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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will advise all Government agencies to avoid having unfair clauses in all Government tender specifications, in view of the feedback from the Singapore Institute of Architects on the unfair clauses in the Singapore University of Social Sciences' tender documents.
- *2. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether any individuals sanctioned by the US for alleged transnational criminal activities or convicted in Singapore's largest money laundering case had operated tax-exempt family offices locally; (b) what due diligence checks does MAS conduct before granting such incentives; and (c) what systemic reforms have been implemented to prevent criminal networks from exploiting Singapore's family office regime.
- *3. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the review of the February 2020 fatal child abuse case had established if the child had verbally disclosed or attempted to communicate the abuse during her interactions with relevant agencies; and (b) what specific lessons were learned regarding training of social workers and preschool educators to detect and respond effectively to verbal or non-verbal cues from young children.
- *4. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development given the review panel's findings of the February 2020 fatal child abuse case, whether the Ministry considers the proposed measures sufficient or will stronger reforms such as independent oversight, real-time case-tracking, and statutory reporting duties be implemented to close systemic gaps especially in cases of suspected child abuse and domestic violence.
- *5. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the threshold that the Child Protective Service (CPS) use to remove a child from the family; and (b) how does the framework deal with pushback and questions on why CPS is seen to intervene too early.
- *6. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what will be the Government's response to the recommendations by the review panel looking into the February 2020 fatal child abuse case.
- *7. Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the Ministry's threshold for determining that a child should be removed from their family; and (b) how does the Ministry balance the need for better protection of children with potential pushback from parents who may question the Ministry's intervention as being too easily triggered.
- *8. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider introducing a mandatory child safety reporting framework to impose a legal duty on designated relevant persons who become aware of a child at risk to report such cases to the authorities.

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- *9. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development following the review panel's recommendations on strengthening Singapore's child protection ecosystem (a) how will the Ministry and partner agencies update Parliament and the public once these recommendations are implemented; and (b) what metrics will be used to assess whether such measures have led to sustained improvements and proven effective over time.
- *10. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) for each year over the past 10 years, how many calls regarding vulnerable child have the Child Protective Service receive; and (b) whether the Ministry would embark on a systematic review of these calls to ensure that they were recorded and logged as required.
- *11. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development regarding the February 2020 fatal child abuse case (a) whether the Ministry can share details of the emotional support being provided to the Child Protective Service officer presently under disciplinary inquiry for lapses in the case; and (b) whether the Ministry is also providing support to other individuals involved in the case to cope with the emotional burden of the case.
- *12. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider publishing clearer guidelines or case examples on when involuntary child removal from parental care is warranted; and (b) whether a training and post-referral support framework is in place to support persons who make such referrals to the Ministry, even when no abuse is found.
- *13. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether protective or anonymised reporting mechanisms will be introduced to allow for reporting of suspected child abuse concerns safely; and (b) how the Ministry will monitor and mitigate unintended effects of increased reporting such as heavier workloads.
- *14. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) why the Ministry did not convene a review panel on the February 2020 fatal child abuse case in the intervening years before its statement on 8 April 2025 despite early indications that Child Protective Service was consulted; and (b) whether the Ministry will convene a review panel and publish its findings for any death in the child protection ecosystem in future.
- *15. Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will introduce mandatory internal audits to flag unlogged or unreturned child protection hotline calls in real time; and (b) how often such data gaps have been detected in the past five years.
- *16. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of the report on the February 2020 fatal child abuse case (a) when was the deceased child's father first informed of her situation; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider requiring the parents of an affected child to be informed by relevant agencies and involve both parents in any safety plan regardless of their marital status.
- *17. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider establishing a central coordinating office similar to the Municipal Services Office to serve as an overall coordinating agency for child abuse cases which involve multiple Government agencies; and (b) if not, what are the reasons against it.

