

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

**ORDER PAPER
WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026**

No. 16

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in light of the US nutrition policy shift towards whole foods and limiting processed ingredients (a) whether the Ministry is assessing its relevance to Singapore's dietary guidelines and chronic disease management; and (b) what impact, if any, will this have on current health policies.
- *2. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will review the administrative and reporting framework for deputies appointed under the Mental Capacity Act, with a view to simplifying procedures and easing the compliance burden, while maintaining safeguards for the persons they serve.
- *3. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether Direct School Admission (DSA) offers reduce the Secondary One quota available for students from non-affiliated schools; and (b) whether there have been cases where a secondary school had no remaining slots for students from non-affiliated schools after DSA and affiliation admissions.
- *4. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how the new Safety Assurance for Food Establishment (SAFE) framework that will be implemented from 19 January 2026 is expected to address public health risks more effectively; and (b) what metrics does the Government plan to use in order to evaluate this.
- *5. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will transparency and authenticity of the food safety grading under the new Safety Assurance for Food Establishment (SAFE) framework be assured, given that physical decals will be replaced by digital disclosures from 19 January 2026 onwards; and (b) how will consumers who are less digitally savvy still be able to easily access the food safety grading information.
- *6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment regarding the new Safety Assurance for Food Establishments (SAFE) framework (a) whether the shift to self-regulation and reduction in regular inspections is being driven by manpower constraints; (b) what is the revised inspection frequency; and (c) whether relying on track records risk making the system reactive, where food safety standards may slip unnoticed until a major lapse occurs.
- *7. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with the new food grading system announced on 7 January 2026 (a) how will small businesses with limited resources be assisted to meet the additional requirements; and (b) what is the transition duration as well as the resources required by SFA to complete inspections under the new grading system.

*8. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry has data on how many disputes relating to health insurance claims were filed with MAS or the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre (FIDReC) in each of the past three years; (b) what proportion of such disputes were resolved in favour of policyholders; and (c) whether there has been an increase in disputes involving claim rejections, exclusions or post-treatment coverage.

*9. **Assoc Prof Kenneth Goh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how programmes such as the Sport Excellence Potential (spexPotential) account for sports where athletes peak later, including how long athletes can be supported before reaching senior representation; and (b) how the Ministry ensures such athletes are not disadvantaged by early progression benchmarks.

*10. **Mr Abdul Muhamimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether ECDA will introduce policy measures to increase transparency about pre-schools with safety violations and enforcement actions taken; (b) whether parents can access information about pre-schools' safety records and ECDA's regulatory actions; and (c) what safeguards exist to ensure parents are informed when serious safety violations occur at their children's pre-schools.

*11. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students were subject to balloting in the 2025 Secondary One posting exercise; (b) of this number, how many were unsuccessful and consequently considered for their next choice of school despite having met the cut-off points of their higher-order choice; and (c) since 2021, how many students have been similarly unsuccessful in balloting each year.

*12. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information over the past three years (a) what has been the trend of Singapore Post Ltd's (SingPost) compliance with the Postal Quality of Service (QoS) standards set by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA); (b) whether the IMDA has received feedback for service quality improvement by SingPost; and (c) if so, what are the three highest categories of feedback received.

*13. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether Singaporeans who graduated overseas were included in the fresh graduate employment data published by the Ministry in September 2025; (b) of these graduates who found employment, how many were underemployed; and (c) how have recent labour market conditions affected these graduates' employment outcomes.

*14. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past three years, how many ComCare applications were denied citing non-compliance with employment action plans; (b) whether applicants are given the opportunity to provide evidence of their engagement with partner agencies before such denials; and (c) whether the Ministry will ensure applicants are heard before being denied on such grounds.

*15. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2020 to 2025 for companies with more than 25 workers, how many have paid retrenchment benefits at (i) above and (ii) below the prevailing tripartite guidelines governing retrenchment payouts respectively, to workers.

*16. **Ms Kuah Boon Theng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many persons with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are currently waitlisted for placement with a Day Activity Centre (DAC); (b) what is the average waitlist time before an applicant with ASD is offered a place at a DAC; and (c) are there any plans to make more DAC places available for persons with ASD.

*17. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry tracks food and beverage outlet closures each year from 2015 to 2025; (b) the breakdown between standalone outlets, local chains and foreign chains; (c) common reasons for closures; and (d) whether measures exist to preserve the unique local area heritage through a mix of food and retail offerings.

*18. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the CPF Board will consider aligning the life expectancy factor with the Department of Statistics Singapore's reported average of 83.5 years when tabulating how much CPF savings can be used to purchase a property, instead of the existing 95 years.

