other initiatives are in place to nurture local Tamil-speaking Tier 1 asatizah.
24. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport since the launch of the Public Bus Industry Manpower Plan (PBIMP) in 2016 (a) what has been the average annual proportion of bus captain job applicants who are Singapore Citizens; and (b) whether this proportion is higher than the average in the 10 years preceding the PBIMP's launch.
25. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA is studying the possibility of introducing daily or monthly fare caps for commuters who pay adult transport fares.
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