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- *18. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how the Ministry intends to enforce the Child Protection Ecosystem Review Panel's recommendation that child protection case management agencies should manage all child abuse cases and be adequately resourced to do their jobs effectively; (b) what will constitute adequate resourcing; and (c) how the Ministry will track systemic improvements such as through reduced caseloads per worker and faster inter-agency response times.
- *19. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in view of the recent review of the child protection ecosystem, whether the Ministry will outline a plan for implementing a centralised, risk flagging digital system for at-risk children to provide authorised professional with a holistic view of a child's situation and ensuring that no crucial detail is missed between agencies.
- *20. Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the February 2020 fatal child abuse case, whether the Ministry will develop and facilitate community programmes for neighbours, volunteers, and grandparents to encourage community-based vigilance in recognising early signs of distress in families.
- *21. Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what criteria guide the Ministry officers in determining when a child should be removed from family care due to suspected abuse; and (b) whether the Ministry will review these criteria, risk matrix, and workflows to ensure timely intervention.
- *22. Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what steps will the Ministry take to improve the child abuse reporting process in light of the recommendations by the Review Panel to strengthen the child protection ecosystem; and (b) whether such improvements will include safeguards to prevent psychological harm to families wrongly suspected of abuse.
- *23. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the current criteria for removing a child into protective care or placing them under mandatory supervision; (b) whether the threshold for intervention will be reviewed in light of the February 2020 fatal child incident; and (c) how does the Ministry balance the need for earlier intervention with potential parental pushback.
- *24. Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development given the Review Panel's findings and recommendations of the February 2020 fatal child abuse incident, whether the Ministry plans to strengthen and align inter-agency coordination, communication and risk assessment criteria between the agencies in the child protection ecosystem, such as Child Protection Services (CPS), SPF, Social Services Agencies and Schools in their management of child abuse reports and cases.
- *25. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what safeguards are in place to ensure that reported lost and missing child cases are prioritised until physical verification of the child's safety; and (b) how will coordination with relevant social agencies and interested parties be improved to ensure that such cases are actively investigated.
- *26. Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether police risk-assessment tools will be recalibrated to prioritise cases involving children who are missing from contact for extended periods; (b) whether an automatic supervisory review will be triggered after defined time lapses for such cases; and (c) how technology, such as inter-agency databases or alerts, will support faster child location efforts by the police.

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- *27. Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs on the February 2020 fatal child abuse case (a) why did the Investigation Officer classify the missing child report as low-risk; (b) what steps will the Ministry take to review the risk classification guidelines and follow-up requirements for Investigation Officers' use especially for cases of missing vulnerable persons; and (c) how will supervision of Investigation Officers be strengthened.
- *28. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Nutri-Grade labelling system has led to lower consumption of pre-packaged food high in sugar and saturated fat in Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider placing restrictions on the advertising of pre-packaged food high in sugar and saturated fat, similar to the United Kingdom's restrictions on the advertising of food high in fat, salt, and sugar.
- *29. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with respect to the projects and events for NEA's Clean & Green Singapore (CGS) Day 2025 (a) whether NEA will consider extending such projects and events islandwide to encourage more Singaporeans to adopt sustainable practices, conserve biodiversity, and foster a more gracious society; and (b) whether NEA intends to set targets and objectives for these projects and events.
- *30. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the last three years, how many complaints has the Ministry received regarding severance agreements which contain clauses discouraging staff from approaching authorities or unions; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider legislation to prohibit such coercive clauses to better protect workers' rights.
- *31. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of the retrenchment by an online travel booking platform (a) at what stage did tripartite partners become aware of inappropriate clauses in the severance agreements; (b) whether this was through proactive monitoring or public reporting; and (c) what proactive audit mechanisms exists to prevent the inclusion of clauses that undermine a worker's right to seek redress in severance agreements.
- *32. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the study to understand nuclear technology, safety of nuclear power plant technologies and their viability for Singapore (a) whether the study will include (i) an estimate timeframe for deployment of nuclear energy and (ii) potential sites for the reactors, where it is found to be viable for Singapore; and (b) whether the key risks identified in the study will be published.
- *33. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry regarding the dedicated nuclear teams set up at the Energy Market Authority and the National Environment Agency, whether the Government will consider including representatives from other sectors and the public in these teams to address common concerns, such as safety and perceptions.
- *34. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has plans to review employer practices on the acceptances of mental health-related medical certificates; and (b) whether further measures will be introduced to prevent discrimination or adverse employment outcomes for affected individuals.
- *35. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view that wheelchairs and other Personal Mobility Aids (PMAs) are allowed on board public buses and trains (a) how many cases have been reported on deliberate property and train damage caused by PMAs; and (b) how will the Ministry support public transport workers in providing advisories to errant PMA users in a safe and empowered manner.