*19. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower regarding the recent acquisition of Singapore-based AI start-up Manus (a) what percentage of the company's core workforce comprised Singapore citizens prior to the acquisition; (b) whether the acquisition terms include guarantees for local headcount retention or technology transfer; and (c) how the Ministry ensures that foreign-founded start-ups benefitting from Singapore's business environment facilitate skills transfer to local workers.

*20. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past three years whether HDB has received appeals by Singapore-foreigner spouses for permission to purchase BTO HDB flats other than BTO 2-room Flexi flats; and (b) if so, how many of these appeals were successful.

*21. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how does Singapore's energy transition strategy account for potential volatility in global energy markets; and (b) what safeguards are in place to ensure medium-term decarbonisation goals remain on track despite short-term price fluctuations.

*22. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the fees to learn to drive, such as enrolment and theory lesson fees, are regulated by Traffic Police or any other Government agency and (b) if not, whether the Ministry has conducted any assessment to determine if the recent increase in fees by the three driving centres represents anti-competitive behaviour; and (c) whether the Government will take any action to manage costs of learning to drive.

*23. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the January 2026 Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) findings on public messaging regarding citizens' contributions and what insights it has drawn; (b) whether the whole-of-Government communication frameworks ensure balanced portrayal of locals' versus foreigners' contributions; and (c) whether the Ministry will review its communication strategies to better reflect Singaporeans' contributions.

*24. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what factors are being considered in determining the need for a sixth desalination plant; (b) how will projected water demand and climate risks affect this assessment; (c) what are the estimated capital and operating costs; and (d) how are operating costs likely to affect water tariffs for households and businesses.

*25. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) for an update on the Inclusive Support Programme (InSP) pilot; and (b) whether the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) is considering the inclusion of environmental adjustments such as providing frequency modulation (FM) systems at preschools.

*26. **Mr Abdul Muhammin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry consulted smaller beverage producers on compliance costs before implementing the Beverage Container Return Scheme; (b) what was the basis of the \$2,500 grant amount given that small importers face annual sticker costs exceeding \$24,000; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the adequacy of the grant to prevent significant price increases and reduce the compliance burden on small businesses.

*27. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what were the planning factors that led to the Loyang Cross Island Line (CRL) MRT station being sited away from the high-density residential areas of the Flora, Toh and Mariam estates; and (b) whether the Ministry will explore additional entrances or improved pedestrian, cycling or feeder-bus links to better connect these estates to the MRT station.

*28. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what criteria determine the revision of the CPF Additional Withdrawal Limits (AWLs) threshold for Integrated Shield plans.

*29. **Assoc Prof Kenneth Goh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry works with the autonomous universities to accommodate student-athletes whose core module examinations clash with national training or overseas competition travel, particularly in structured degree programmes where deferring a core module delays subsequent modules and graduation; (b) if so, how; and (c) whether such accommodation includes alternative assessment arrangements.

*30. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many motorists were booked annually since 2021 for failing to keep left; and (b) whether the Traffic Police will intensify public education and enforcement efforts to ensure heavy and logistics vehicles and slower motorists occupy leftmost lanes when available, to improve road efficiency and address persistent road hogging despite speed limiter regulations.

*31. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in view of the recent cases of long-term overstayers discovered after many years (a) how many discrepancies between immigration entry and exit records are there currently on ICA's records, where individuals have no record of exiting Singapore when they should; and (b) whether the median length of overstay has been increasing since 2019.

*32. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what factors determine the typical opening hours of public libraries, particularly those resulting in most mall-based libraries opening only at 11 am; and (b) whether NLB will consider piloting earlier opening hours at selected libraries such as Clementi Public Library to better serve seniors and early-risers, including through low- or no-staff operating models during early hours.

*33. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry publishes official estimates of child-raising expenditures by age band, as the United States has since 1960; (b) what reference data determines Baby Bonus quantum; and (c) whether Baby Bonus cashflow fit has been evaluated against cost peaks in the first 36 months, particularly for lower-income households facing immediate infant care expenses.

*34. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health regarding the current tiered mental health care model anchored in community-based support through Community Outreach Teams and Community Intervention Teams, whether there are plans to address potential policy gaps regarding support pathways for individuals with serious mental health conditions who are deemed unable to maintain community living but not of the profile for admission to Institute of Mental Health.

*35. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB accounts for privacy concerns of residents in landed property estates whose homes risk being overlooked onto by new Build-to-Order (BTO) projects; (b) what architectural or design measures are mandated to address such privacy concerns; and (c) whether clearer standards will be issued or strengthened in this respect.

*36. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for Tier 3 of the National Mental Health and Well-being Strategy's Tiered Care Model (a) how does the Ministry assess the adequacy of current postgraduate training pathways for mental health counsellors; and (b) how does it work with Agency for Integrated Care, public healthcare institution, and community partners to strengthen training capacity, supervision, and structured transition-to-practice pathways into community mental health services.

