

**FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(FIRST SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. 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.
- \*2. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has received a recent submission for Moderna's mRNA influenza vaccine; and (b) to what extent Singapore's safety and efficacy validation process remains independent of the US and European standards.
- \*3. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Government currently audits the financial viability and operational sustainability of Student Care Centre (SCC) operators; (b) if so, how are such audits conducted; and (c) whether the Government intends to improve its governance processes over SCCs to avoid future abrupt closures, to reduce the risk of disruptions to children, parents, and staff.
- \*4. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the interim plan for the Ministry's schools and teachers to continue student care centre operations following the abrupt closure of private student care centre operator in February 2026, how does the Government plan to recognise these extra efforts and ensure that the Ministry's teachers are not further overworked.
- \*5. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what regulatory safeguards are in place to ensure continuity of student care centres when they cease operations abruptly; (b) whether there are framework level requirements on financial governance, contingency planning and parent fee protection; and (c) how the Ministry assesses operator resilience to minimise disruption to students, parents and staff.
- \*6. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the abrupt closure of Little Professors student care centres, how the Government plans to assist in the recovery of salary payments due to staff and the recovery of GIRO payments unfairly deducted from parents.
- \*7. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what measures are being taken to ensure all public footpaths, including roadside footpaths in private estates, provide barrier-free access for mobility scooters and motorised wheelchairs so that users are not forced onto roads, risking both safety and prosecution under the Active Mobility Act 2017.

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- \*8. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether any motorists had their driving licences suspended as a consequence of the 1,523 speeding tickets that were erroneously issued between 30 October and 8 December 2025; and (b) if so, how will the Government make restitution for the wrongful loss of driving privileges suffered by any such motorists.
- \*9. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government has studied the adequacy of existing laws to punish egregious road behaviour resulting in death; (b) whether the Government will consider introducing a specific offence of vehicular homicide carrying penalties on par with culpable homicide; and (c) if not, why current penalties are considered proportionate for the most serious cases.
- \*10. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what the Ministry's assessment of how real wage growth for the lowest 20th percentile of local workers compares with the increase in essential living costs over the past three years.
- \*11. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in view of regulations that will be introduced for the sale of blind boxes to address gambling-related risks (a) what specific measures will be implemented to prevent compulsive behaviour among minors, arising from blind box purchases; (b) how will enforcement be conducted to ensure that retailers comply with the new rules; and (c) what penalties will apply for non-compliance.
- \*12. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data on the length of time taken for adult caregivers to return to the workforce after discharging their caregiving responsibilities; and (b) if so, what are the mean and median time taken in 2025.
- \*13. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (i) whether the Government assesses that advances in generative AI have materially increased the risk of coordinated deepfake or synthetic media campaigns targeting Singapore; and (ii) how Singapore's national detection and response capabilities are being strengthened to mitigate such risks.
- \*14. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current proportion of students with special educational needs enrolled in mainstream schools; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that teachers are adequately equipped to support these students while also meeting the learning needs of the broader student population.
- \*15. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education what measures are in place by Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) to ensure that students from disadvantaged backgrounds have equitable access to internships.
- \*16. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of the new requirements on Integrated Shield Plan (IP) riders announced on 26 November 2025 to increase minimum co-payment and disallowing riders to cover the minimum IP deductibles, what other measures is the Ministry studying to safeguard the affordability of healthcare costs for residents.
- \*17. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data on the length of time taken for adults returning to workforce post-retrenchment to be placed in new jobs broken down by age groups; and (b) if so, what are the mean and median time taken for each age group in 2025.

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- \*18. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how the Ministry ensures compliance with vehicle noise emission standards at Woodlands and Tuas Checkpoints while maintaining smooth traffic flow; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider deploying technologies such as acoustic cameras at noise hotspots in the vicinity of these checkpoints.
- \*19. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what outreach or educational efforts are undertaken to remind foreign drivers, including regular cross-border commuters, of Singapore's vehicle noise emission standards; and (b) whether the Ministry will work with LTA to incorporate noise compliance reminders into Vehicle Entry Permit (VEP) and Autopass application processes.
- \*20. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how many motor vehicles had been affected by safety recalls in the last 10 years; (b) whether the Ministry will consider suspending unrectified vehicles from road use for safety reasons; and (c) what are the measures to strengthen cooperation with importers and dealers to identify and contact owners of faulty vehicles.
- \*21. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has assessed if the binary fee structure for Day Activity Centres where families above the means-test threshold pay up to about \$2,000 monthly, suppresses apparent demand by pricing out middle-income households; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider tiered service options such as part-time attendance or co-payment scales for all centres to improve accessibility without expanding fiscal commitments.
- \*22. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in 2025, what is the number of children under the age of four who are at risk of developmental delays and behavioural issues due to ill treatment by their caregivers; and (b) whether the Anchor Programme piloted in KK Women's and Children's Hospital will be made available in other parts of Singapore to provide developmental and behavioural support to such children.
- \*23. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given the regional surge in tuberculosis (TB) cases (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed its current screening requirements for long-term pass holders and frequent cross-border travellers; and (b) what were the key considerations behind deciding not to expand or tighten screening measures at this stage.
- \*24. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given the growing demand for counselling services and their impact on individuals' wellbeing, (a) how the Ministry ensures that counsellors are appropriately trained and qualified, and that organisations offering counselling services meet adequate professional and ethical standards; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to establish or strengthen a regulatory framework for this sector, including oversight mechanisms and sanctions for unprofessional conduct.
- \*25. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in 2025, how many (i) Employment Pass (ii) S-Pass and (iii) Work Permit holders were ordered to be deported each month, respectively; (b) whether any of these persons appealed against the orders; and (c) if so, (i) how many appeals were successful and (ii) for what reasons.