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- *36. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider aligning the eligibility criteria for Public Transport Vouchers (PTVs) with those of the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) to provide greater clarity and understanding for residents.
- *37. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how does the Ministry determine the focus areas of Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) at each educational level; and (b) how frequently are these areas reviewed to stay relevant to emerging societal issues.
- *38. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education for each of the past three years, what proportion of total expenditure on Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) was spent on engaging vendors to deliver programs and conduct activities related to CCE.
- *39. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education what proportion of a school's annual budget is typically allocated to programmes and activities under Character and Citizenship Education.
- *40. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what progress has been made in SFA's partnerships with Institutes of Higher Learning and local farms to develop diploma courses and internships that equip students and adult job seekers with relevant skills for meaningful careers in the local agri-food sector; and (b) in view of the sector's volatility, what safeguards or support are available to mitigate risks for individuals entering the industry.
- *41. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in the last year (a) what is the number of reports of persons who have been reported victims of human trafficking; and (b) what is the number of Singapore-registered companies that have been or are currently being investigated in relation to scams involving illicit overseas recruitment activities.
- *42. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Future of Investment and Trade Partnership (FIT-P) has any mechanisms to address the growing trend of protectionism from major economies; (b) how will the Ministry work to ensure it is more than a discussion forum and can achieve tangible results; and (c) what is the timeline for its initiatives to produce concrete outcomes that can be scaled up to multilateral frameworks.
- *43. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether it will collect and analyse the income levels of respondents in subsequent Digital Parenting Surveys to ensure that the results are representative of our Singapore resident parent population in terms of income level.
- *44. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry has considered issuing guidelines for mall operators to set aside short-term delivery-driver parking for bicycles and motorcycles.
- *45. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what proportion of courses taken in 2024 with support from SkillsFuture Credits have had direct relevance to the respective individuals' ongoing or future areas of employment; and (b) whether the Ministry has considered introducing conditions for the use of Credits to ensure such relevance, such as requiring courses to be recommended by Government-appointed Skills Development Partners.

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- *46. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in the last five years (a) how many socially isolated seniors has the Silver Generation Office reached out to; and (b) what proportion of these seniors subsequently participated in at least one programme offered by Active Ageing Centres.
- *47. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how does the Ministry ensure that admission scores for undergraduate engineering programmes are sufficient to meet the rigours of the programme; and (b) whether the Ministry has guidelines for autonomous universities to have similar admission requirements for degree programmes of comparable intellectual rigour, such as engineering and computer science.
- *48. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is PUB's strategy to slow down the increase in national water consumption rate especially in the non-domestic sector; (b) how frequently does PUB review the Sectoral Water Efficiency Benchmarks and Recycling Rates; and (c) what incentives or penalties exist for those businesses consistently performing better or worse than these benchmarks.
- *49. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport given the winding down of BlueSG's operations (a) whether the Ministry is in discussions with BlueSG regarding its network of electric vehicle (EV) charging points; (b) whether the winding down will cause an impact on the Government's goal to deploy 60,000 EV charging points across Singapore by 2030; and (c) if so, what steps will the Ministry take to mitigate this impact.
- *50. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the factors that have contributed to the higher number of babies born in 2024; and (b) whether Singapore's long-term population parameter that is used for infrastructure planning will remain at 6.9 million given that the population has crossed 6 million for the first time in 2024.
- *51. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what are the current Operating Performance Standards (OPS) for train loading; (b) what is the maximum number of persons per square metre or train car currently observed during peak hours on each MRT line; and (c) whether any MRT lines are projected to exceed the current OPS for train loading during peak hours by 2030.
- *52. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what was the number of Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) visitors for the past three years; (b) how does this number compare to pre-COVID-19 MICE visitor numbers; and (c) what are Government's plans, if any, to help the local MICE industry deal with rising costs that might affect Singapore's competitiveness as a preferred MICE venue compared to other regional MICE options.
- *53. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore detects and identifies advertisements making misleading and false claims and portrayals using AI-generated images; and (b) if so, how.
- *54. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry is working with digital platforms such as e-commerce and property listing sites to detect and remove AI-generated content that misrepresents products and services; and (b) if so, how.