*37. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in support of the National Mental Health and Well-being Strategy, what are Ministry plans, if any, for the mental health counsellor workforce over the next five years, including (i) plans to address projected needs across healthcare and community settings and (ii) how supervised practice placements, clinical supervision capacity and entry-level roles will be expanded to support newly trained counsellors.

*38. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether there are any Government programmes or grants available to media startups that are producing local content, including content featuring local culture, customs and traditions; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider introducing such programmes or grants.

*39. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development regarding Home Improvement Programme (HIP) projects over the past three years (a) what is the average time from the HIP batch announcement to polling and start of construction; (b) what are the major reasons for any variations in timeline; and (c) what are the measures taken to compress the timeline so that residents are better able to plan their own self-funded renovations.

*40. **Mr Abdul Muhammin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry has plans to construct or designate an alternative stadium with a capacity significantly higher than the 6,000-seater Jalan Besar Stadium to serve as a backup venue for major international football matches, given that the National Stadium has been unavailable for regional tournaments due to scheduling conflicts.

*41. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the total value of Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) transactions in 2025; and (b) whether MAS will consider collecting data on the number of Singaporeans who are unable to repay their debts incurred via BNPL services on time with breakdown by age and income ranges.

*42. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS will consider updating the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) Code of Conduct to lower the maximum purchase limit for those below 21 years old; and (b) whether MAS will consider coordinating across BNPL providers such that a unified spending limit is applied per individual customer and the total sum shared between all accredited BNPL platforms.

*43. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many clients of Day Activity Centre (DAC) have primary caregivers aged 65 or older; (b) what demand projections exist for Adult Disability Homes (ADH) as this caregiver cohort ages; (c) whether ADH capacity is adequate to meet projected demand; and (d) what support is available to families planning the transition to residential care.

*44. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how many cases were registered through the Healthcare Mediation Scheme from 2020 to 2025; and (b) for the same time period, how many mediation agreements were signed by consenting parties through the scheme.

*45. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry conducts assessments on implementing guidelines regarding the proportion of schoolwork and homework that should be completed (i) in-school and (ii) as take-home assignments across pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary levels; and (b) if so, what are the Ministry's findings.

*46. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry studies the correlation between lower-income households and diet-related chronic diseases; and (b) whether current subsidies for healthier food options are sufficient to ensure nutritional security for bottom-percentile income households.

*47. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport how many personal mobility aid users have been certified by registered medical professionals for each year since 2019.

*48. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry monitors recurring congregation hotspots of foreign domestic workers on rest days; (b) what measures will the Ministry take to address persistent complaints involving noise, littering and noise-generating activities such as recording TikTok dances that have affected residents living near typical gathering hotspots; and (c) whether alternative gathering spaces can be provided or designated.

*49. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) whether the Government has data on the percentage of pilgrims who have cleared the medical screening for the upcoming Haj; and (b) whether the Acting Minister can share how the Government or MUIS will be assisting those who did not clear the medical screening.

*50. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the introduction of the Large Families Scheme in 2025, whether the Government will consider increasing the quantum of other benefits and grants given to each such large-family household, such as U-Save utility bill rebates and GST vouchers, in support of the proportionally higher household expenditure of such larger families.

*51. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether more longer-term support, including through wage support and reducing employment-related costs such as insurance, can be provided to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to maintain employment and wages of older workers, so that the impact of decreasing productivity of some older workers as a result of structurally faster technology cycles can be shared between employers and the Government.

*52. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can provide an update on the negotiations with the United States regarding tariffs and economic restrictions, including but not limited to semiconductors and pharmaceuticals.

*53. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many summonses have been issued by NEA in 2025 to individuals specifically for leaving refuse bags at HDB void decks next to refuse bins; (b) whether enforcement against such littering is the responsibility of Town Councils or NEA; and (c) whether there are plans to deploy dedicated ground level surveillance cameras to identify these offenders.

*54. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the higher Phase 2A take-up rates in Primary 1 registration have been found to be contributing to socio-economic clustering in some schools; (b) whether the Phase 2A priority have been assessed to impact perceptions of fairness in access to schools; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider further refinements to Primary 1 registration in this regard.

*55. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for National Development with the implementation of optional budget meals in coffee shops, how will HDB ensure that there are sufficient budget meal offerings for those who cannot afford regular-priced meals.

*56. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what dedicated mental health support services beyond helplines are currently available for migrant domestic workers; (b) how many migrant domestic workers have utilised these services in each of the past five years; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider conducting a needs assessment directly with migrant domestic workers to understand their mental health needs and barriers to accessing support.

*57. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of reports that shadow fleet vessels engaging in illegal or deceptive shipping practices for the facilitation of circumventing sanctions often operate just beyond Singapore's territorial waters, what steps is the Government taking to coordinate with international partners to address regulatory and enforcement gaps arising.

