

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

**ORDER PAPER
WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2026**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether studies were conducted on the impact of the revised Preferential Additional Registration Fee (PARF) rebate schedule on (i) car depreciation rates (ii) new car demand and (iii) COE renewal behaviour; and (b) whether the findings can be shared.
- *2. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of the revision in Preferential Additional Registration Fee (PARF) rebate announced in Budget 2026, whether transitional measures were considered to mitigate unintended financial impacts on car buyers who planned purchases based on the previous depreciation framework.
- *3. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport on the revised Preferential Additional Registration Fee rebate (a) how will it affect new car prices; and (b) what recourse is there for buyers who have purchased new cars but have not yet registered their Certificates of Entitlement before 6 February 2026.
- *4. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what more community support services are being developed to address gaming disorder among young adults; (b) whether the Ministry has studied jurisdictions that implemented playtime limits or identity verification to curb problematic gaming; and (c) beyond public education, what direct measures are taken to ensure the gaming industry embeds responsible features in digital products.
- *5. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the steady increase in Private Hire Car Driver's Vocational Licence is a sustainable trend; and (b) whether there are plans to manage the number of private hire car drivers.
- *6. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how does the Ministry define the intended role of community mental health services within Singapore's care continuum; (b) whether community mental health services are primarily designed as (i) first-contact services (ii) post-hospital step-down care or (iii) both; and (c) how does this inform service design and resourcing.
- *7. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of the increase in the number of vegetation fires since 2022 as well as the increase in Singapore's annual average temperature over the years, whether the SCDF is taking precautionary steps aimed at reducing vegetation fires.

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- *8. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what specific factors led to the \$0.31 billion projected reduction in the Ministry's revised FY2025 operating expenditure compared to the initial estimates; and (b) how does the Ministry reconcile lower-than-projected funding needs for public healthcare institutions with the increased care demands of a rapidly ageing population.
- *9. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider establishing a council to provide recommendations on reasonable Integrated Shield Plan and rider premium increases for private healthcare.
- *10. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has identified schools most vulnerable to urban heat island effect; (b) what progress has been made in applying cool paint and installing ventilations across older school campuses; and (c) whether building standards for new schools will mandate passive cooling designs so as to avoid the need for full air-conditioning.
- *11. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current number of air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned classrooms in schools; (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any studies to elevate the impact of thermal comfort on students' academic performance; and (c) if so, what are the results.
- *12. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider establishing an independent and centralised helpline or oversight under the Tripartite Framework for the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment in Healthcare to enhance follow up and accountability of internal reporting of abuse in all public healthcare institutions for all non-police cases.
- *13. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) for each of the years 2024 and 2025, what proportion of total polyclinic consultations were conducted via telehealth services; (b) whether the uptake of telehealth services by patients will be encouraged, and if so, how; and (c) whether patient satisfaction in telehealth services are being tracked and assessed, and if so, how.
- *14. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many restriction orders have been issued under the Protection from Scams Act 2025 since its commencement; (b) of these, how many have been varied or cancelled early; and (c) what progress has been made with banks on graduated restrictions such as transaction limits or preserved GIRO payments, rather than requiring victims to apply for each withdrawal.
- *15. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry will track productivity growth rather than adoption rates to measure success of our AI strategy; (b) whether grant support will be conditional on companies having a governance framework to prevent purchases of AI tools they cannot effectively use; and (c) whether a pre-approval list of AI vendors will be established to help firms identify effective tools.
- *16. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in respect of tax deductions on spending on AI tools (a) whether requirements can be placed on companies participating in AI transformation initiatives to prioritise retraining over retrenchment for workers whose roles are affected; and (b) whether the Government will track the impact of AI transformation initiatives on local headcount and median wage growth in firms receiving incentives under the scheme.

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- *17. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government tracks the environmental impact of artificial intelligence usage, including data centre energy consumption and emissions; (b) if so, what methodologies are used and findings obtained; and (c) whether such impacts have been assessed against Singapore's long-term environmental targets, including the Singapore Green Plan 2030.
- *18. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there is a dedicated equivalent of MyCareersFuture for blue-collar and vocational job seekers such as drivers, plumbers, and technicians; (b) if not, how such workers are expected to discover job opportunities; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider enhancing MyCareersFuture to better serve non-professional, manager, executive and technician (non-PMET) job seekers.
- *19. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what proportion of migrant workers in the construction, marine, and processing sectors are living in purpose-built dormitories and have direct access to dedicated recreational centres within one kilometre radius of their dormitories; and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that prices of goods and services within these facilities remain affordable for these workers.
- *20. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the current funding model for disability services, where per-capita funding follows the organisation rather than the beneficiary, prevents families from accessing services across multiple providers; and (b) whether the Ministry has considered (i) portable funding that empowers families to choose and (ii) how such alternative funding would affect service quality through competition.
- *21. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of findings from the Street Count of Rough Sleepers 2025 report and the longitudinal study on Ending Long-Term Homelessness (a) whether the Ministry has assessed life transitions such as marital breakdown, incarceration release, eviction and institutional discharge as risk points for entry into long-term homelessness; and (b) whether upstream, cross-agency prevention frameworks are in place or under development.
- *22. **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.
- *23. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry plans to provide tracking devices for dementia patients at reduced or subsidised costs to support their safety and caregiving needs.
- *24. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many childcare centres ceased operations in the last three years; (b) how does Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) assist students and parents affected by the closure; and (c) how will ECDA facilitate the refund of deposits and advance payments to the parents in the event of such closure.
- *25. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in view that the Ministry has previously declined considering a Public Lending Rights scheme for libraries under the National Library Board (NLB), whether the Ministry will consider compensating local authors and publishers with higher remuneration for the books they provided to NLB libraries for the purpose of public borrowing.

