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(FIRST SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has any substantiated information that Singaporeans have served in the Israel Defense Forces in 2025; (b) if yes, whether such service is in breach of our laws and whether any action will be taken; and (c) how does the Government monitor and advise citizens against being involved in foreign military conflicts.
- *2. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the claims that two Singaporeans served in the Israel Defense Forces will be investigated; (b) if identified, whether these individuals will be prosecuted under section 125 of the Penal Code 1871 or any other relevant legislation; and (c) whether their citizenship will be deprived should they hold dual citizenship.
- *3. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of reports that two Singaporeans with multiple or dual nationalities served in the Israel Defense Forces (a) how is the Ministry verifying whether any Singaporeans have served or are serving in any foreign military without authorisation; (b) if verified, what action will be taken; and (c) how will policies be reviewed to mitigate risks of unauthorised foreign military involvement by Singaporeans.
- *4. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the number and percentage of Singaporeans above 65 years old who have registered a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and how does this compare with overall adult uptake; and (b) whether the Ministry has completed its consideration of the suggestion to further extend the waiver of the LPA Form 1 filing fee for Singaporeans beyond 31 March 2026.
- *5. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what specific clarifications Singapore is seeking from the US on the scope, product coverage and customs implementation of the temporary tariff imposed under section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974; (b) how Singapore's exports under the US–Singapore Free Trade Agreement will be treated; and (c) when will the Ministry issue sector-specific guidance to businesses, including re-exporters on compliance and mitigation steps.
- *6. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what quantitative indicators or thresholds such as, export orders, Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for new exports, retrenchments in trade-exposed sectors, will trigger additional support measures in response to heightened tariff uncertainty; and (b) whether any measures being studied will be sector-targeted such as, the electronics, precision engineering, logistics sectors rather than broad-based.

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- *7. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update in its assessment of the impact on Singapore arising from the new 15% tariff imposed on all goods entering the US from 24 February 2026; and (b) whether the Ministry can negotiate for exemptions based on the increasing US goods trade surplus with Singapore.
- *8. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what lessons in relation to crowd management, shuttle service patterns, and communications about disruptions have been learnt from the recent closures of the Circle Line; and (b) how will these lessons be applied where train service closures are needed during the multi-year renewal programme for the North East Line.
- *9. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the current percentage of steel rings installed for the Circle Line tunnel reinforcement works; (b) whether any technical issues have been encountered to date; and (c) whether the Ministry can bring forward the April 2026 completion date to reduce the daily 10 to 20 minute travel delay per trip for affected commuters.
- *10. **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.
- *11. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry following Timor-Leste's accession to ASEAN (a) what commercial and sectoral opportunities has Enterprise Singapore identified for local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to launch operations; and (b) what support mechanisms are being deployed to facilitate SME market entry in Timor-Leste.
- *12. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will legislate differential penalties for those caught in possession of, producing, or disseminating sexually explicit images of actual children versus AI-generated material.
- *13. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Education (i) how the Singapore's autonomous universities are ensuring long-term financial sustainability amid evolving global competition; and (ii) whether current funding structures provide sufficient resilience in more volatile international environments.
- *14. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) whether Total Defence exercises have simulated a complete communications blackout affecting internet, cellular, and broadband networks simultaneously; (b) what contingency channels exist for Government-to-population messaging if all digital networks are disabled; and (c) whether the Ministry will provide battery-powered transistor radios to every household as a civil defence measure, given that analogue radio does not depend on internet or cellular infrastructure.
- *15. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in respect of the 1,523 speeding tickets erroneously issued from October to December 2025 (a) whether current procedures have been strengthened to prevent recurrence in the future; (b) whether any drivers have been adversely affected such as, having their licence temporarily suspended and unable to work due to erroneous inclusion of demerit points; and (c) whether support can be provided to affected individuals.