*58. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education over the five years from 2020 to 2024, for schools that conducted Phase 2B balloting, (a) how many successful applicants in those schools had no prior school affiliation; (b) what proportion of applicants in those schools entered as children of alumni under Phase 2A; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider reserving at least 40 places for unaffiliated families under Phase 2B.

*59. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view of the recent accident involving an autonomous vehicle (AV) shuttle in Punggol, how will LTA manage teething issues of AV shuttle implementation in Punggol while ensuring commuters safety and meeting implementation timeline.

*60. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) in each of the past three years, what have been the (i) average caseloads (ii) session frequency and (iii) duration of cases, handled by Community Outreach Teams (CREST) and Community Intervention Team (COMIT) workers, respectively; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure workloads remain safe and sustainable as demand for their services rises.

*61. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what proportion of allied health professionals in Community Outreach Teams (CREST) and the Community Intervention Team (COMIT) are registered with their respective professional bodies; and (b) what plans are in place to ensure appropriate professional credentialing as these teams are expanded.

*62. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can provide information on the real-term growth in tourism receipts between 2019 and 2024, after accounting for inflation during this period.

*63. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the last three years, (i) how many high speed pursuits on Singapore roads were initiated by the police and (ii) how many resulted in traffic accidents; (b) whether the Ministry will review the safety protocols for such pursuits to prioritise public safety; and (c) what methods are used to track fleeing vehicles as alternatives to high speed chases.

*64. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the Polytechnic Graduate Employment Survey (a) what are the main reasons why the percentage of students who have applied for jobs but have not received any full-time permanent job offers has increased since 2023; (b) whether any courses of study are overrepresented among these students; and (c) what actions are being taken to help these students.

*65. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether pegging asking price to non-Ethnic Integration Policy (EIP)-constrained flats would fail to meet the reasonable asking price requirement under the EIP buyback scheme, implying a mandatory discount; (b) how the reasonableness of asking price is determined; (c) whether HDB's buyback valuation includes an EIP-related discount; and (d) if so, what is the calculation methodology and rationale for such discount.

*66. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the estimated additional cost per tonne incurred by the Government and Public Waste Collectors to transport, sort, and subsequently incinerate contaminated recyclables from blue bins; and (b) for the tracking contamination rates, whether the Ministry will transit from aggregated national-level data to estate-level data for more targeted, community-specific interventions and accountability.

*67. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has considered issuing an Implementation Directive under the Online Criminal Harms Act requiring social media platforms to detect and remove unlicensed moneylending advertisements targeting migrant domestic workers; and (b) why the approach taken for impersonation scams has not been extended to illegal moneylending advertisements that facilitate harassment of workers and their employers.

*68. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of cases where workers were thrown from lorries during high-impact collisions, (a) whether new measures will be implemented to prevent mass casualties during such accidents; (b) if so, what measures; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider mandating passenger restraints, speed-triggered emergency alerts or other measures to protect workers sitting at the rear of lorries, particularly against high-impact accidents on expressways.

*69. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what specific developments since October 2025 have prompted the formal assessment of the US invitation to join the Board of Peace; (b) whether the Ministry assesses this initiative as a shift toward an alternative US-led international order; and (c) whether Singapore will coordinate with ASEAN partners for a unified regional response.

*70. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what are the Ministry's considerations in assessing the invitation to the Board of Peace; and (b) what is the Ministry's plan to engage Singaporeans who want to play a part in the humanitarian efforts aimed at reconstructing Gaza, if any.

*71. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what are the Government's (i) assessment and (ii) considerations with regard to the invitation by the United States for Singapore to join the Board of Peace.

*72. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has evaluated the feasibility of establishing Government-operated Adult Disability Homes and Day Activity Centres to complement the existing Social Service Agency-run model; and (b) how the Ministry plans to address the current waiting list durations for these facilities, particularly for adults with high support needs whose caregivers are ageing.

*73. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry tracks the prevalence of moderate to severe food insecurity in Singapore using the Food Insecurity Experience Scale or an equivalent metric; (b) if so, what is the trend over the last five years; and (c) if not, how is food insecurity officially quantified.

*74. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in view of Singapore's plan to double its 26 submarine cables (a) whether the current cooperation with neighbouring countries is sufficient to safeguard the network of submarine cables; and (b) whether Singapore shall further invest in alternative transmission pathways, such as satellite-based systems.

*75. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the number of hawker centres and food retail establishments with smoking corners; and (b) whether the Ministry will take more proactive action to eliminate such corners, including requiring the removal of such corners as a condition of renewal of the licences of the food retail establishments.