- *26. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) over the past three years, what proportion of fires arose from electrical sources and cooking in homes and commercial premises; (b) how many involved Fire Safety Code breaches or non-compliant batteries; and (c) what plans the Ministry has to strengthen fire safety frameworks and measures and ensure effective enforcement, to reduce fire incidents.
- *27. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has conducted or commissioned any studies on the impact of multiple mounted mobile devices or digital screens within a driver's field of view on reaction time and driving performance; and (b) whether there are plans to review current regulations to address excessive screen use in moving vehicles.
- *28. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many motorists have been issued summonses in each of the past five years for using mobile devices while driving, including mounted devices; and (b) whether enforcement differentiates between (i) passive navigation display and (ii) active interaction such as typing, swiping or video viewing.
- *29. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of Japan's ban on in-flight use of power banks and that they be kept accessible due to fire risks (a) whether CAAS has considered similar measures for flights departing Singapore; and (b) what risk assessments or incident data informed this evaluation, including the thresholds that will justify adopting stricter restrictions.
- *30. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for National Development with the commitment to launch 19,600 BTO flats in 2026 and the increasing proportion of flats with shorter waiting time, how is the Ministry balancing the accelerated construction timelines against the rising costs of raw materials and labour.
- *31. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the National Environment Agency will review its stance in relation to allowing supermarket operators to have discretion over how the funds collected from supermarket plastic bag charges are used; and (b) if not, why not.
- *32. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in the past three years, whether the blue recycling bins have been involved in a fire; and (b) if so, how many cases.
- *33. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether frontline public service officers undergo regular training in communication and customer service excellence; and (b) how the Public Service ensures consistent service standards and continuous improvement across agencies in delivering citizen-centric services.
- *34. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government will consider collecting data on capital gains income in national surveys to more accurately measure household market income.
- *35. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the number of active users using LumiHealth as of February 2026; (b) how many e-vouchers were issued since 2023; (c) the reasons for ending the popular LumiHealth; and (d) whether Healthy 365 is considered as a replacement app to serve the same objective of promoting healthy living.

- *36. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has plans to assist affected households in recovering student and kindergarten care fees paid in advance, following the sudden closure of Little Professors Learning Centre.
- *37. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development given that the new guideline on property flyers to HDB homes is implemented through an industry-led memorandum of understanding (MOU) (a) why a voluntary framework was preferred over statutory prohibition with defined penalties; (b) what policy considerations informed this choice; and (c) whether there will be a formal review to assess compliance across the sector, including smaller agencies not party to the MOU.
- *38. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) to what extent is the \$0.62 billion projected underspending in development expenditure for FY2025 due to the reduction in the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) support level; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the EDG support level to encourage greater participation in productivity and innovation projects amidst persistent inflationary pressures.
- *39. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Urban Redevelopment Authority has studied if a relaxation of conservation guidelines around the painting of murals in heritage districts such as Kampong Glam will have a positive impact on tourism and visitation; (b) if so, whether the results of such a study can be released; and (c) if not, whether such a study can be conducted.

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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: 3 March 2026) (*5th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (3 March 2026)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head L of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Ms Poh Li San).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry tracks philanthropic contributions made by Single Family Offices to local charitable organisations; (b) if so, what is the total amount of such contributions since 2024; and (c) if not, why not.

2. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what was the annual total value and number of green and sustainability linked loans originated by financial institutions in Singapore over the past five years; (b) what proportion of these loans represent lending to new corporate and SME in each year; and (c) whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown by size of borrower.
3. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many A*STAR scholarship recipients have had their research fields deprioritised while serving their bonds, due to transitions across successive Research, Innovation and Enterprise (RIE) masterplans; (b) what percentage of these scholars are currently in roles utilising their doctoral expertise; and (c) for scholars with no adjacent redeployment available, whether A*STAR will consider bond release or industry transfer.
4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what steps will the Ministry take to enhance public education on right-sizing Integrated Shield plan coverage; and (b) whether it will consider transparently publishing comparative data on insurer profitability on their private hospital insurance portfolio and premium changes to help consumers make more informed decisions.
5. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the GST treatment of medically indicated medications that are unavailable in public healthcare institutions, requiring patients to obtain them privately; and (b) whether any policy mechanisms exist or are under consideration to address GST burdens arising from such systemic availability constraints.
6. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's assessment on the increased use of telemedicine and third-party medication delivery platforms on the continuity of care and the clinical advisory role of pharmacists; and (b) how the Ministry ensures that care quality is not compromised as dispensing becomes more decentralised.
7. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is aware of increasing recorded incidences of AI-induced psychosis; (b) if so, what are the number of cases across in each of the past three years; and (c) how is the Ministry working with relevant partners to better study and tackle this issue.
8. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many mobile NEA enforcement cameras were being deployed in January 2026; (b) what their deployment purposes are; and (c) whether there are plans to roll out more.
9. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has studied the differences in the utilisation rate of the Government co-matching of Child Development Account across (i) household income bands (ii) caregiving circumstances; and (b) if so, what broad trends have been observed.
10. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry monitors the availability of overseas experiences to students of autonomous universities through programmes such as the NUS Overseas Colleges programme; (b) if so, whether such availability has decreased over the past five years; and (c) what are the reasons for any such decreases.

11. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education for each of the past five years, how many (i) schools and (ii) students participated in the UPLIFT Enhanced School Resourcing program and the Guiding and Empowering Students for Affiliation and Resilience to Unlock their Potential (GEAR-UP) program, respectively.
12. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what metrics the Ministry uses to assess the effectiveness of (i) the UPLIFT Enhanced School Resourcing programme and (ii) the Guiding and Empowering Students for Affiliation and Resilience to Unlock their Potential (GEAR-UP) program; and (b) what the corresponding figures have been for each of the past five years.
13. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what proportion of Post-Secondary Education Account (PSEA) balances are transferred to CPF Ordinary Account upon reaching age 31; and (b) whether the Ministry has studied how many individuals subsequently undertake education or reskilling after age 31.
14. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the policy rationale for prohibiting Dependant Pass (DP) holders enrolled in local educational institutions from part-time employment without a separate work pass; (b) whether this policy accounts for prevalence of foreign manpower in the relevant sectors of part-time employment; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider permitting part-time work for DP-holding students, to support internship and work-study requirements.
15. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the current regulations and limits on the number of animals allowed in HDB flats; (b) what are the avenues of recourse for neighbours affected by noise, odour or hygiene issues; and (c) whether more updated enforcement measures and public education are needed to better address this concern.
16. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each of the last five years (a) how many reports has HDB received about nuisance caused by pets kept in neighbouring flats; (b) whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown by complaints about (i) type of pet and (ii) excessive number of pets; and (c) how many cases ended up with enforcement action being taken.
17. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Urban Redevelopment Authority can reconsider its decision to order the removal of a mural on 59 Arab Street; and (b) if not, why not.
18. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the take-up rates for the direct application for Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) programme are being monitored by geographical areas, housing types and households; and (b) if so, whether information can be shared.
19. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development with the industry-led guideline on distribution of property flyers in HDB estates taking effect from April 2026 (a) whether the Ministry intends to monitor its impact on HDB estate management and resident feedback; (b) if so, how; and (c) whether the Ministry has identified criteria under which it will consider legislative or regulatory measures if self-regulation proves insufficient.
20. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the considerations for the installation of ramps for corner units of older HDB flats with multi-steps in front of their house; and (b) what alternative measures are possible should a portable or electronic ramp be assessed as unsuitable for such HDB units, especially for seniors who reside alone without caregivers.

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21. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how the expansion of sustainability standards under the Green Mark scheme is matched by corresponding workforce capabilities; and (b) how the Ministry ensures that sustainability competencies are integrated into core built environment roles instead of developed as separate skill tracks.
 22. **Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) over the past two years, how many bird-related complaints received pertain specifically to crows; (b) based on preliminary findings from current trials, how effective has the use of bird effigies been in reducing crow congregation and related disamenities; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to expand the use of bird effigies islandwide and the anticipated timeline.
 23. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how many mobile LTA enforcement cameras are being deployed in January 2026; (b) what their deployment purposes are; and (c) whether there are plans to roll out more.
 24. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what are the findings from the travel patterns of commuters during the ongoing Circle Line service adjustments; (b) what proportion of commuters opted for shuttle buses versus alternative rail lines; and (c) how will these insights into commuter behaviour inform the planning of future long term service closures for rail renewal works.
 25. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a Fixed Book Price scheme for SingLit books or books written by Singaporean authors, similar to countries like France and Germany; and (b) if not tenable, whether the Ministry will consider introducing a scheme that allows for local books to be set at certain minimum prices.
 26. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how the Ministry is ensuring that SG Culture Pass utilisation reaches lower income Singaporeans and groups less likely to attend arts and heritage events, including targeted outreach through social and community agencies.
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