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- \*26. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what programmes are currently in place to provide safe and secure exposure to AI and digital skills training for inmates, so that they are better equipped for employment after release; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider piloting structured AI literacy courses within Singapore Prison Service institutions, potentially in partnership with educational providers.
- \*27. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the recent exits of several cultivated food firms (a) what is the assessment of the primary reasons for their lack of commercial success; and (b) what is the Ministry's future strategic direction and level of support for this sector in Singapore's food security journey.
- \*28. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the progress of the Singapore Youth League announced at the Ministry's 2023 Committee of Supply debate; and (b) whether the Ministry considers the reliance on private-owned football academies and their leagues for national youth development acceptable.
- \*29. **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.
- \*30. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how much electricity consumed on Pulau Ubin in 2025 was generated by solar energy from the microgrid; (b) how is the grid reliability of the system; and (c) what is the financial or service compensation for residents and business owners on the island during microgrid power supply trips.
- \*31. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) why does HDB not collect or publish rental transaction data for privately-owned HDB shops and licensing data for outdoor refreshment areas; and (b) whether the Ministry will require such data to be reported and published to allow for an evidence-based assessment of rental pressures on heartland businesses.
- \*32. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the Government's policy relating to or agreement with the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) where political office holders also hold senior or executive roles within NTUC; and (b) in the last five years, what was the total clean wage equivalent amount attributable to salaries of political office holders seconded to NTUC under this arrangement.
- \*33. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry with the establishment of the National Space Agency of Singapore (NSAS) from 1 April 2026, what are the specific key performance indicators (KPIs) that the Government will use to assess the agency's success in its first three to five years.
- \*34. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) when will the Ministry release the advertising code of conduct for tuition centres; and (b) whether the guidelines will enable the Ministry to take enforcement actions against errant tuition centres.

- \*35. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education given growing concerns about academic stress and mental health issues among children in Singapore, particularly in relation to the PSLE, how will the Ministry consider using more developmentally appropriate assessment models for primary school children, such as project- or portfolio-based assessments and regular bite-sized computer-adaptive testing.
- \*36. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry can provide an updated assessment of Singapore's use of Primary 6 examinations, compared to other educational systems overseas that perform well for the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), in balancing examination preparation with inquiry-based learning and well-being.
- \*37. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence since 2020 (a) what percentage of madrasah students eligible and medically fit for National Service (NS) have not received Enlistment Notices; and (b) of those who enlisted for NS, what percentage served or are serving in the (i) SAF (ii) SCDF and (iii) SPF, respectively.

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### ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 (Paper Cmd. 4 of 2026) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 27 February 2026) (*3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day*).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (27 February 2026)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head R of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Vikram Nair).

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider reviewing the rationale for providing six days of childcare leave per parent each year for children under seven, but only two days for those aged seven to twelve, taking into account the broader health and caregiving responsibilities on the parents.
2. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the criteria used to determine the location and establishment of ServiceSG Centres; (b) which services at ServiceSG Centres currently record the highest frequency of usage; and (c) what are the rollout plans for new ServiceSG Centres from 2026 to 2028, including the projected number and their intended locations.
3. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many Employment Pass holders are currently employed across all Statutory Boards and Government agencies; and (b) what are the most common roles that Employment Pass holders are employed for across all Statutory Boards and Government agencies.

4. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether EDB incentives currently require sign-off from both regional and global headquarters of recipient companies; (b) what mechanisms ensure continuity of commitments when regional executives rotate; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider requiring a global headquarters interlocutor as a condition for incentive approval to prevent orphaned projects.
5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how much of the rise in Singapore's median monthly household income in 2025 is attributable to the newly included non-employment sources; (b) what is the income change based on employment alone; and (c) what is the disparity in income from rent and investments, excluding CPF payouts, across different income deciles.
6. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence in each of the last 10 years, what percentage of NSmen who take the Individual Physical Proficiency Test (IPPT) obtained a (i) Pass (ii) Pass with Incentive (iii) Silver and (iv) Gold, respectively, on their first attempt, broken down by age group.
7. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) what are the key principles and considerations underpinning Singapore's defence expenditure; and (b) whether there are frameworks or indicators used to assess the effectiveness and long-term returns on defence investments, including both tangible and intangible outcomes such as deterrence and national resilience.
8. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether HPB has assessed the potential of "smart" public outdoor fitness corners such as those in major Chinese cities that provide guided workouts and track activity to improve physical activity levels, especially for seniors and lower-income residents; and (b) whether HPB will consider working with relevant agencies to pilot such facilities in heartland areas such as Clementi.
9. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider allowing neighbourhood general practitioners (GPs) under HealthierSG to perform routine blood tests and simple procedures requested by hospitals, so as to reduce unnecessary hospital visits, time incurred for caregivers and transport costs for seniors.
10. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health since the updates to HealthHub's terms of use in September and November 2025 (a) how many users have not accepted the revised terms of use in full or have given up access to HealthHub; and (b) how else can such users access similar information previously accessible on HealthHub, other than through the platform.
11. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in respect of the 126,820 vehicular fines issued to foreign-registered vehicles in 2025, (a) how many were for noise emission violations; and (b) what have been the year-on-year percentage changes in noise-related summonses issued at land checkpoints over the past three years.
12. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in respect of the emissions self-testing facility for motorcycles at Woodlands Checkpoint (a) what measures are in place to ensure proper usage, accuracy and prevent tampering; (b) what is the pass and fail rates to date; and (c) how are riders being selected or incentivised to participate in these tests.

13. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether there has been an increase in proportions of citizens presenting with financial stress-related mental health concerns when seeking social assistance administered by the Ministry in the past three years; and (b) if so, what interventions are being developed to address the intersection of economic hardship and psychological well-being.
14. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what proportion of Singapore Citizens have made a Lasting Power of Attorney, broken down by age group; (b) which initiatives have been most effective in increasing take-up across different age segments; and (c) what further measures are planned to sustain and increase uptake, particularly after the registration fee waiver period ends.
15. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) has received feedback of connectivity dead-zones and weak signal strength in the Bidadari estate over the past five years; and (b) whether this is due to a delay by telecommunications companies (telcos) in installing boosters pending the completion of developments; and (c) how will IMDA ensure telcos address connectivity gaps within the estate.
16. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the projected annual electricity and water consumption at full capacity for the new artificial intelligence (AI) park at one-north; (b) how will the Ministry measure software-level energy efficiency for firms under the national AI Missions; and (c) whether the Government will mandate energy-intensity disclosures for large-scale AI models to mitigate any rebound effect on national energy demand.
17. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of secondary school and junior college admissions, whether the Ministry provides guidelines or imposes limits on the maximum permissible difference in entry scores between affiliated and non-affiliated students admitted to the same school.
18. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the rationale for maintaining the Workfare payout ratio of 60% CPF and 40% cash for workers aged 70 and above, who have significantly shorter expected lifespans than workers aged 60 to 69; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a differentiated, age-tiered Workfare payout ratio that provides higher cash component for older workers to better support their immediate needs.
19. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how much funding has the Government provided to NESST Singapore Limited; (b) what is the total cost of constructing NESST Tukang Dormitory; and (c) what is the estimated annual operating cost of NESST Tukang Dormitory.
20. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each year of 2024 and 2025 (a) how many workers who reached the statutory retirement age were paid the Employment Assistance Payment (EAP) in lieu of being offered re-employment; and (b) what was the average quantum of EAP paid across these cases.
21. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the last five years (a) how much public funding was disbursed to the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), broken down into the various different grants or funding programmes; (b) whether public funds were granted for NTUC's operational and development expenditure; and (c) whether any public funds were given for the purposes of NTUC's staffing or executive remuneration, and if so, how much.

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22. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can provide an update on whether it will consider allowing non-unionised employees to be represented by non-legal non-governmental organisations at the Employment Claims Tribunal, in order to level the playing field with employers, who may be represented by legally-trained staff or staff acting on legal advice.
23. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has the latest data on the number of vehicles in Singapore fitted with defective Takata airbags that have yet to be rectified; (b) if so, how many; and (c) how does this compare with the total number of vehicles identified as affected by the recall.
24. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view that LTA's online contact form states that replies to complex cases may take 14 to 20 days (a) whether the Ministry considers this response time adequate and aligned with the Government's public service standards; (b) how LTA's response timeliness compares with other whole-of-Government benchmarks; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing this service standard, including faster response targets.
25. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with the Singapore Sports School currently offering a limited number of athlete-friendly polytechnic diploma programmes in partnership with selected polytechnics, whether the Ministry will consider expanding the range of diploma pathways available to student-athletes to better support diverse strengths and career aspirations.
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