*76. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport how the Loyang Viaduct is expected to improve travel times, traffic resilience and connectivity for commuters and businesses travelling between Pasir Ris, Changi, and the Airport Cargo Complex.

*77. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs how will the Ministry work with the Ministry of Health to (i) strengthen the monitoring systems to prevent abuse of prescription drugs (ii) expand prescription drug addicts' rehabilitation and support services and (iii) enhance inter-ministry coordination, including public education efforts, to address any emerging trends in prescription drug abuse.

*78. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) monitors donees and deputies appointed under the Mental Capacity Act for their compliance with fiduciary duties; (b) how does OPG address non-performing deputies who refuse or fail to act; and (c) whether OPG will introduce stronger oversight such as periodic reporting, targeted audits, or sanctions.

*79. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the median starting salary for engineering graduates in 2023 compared to other competitive disciplines; (b) how many engineering graduates entered non-engineering roles within three years of graduation in the past five years; and (c) what measures have been implemented since 2020 to close remuneration and career progression gaps between engineering and other high-demand professions.

*80. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB and Town Council officers can be empowered to issue mediation orders and provide statements that are admissible to the Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal in areas where the Community Relations Unit does not operate.

*81. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will refresh the SkillsFuture model by (i) formally partnering with the Autonomous Universities to provide subsidised courses in high-demand sectors; and (ii) implementing consolidated lifelong learning accounts to facilitate structured, long-term skills progression instead of the current fragmented usage of credits.

*82. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) in the past three years, what is the number of feedback cases received by LTA pertaining to public bus captains' handling of passengers who use strollers or prams on board public buses; and (b) whether LTA will consider implementing or enhancing training for bus captains at the Singapore Bus Academy to address such matters.

*83. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding the Central Kitchen Meal Model for some schools, whether the Ministry would consider an alternative model where the meals and food are prepared onsite at the school premises, to prevent food spoilage due to transportation or storage.

*84. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of concerns over the Central Kitchen Meal Model and recent gastroenteritis cases at River Valley Primary School (a) what new measures will be in place to ensure that school meals are safe and nutritious, if any; and (b) what recourse is available to parents, schools, and students when catering companies are found to have breached food safety standards.

*85. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Education given the challenges of retaining or finding new school canteen stallholders, whether the Ministry will consider providing support for schools to partner local businesses or hawkers in selling food to students at affordable prices.

*86. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government monitors commercial rental trends and tenant composition in heritage conservation zones such as Kampong Glam; and (b) what impact rising rents have on the retention of longstanding or culturally significant retailers and on the overall cultural character of these districts.

*87. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of increasing rents in the heartlands (a) whether the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) tracks changes in retail rents in suburban towns and neighbourhood centres, given that its Retail Rental Index reflects only Central Region leases; (b) if not, why not and (c) what measures are in place to mitigate the displacement of long-standing heartland businesses with heritage value due to rising rents.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Land Transport and Related Matters Bill [Bill No. 1/2026] – (Acting Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.

Resumption of Debate on Question (3 February 2026)

“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Acting Minister for Transport).

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

1. **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry:**

GRANT TO IMF'S POVERTY REDUCTION AND GROWTH TRUST: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act 1966, resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust, is 21,000,000 Special Drawing Rights (approximately 28,600,000 United States Dollars). 1
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2. **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry:**

GRANT TO IMF'S TRUST FOR SPECIAL POVERTY REDUCTION AND GROWTH OPERATIONS FOR THE HEAVILY INDEBTED POOR COUNTRIES: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 6A(2)(d) of the Bretton Woods Agreements Act 1966, resolves that the maximum amount of grants that the Monetary Authority of Singapore may give under the bilateral agreement (or its subsequent variations) to be made by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore) with the International Monetary Fund to support Sudan's debt relief efforts via the Trust for Special Poverty Reduction and Growth Operations for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries, is 4,480,000 Special Drawing Rights (approximately 6,100,000 United States Dollars). 1
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MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng : Protecting Resident Well-being Amidst Commercial Activity.
(Jalan Besar)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether clearer regulatory guidance can be issued to protect consumers by setting out (i) how liability is determined when fraudulent transactions involve third-party payment platforms such as digital wallets and (ii) whether banks can disclaim responsibility by attributing losses from fraudulent transactions to such platform interfaces.
2. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS has assessed the risk to consumers when victims of fraudulent transactions are overseas or are unable to receive SMS alerts on a timely basis; and (b) whether regulatory guidelines can be provided on (i) how banks shall account for such cases and (ii) whether consumers shall bear losses arising from system delays of transaction alerts in circumstances beyond their control.
3. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what proportion of Research, Innovation and Enterprise (RIE) funded deep tech projects achieve commercial viability; (b) whether the Ministry has studied Israel's model where innovation grants are repaid only upon commercialisation success; and (c) whether RIE2030 will introduce similar outcome-linked funding mechanisms.
4. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what proportion of Singapore's reserves invested in foreign currencies is currently hedged, disaggregated by the five main currencies; (b) how has the average cost of US-dollar hedges changed over the past five years; and (c) whether there exist internal thresholds beyond which state investment agencies must cease or scale back such hedging activity.
5. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider collecting data for the Household Sector Balance Sheet at the household level and disaggregating the data by household income deciles.
6. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry plans to extend the classification of etomidate and its analogues as Class C controlled drugs pending the Ministry of Health strengthening existing legislation to deal with vapes.
7. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) since their installation, how many automated external defibrillators (AEDs) located in HDB towns have been used to assist individuals suffering from medical conditions; and (b) whether there are plans to expand the availability of AEDs to private developments.

8. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the regulatory obligations for landlords of commercial properties to exercise due diligence regarding the nature of businesses operating on their premises; and (b) what enforcement action will the relevant authorities take against landlords when their premises are found to be used for illegal vice or sex trade activities.
9. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs why Singapore Citizens aged 16 and above and are still considered minors can apply for a new or replacement passport on their own without parental consent.
10. **Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether youths involved in vaping offences are increasingly being exploited as distributors or intermediaries; (b) how such cases are assessed to distinguish users from organised sellers; and (c) what diversion or rehabilitation pathways exist for such first-time youth offenders.
11. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update on when existing legislation will be strengthened to deal with vapes, including those with more harmful substances like etomidate.
12. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks gross premiums collected and claims settled for long-term accident and health insurance, disaggregated by (i) private hospital Integrated Shield Plans and (ii) public hospital Class A or B1 plans; and (b) if not, whether it will require insurers to provide this breakdown in regulatory submissions, rather than reporting only aggregate figures.
13. **Assoc Prof James Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) over the last three years, how many complaints lodged against healthcare workers, including nurses, are found to be frivolous and vexatious after investigations; (b) whether investigations are conducted against such complainants, especially in cases where the complaints are lodged anonymously; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider enhancing enforcement actions against repeat complainants to deter such behaviour.
14. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) given that steroids and hyaluronic acid are currently the only injectable therapy subsidised for knee osteoarthritis, whether the Ministry has assessed how this compares with international guidelines; and (b) what clinical and cost-effectiveness thresholds must be met for other regenerative injections to be considered for approval or subsidy.
15. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health regarding the PaREnhood genetic DIsease Carrier Test (PREDICT) Programme (a) how many couples have been screened; (b) how many screenings have been conducted before and during pregnancy respectively; (c) how does the Ministry reach out to couples to publicise screening availability; (d) whether the programme will be expanded to all obstetric clinics; and (e) if so, when.
16. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for the past five years, how many and what percentage of applications for subsidies under the Seniors Mobility and Enabling Fund were rejected because the applicants did not meet the additional criteria for mobility vehicles.

17. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each year from 2020 to 2025 (a) what percentage of day-surgery bills were fully covered by Medisave; and (b) for bills not fully covered, how much cash was needed to settle bills at the 25th, median, and 75th percentiles.
18. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) for an update on the development of potential dengue vaccines or drugs; and (b) what assistance or support is available to recovered dengue patients contemplating whether to take the Dengvaxia vaccine.
19. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Government has conducted a study on the number of retailers and types of sectors outside of healthcare that have adopted the CHAS Blue and Orange cards as a basis to offer discounted products and services.
20. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how many women have undergone elective egg freezing since its implementation in July 2023; (b) what is the age breakdown of these women; and (c) what is the average total out-of-pocket cost for one complete cycle of elective egg freezing at public hospitals.
21. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs following the US' withdrawal from certain international organisations in January 2026 (a) what is the assessment of the impact on Singapore; (b) whether Singapore's annual financial contributions to these international organisations will increase as a result; and (c) whether the Government intends to deepen its investment in these organisations or adopt a more cautious approach.
22. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how does the Ministry measure whether there are adequate designated fishing zones for the public; (b) whether there are plans to open more designated fishing zones; and (c) whether there are any public consultation in town planning and design to incorporate fishing zones.
23. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment regarding asbestos in older buildings (a) whether the Ministry has an updated registry of such buildings that is accessible to the public; (b) if so, what measures and incentives are available for owners to remove asbestos; and (c) how the Ministry monitors and manages asbestos exposure risks for visitors to these buildings.
24. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether shophouse units may be licensed as central kitchens; (b) what criteria apply to such licenses; and (c) whether existing safeguards sufficiently address food hygiene and safety across such operations and their distribution to food and beverage establishments.
25. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether NEA will adopt standards to measure low-frequency bass sounds such as from pubs and discos on the first floor of shophouses, which may not be captured by decibel meters, to address disturbance reports from residents on upper floors and nearby homes; and (b) whether NEA will coordinate with URA and SPF to address this.

26. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what other factors, besides Aedes mosquito population, historical dengue prevalence and estate size and landscape, are considered for the selection of estates for Project Wolbachia releases; (b) what percentage of households in private residential estates is currently included in Project Wolbachia; and (c) whether there are plans for Project Wolbachia to be expanded to Changi Division.

27. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many households have been supported with subsidised broadband and device packages since the launch of DigitalAccess@Home Scheme in April 2023; (b) whether the scheme is on track of (i) its target to support 60,000 households and (ii) the allocated budget of \$80 million; and (c) if not, what steps will be taken to increase the take-up rate among eligible households.

28. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of heightened scam vigilance on agencies' ability to contact residents, especially seniors; (b) what measures are in place to help residents verify Government agencies' calls; and (c) when will a permanent nationalised caller ID system identifying Government-assistance related calls be implemented.

29. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Government has conducted studies on the adoption and active usage of artificial intelligence software by (i) companies with a breakdown between small and medium enterprises versus multinational corporations and (ii) individuals in Singapore.

30. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has any information on the circumstances of the tender exercise for school bus services at Pathlight School that led to the 40% to 50% increase in bus fares; (b) if so, what are the circumstances; and (c) whether the number of bidders who participated in the tender exercise and the quote of the next-lowest unsuccessful bid can be shared.

31. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the Ministry's current approach to teaching English language in primary schools, particularly in balancing contextualised communication with explicit instructions on grammar and vocabulary; (b) whether the Ministry has observed declining grammatical accuracy or knowledge of the English language as pedagogy shifted over recent decades; and (c) what challenges does the Ministry face in strengthening these outcomes.

32. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Ordinary Level (GCE O-Level) results by percentage of grades for the past three years.

33. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Education for a breakdown of Singapore-Cambridge General Certificate of Education Normal (Academic) and Normal (Technical) Level Examinations results by percentage of grades for the past three years.

34. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance can be selectively extended to support accredited postgraduate training for clinical mental health counselling, which has a shortage of trained professionals; and (b) if so, whether any such allowance will also be available during clinical placement periods that form part of the training and accreditation.

35. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government is exploring the expansion of international schools with Singaporean curriculum in Southeast Asia under the premise that international schools can support inter-regional talent mobility and work opportunities for Singaporeans as well as expansion of Singaporean businesses into regional markets.

36. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Education from January 2022 to December 2025, what is the number of gastroenteritis cases in schools due to food consumed by the students from (i) central kitchen caterers (ii) canteens and (iii) general food and beverage outlets in schools.

37. **Mr Abdul Muhammin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the multi-agency task force to support persons with invisible disabilities in the justice system has been convened; (b) if not, what is the expected timeline for its formation; and (c) if it has been convened, when will the task force publish its findings and recommendations.

38. **Mr Abdul Muhammin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Ministry will consider expanding existing legal aid schemes or introducing new targeted legal support initiatives for persons with special needs who do not currently qualify for pro bono legal services.

39. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Government can consider reducing the barriers for neighbour dispute cases to seek recourse through the Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals (CDRT) such as by empowering the Community Mediation Centre, on the advice of agencies, to refer cases involving failed mediation to the CDRT without the need for a fresh application or additional costs.

40. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with SMEs employing 70% of the workforce (a) whether the Government can consider conducting a study to better estimate for whom artificial intelligence (AI) is complementary and for whom AI is a substitute for their labour; and (b) whether there are differences between SMEs and MNCs so that the Government can have more targeted plans for those substituted.

41. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the number and proportion of Singaporean workers in (i) outward-oriented sectors as compared to (ii) domestic-oriented sectors, for the most recent year compared to ten years before that; and (b) whether the employment distribution trend, if any, is expected to continue in the future.

42. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the monthly median change in net take-home pay for platform workers who opted into the CPF contribution scheme since January 2025; (b) whether the Ministry has detected any systematic reduction in base fares or incentive premiums by platform operators that offsets the operator's required share of contributions; and (c) what measures are implemented to prevent such practices.

43. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2021 to 2025, how many complaints of disguised retrenchments have the Ministry and Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP) received.

44. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each of the last ten years, what is the total number of Employment Pass applications that have been granted which do not meet the qualifying salary, broken down by industry sector respectively; and (b) what factors are considered when granting such flexibility.

45. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what criteria currently disqualify individuals from hiring migrant domestic workers; and (b) whether individuals with criminal convictions for violent offenses are prohibited from hiring live-in migrant domestic workers.

46. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year from 2023 to 2025 (a) how many eligible local employees received retrenchment benefits; (b) of these, how many received retrenchment benefits equivalent to two weeks to one month's salary for each year of service; and (c) if such data is not available, whether the Ministry will conduct a survey on retrenchment benefits.

47. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider raising the renewal age limit for migrant domestic workers beyond 60 years for those who have worked with the same family for 20 years or more.

48. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the compliance rate of platform operators regarding mandatory CPF contributions since the commencement of the Platform Workers Act; and (b) what is the total number of enforcement actions taken for non-compliance to date.

49. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) as of January 2026, how many platform workers have qualified for the Platform Workers CPF Transition Support (PCTS) scheme; (b) what is the total value of PCTS offsets disbursed to date; and (c) what percentage of applications were rejected and the primary reasons for these rejections.

50. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the past five years (a) how many migrant domestic workers have reported cases of (i) physical assault and (ii) sexual assault against their employers to MOM and/or SPF; and (b) of these cases, how many resulted in (i) prosecutions (ii) convictions and (iii) permanent bans on the employer from hiring future domestic workers.

51. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry maintains records of pet deaths or injuries linked to incidents at licensed pet-related businesses, including grooming establishments; and (b) if so, what are the figures recorded in each of the past three years.

52. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regards to the HDB survey released in November 2025 (a) what is the actual number of HDB-dwelling households in 2024 whose principal flat decision-maker was aged 65 or older; (b) how many seniors aged 65 and above are in these households; and (c) how have both of these numbers changed in absolute terms since 2018.

53. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the status of the review on quantitative noise thresholds for residential boundary noise, which the Community Advisory Panel recommended in 2022; (b) whether the review has considered WHO guidelines of 50 to 55 decibels and lower thresholds in Germany, Korea and Japan; (c) whether the Ministry will clarify that NEA's industrial noise standards do not apply to household disputes.

54. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has established clear criteria for when neighbour disputes, including noise or harassment, rise to a level that justifies waiving the Minimum Occupation Period for HDB flat owners who are seeking to sell; and (b) how are such cases assessed to ensure fairness and consistency.

55. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs in each of the last 10 years, how many Muslims of non-Malay descent have (i) applied for and (ii) successfully received financial assistance, respectively, from any of the financial assistance schemes under MENDAKI, broken down by the race listed on their NRIC.

56. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA will (i) consider improving pedestrian flow and safety at the Clementi MRT station link bridge to Clementi Mall through near-term measures given significant peak-hour foot traffic build-up and (ii) make longer-term infrastructure upgrades to the link bridge and access routes to increase capacity, given anticipated higher footfall with Clementi's future Cross-Island Line interchange.

57. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in an accident involving an autonomous vehicle on 17 January 2026 (a) whether the Ministry is aware of (i) the vehicle's response when it detected a small object on the road and (ii) whether the accident was caused by human error during the manual takeover or the vehicle's response; and (b) if so, what is this information.

58. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there has been a lowering of aircraft flight altitudes over residential and school areas in Yio Chu Kang in the past six months; (b) what are the current minimum altitude restrictions; and (c) whether the Ministry will review flight path and altitude limits to mitigate noise and safety risks.

59. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport regarding noise from North-South Corridor works and MRT tracks in Yio Chu Kang (a) whether noise mitigation efforts account for residents' noise fatigue from prolonged, cumulative exposure; (b) what is the maintenance regime for existing noise barriers; and (c) whether barriers will be proactively installed along MRT tracks to support rising population density.

60. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport as of 31 December 2025, what is the profile of registered private-hire drivers by (i) gender (ii) age and (iii) highest educational qualification attained.

61. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport for each year over the past five years (a) what is the number of first-time (i) Private Hire Car Driver's Vocational Licence (PDVL) and (ii) Taxi Driver's Vocational Licence (TDVL) approvals; (b) what is the number of (i) PDVL and (ii) TDVL renewals; and (c) what is the distribution by the number of times each license has been renewed.

62. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what measures and systems are in place to support bus captains in navigating safely during route diversions when route familiarity is disrupted; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider enhanced tools such as real-time GPS navigation prompts or in-vehicle guidance systems to better assist bus captains during such diversions.

63. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of reports of high debt levels in the car-leasing sector (a) what stress-testing has been done on the impact of defaults or fleet sales on COE prices and the used-car market; and (b) whether, in coordination with MAS, steps will be taken to curb in-house financing or over-trade practices that circumvent loan-to-value limits.

64. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has analysed the marginal bidder effect in COE auctions, including how a small number of relatively price-insensitive corporate bids, supported by tax treatment or in-house financing arrangements, may disproportionately influence clearing prices across Categories A and B; and (b) if so, whether further details will be shared.

65. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth since inception (a) how many applications for spexGLOW (Grant for Loss of Wages) have been (i) made and (ii) rejected respectively; (b) what are the reasons for these rejections; and (c) how many athletes under spexGLOW have gone on to medal at major games.