- *16. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what processes exist to notify the Ministry of traffic accidents involving workers transported in the course of employment, where no work injury compensation claim is filed; (b) whether such incidents are assessed as workplace accidents; and (c) whether the Ministry accounts for potential under-counting of work-related transport injuries and fatalities to the extent its data collection methodology relies on claims-based notifications.
- *17. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) why no correction direction under the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 (POFMA) was issued in respect of an allegedly AI-generated YouTube video on 17 January 2026 that made claims that "Singapore's Lawrence Wong's resignation is a foregone conclusion"; and (b) whether the source of such videos will be investigated.
- *18. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the current uptake of the Hawkers' Productivity Grant; (b) whether NEA tracks the number of hawkers who have adopted automation and/or digital solutions; and (c) what plans are in place to increase the adoption of technological solutions that can help hawkers reduce overhead costs.
- *19. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether are there plans to guide NETS towards a fundamental overhaul of its QR system, moving beyond incremental patches to establish a fully open, interoperable standard that creates a seamless, unified payment experience for all consumers and merchants.
- *20. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development regarding the continued use of HDB void decks for parcel sorting despite the Courier Hub Scheme (a) what is the current take-up rate of the scheme by major logistics providers; and (b) will the Ministry introduce penalties or enforcement protocols against companies whose personnel persist in obstructing common corridors and void decks.
- *21. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs given that as at June 2025, about 17% of HDB flats have Home Fire Alarm Devices (HFADs) installed, whether the Ministry will (i) consider extending HFAD provision to all HDB flats at subsidised rates similar to those under the HDB's Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) 2.0 programme and (ii) explore enabling HFADs to send alerts to homeowners' mobile devices when they are not at home.
- *22. **Mr Gerald Giam Yeap Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB will formalise a standard cooling-off period and timeline for re-polling in HDB blocks that fail the Home Improvement Programme (HIP) threshold by a margin of three votes or fewer; and (b) what are the reasons for not adopting a simple majority threshold for such essential upgrading works.
- *23. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government has a formal framework for determining when economic conditions warrant broad-based payouts to households; (b) if so, what key indicators are considered; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider publishing such a framework to improve transparency and predictability.
- *24. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport of the 710 reported cases of accidents in 2023 to 2025 involving personal mobility devices (PMDs), power-assisted bicycles (PABs) and personal mobility aids (PMAs), how many involve (i) pedestrians (ii) victims who were seniors aged 65 years and above (iii) victims who were children aged 12 years and below and (iv) fatalities resulted from these incidents.

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- *25. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport for an update on the Heavy Vehicle Zero Emissions Scheme launched in January 2026, including the timeline for public trials of hydrogen-powered heavy vehicles and the development of the necessary refueling infrastructure to support them.
- *26. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport given that electric motorcycle adoption remains stagnant at 0.2%, whether the Ministry will introduce upfront purchase incentives similar to the EV Early Adoption Incentive for cars to address the significant price gap between electric and internal combustion engine motorcycles.
- *27. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the median and maximum programmed wait time for pedestrians at signalised junctions; (b) whether pedestrians are currently prioritised in traffic signal timing logic and, if not, whether the Land Transport Authority will consider prioritising them; and (c) whether the Ministry will reduce maximum wait times to under 60 seconds.
- *28. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) what is the current status of the Joint Multi-Mission Ship (JMMS) programme announced by then-Minister Dr Ng Eng Hen in 2014 to replace the Endurance-class landing platform docks; (b) whether the RSN's Endurance-class vessels remain operationally safe given they are approaching end-of-life; and (c) when will the Ministry provide the next substantive update on the progress of the JMMS programme.
- *29. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of the resumption of shooting operations to mitigate crow-related disamenities (a) what is the expected timeline for implementation; (b) what operational constraints affect rollout; and (c) how interim hotspot management is calibrated to protect residents, especially children and seniors while balancing safety and ecological considerations.
- *30. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government is aware of the number of pet groomers operating from residential addresses; (b) how many complaints have been received regarding such operations; and (c) what actions have been taken and outcomes achieved in resolving these cases.
- *31. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what measures are currently in place to monitor littering in public parks; and (b) whether the Ministry plans to increase enforcement patrols in public parks to deter littering.
- *32. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of recent closures in the student care sector (a) what inter-agency mechanisms exist for early detection of wage or CPF payment defaults by essential service vendors; (b) what the average timeline is for short-term relief fund disbursement to help eligible employees; and (c) whether additional safeguards or expedited processes may be considered to better protect employees in cases of abrupt insolvency.
- *33. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of reports of local-owned businesses struggling with increasing rents and operating costs, whether the Ministry would deem it necessary to provide further support to local-owned small and medium enterprises.

- *34. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the recent closure of a private student care operator (a) what financial viability safeguards are required of student care centre operators; (b) whether the Ministry monitors early indicators of financial distress; and (c) whether additional prudential measures, such as fee collection safeguards or contingency planning, will be considered to better protect children, parents and staff.

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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: 4 March 2026) (*6th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (4 March 2026)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head O of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Ms Mariam Jaafar).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in the past 10 years (a) how many police reports have been filed for suspected offences under Part 9 of the Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966; (b) how many have been investigated; and (c) what have been the investigation outcomes, as broken down by the number classified for (i) no further action (ii) issued with police warning and (iii) referred to the Attorney-General’s Chambers.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence regarding bullying in National Service (a) what are the annual statistics on apprehended perpetrators and the nature of these cases in the past three years; and (b) what protocols ensure victim safety and prevent further harassment when both the victim and perpetrator remain on the premises or within the same unit during investigations or rehabilitation.
3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) how are enlistees mentally prepared for National Service and how are they made aware of the support resources; and (b) what are the usage trends for SAF whistleblowing and support helplines over the past five years and whether these trends indicate increased trust and awareness towards these channels.
4. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to conduct new or updated studies on mental health across all demographic groups, given that the last published national study was in 2016; and (b) if so, what the plans are.

5. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Government is concerned about declining youth blood donor rates; (b) what measures are being taken to boost recruitment and retention of blood donors; and (c) how the Ministry intends to ensure a sustainable national blood supply in the decade to come.
6. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in 2025 (a) how many individuals were caught littering in public parks; (b) of these individuals, how many were classified as recalcitrant litterbugs; and (c) whether any images of individuals caught littering in public parks have been displayed publicly to aid in identification.
7. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the social service sector is currently on track to meet its projected manpower needs of an additional 2,000 professionals between 2024 and 2029; and (b) whether this will be affected by the increase in the qualifying salary for S-Pass and Employment Pass holders.
8. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information for NLB library users in the past 10 years and for both physical and e-books, what is the percentage of (i) English-language books borrowed compared to Chinese, Malay, and Tamil-language books and (ii) adult books borrowed compared to teenage and children books.
9. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of physical disconnection between Singapore's autonomous universities on cross-institutional research collaboration; (b) why does no direct transit link exist between major research campuses despite Singapore being less than 50 kilometres across; and (c) whether this fragmentation undermines the Government's stated ambition to build a globally competitive research ecosystem.
10. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the extent to which difficulties in securing spousal employment contribute to attrition of foreign academics and researchers at autonomous universities; (b) whether the Ministry considers this a barrier to achieving its stated ambition of a globally competitive research ecosystem; and (c) what policy measures are being considered to address spousal employment as a factor in talent retention.
11. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education what support and guidance are provided to schools and teachers to address the issues and potential harms arising from students' exposure to online content associated with the manosphere.
12. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the specific updated protocols developed or implemented in schools when suicide situations arise; and (b) what are the postvention procedures that have been developed to ensure timely, sustained and trauma-informed support are available for affected students and staff after the occurrence of a death by suicide.
13. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry can provide updates on what are the key performance indicators used to ensure that education institutions have adequate support systems and trained staff to conduct suicide-risk assessments and interventions for students, including training staff to identify and assist at-risk students, safeguarding help-seeking from reprisal, and providing continued support for staff and students involved in such interventions.

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14. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the recent termination of a student care centre operator affecting multiple primary schools, whether the Ministry will review and strengthen its governance and oversight framework for outsourced student care services, including safeguards to better protect students, parents and employees from similar disruptions in future.
15. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport as of January 2026 (a) what are the top 10 traffic junctions with the highest volume of peak hour traffic and congestion in Singapore; and (b) whether any steps will be taken to relieve congestion at these traffic junctions, such as reviewing traffic light timings.
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