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- *55. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the talent search process used, if any, when advising the President on appointments to the post of Attorney-General; and (b) whether other candidates were considered before the decision was made to recommend to the President that the current Attorney-General be re-appointed for a fourth three-year term.
- *56. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the cliff effect faced by households who marginally exceed CHAS Orange subsidy thresholds resulting in markedly higher healthcare costs despite modest income differences; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider additional graduated subsidy tiers to smooth the subsidy taper.
- *57. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what proportion of patients who are in the \$2,000 to \$3,500 per capita household income range pay out-of-pocket healthcare expenses exceeding 10% of their monthly household income for chronic disease management.
- *58. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether current, including newly-announced initiatives adequately account for high startup costs, rental pressures, and structural disadvantages facing smaller SMEs in F&B business compared to established F&B chains; and (b) if not, how does the Government plan to further support smaller and newer F&B businesses in improving productivity, given that many lack the capital and manpower for large-scale transformation.
- *59. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) since the implementation of the Take-A-Break (TAB) caregiver respite programme, how many applications have been received for respite care service; (b) of the number of applications received, what are the numbers of those approved and rejected; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider extending TAB beyond 31 March 2026 and enhancing it to provide for overnight respite care service.
- *60. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what measures are available to investigate and prevent the circulation of illegal obscene materials, particularly those involving minors, on private messaging platforms such as Telegram and WhatsApp.
- *61. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will review existing manpower policies to better protect workers who are employed full-time under fixed-term service contracts rather than as freelancers.
- *62. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how does the Ministry monitor sentencing disparities and ensure outcomes are fair, proportionate, and consistent since the Singapore Medical Council (SMC) Sentencing Guidelines were issued in 2020; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness of the post-2019 reforms of SMC disciplinary process in promoting transparency and predictability, especially given recent public perceptions of disproportionate penalties for misconduct.
- *63. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will require autonomous vehicles (AV) to be introduced as part of Singapore's public transport network be fitted with automated bus ramps facilitate safe and independent boarding for wheelchair users; and (b) whether modifications will be made to bus stops to enable wheelchair users to safely flag down and board AVs.

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- *64. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what infrastructural upgrades are planned to accommodate autonomous vehicle deployment on public roads, if any; and (b) how are such infrastructure changes likely to affect existing road users.
- *65. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the LTA has studied the impact of the installation of Red-Amber-Green (RAG) arrows at traffic junctions on the flow of traffic; and (b) if so, what is the median time increase in waiting time for vehicles to turn right at these junctions.
- *66. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current vacancy rate for nursing positions in restructured hospitals as at end of September 2025; (b) how does this compare with the number of recent local nursing graduates seeking placements; and (c) whether the Ministry has been prioritising the hiring of local nursing graduates before seeking non-resident nurses from overseas.
- *67. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the accelerated pace of BTO launches and the rollout of HDB flats with shorter waiting-time, whether the Government will review the planning and delivery timelines for supporting infrastructure such as childcare centres, primary schools, transport links and community amenities.
- *68. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider expanding the criteria that govern the outfitting of existing Pedestrian Overhead Bridges (POBs) with lifts to POBs located near hawker centres, in view of the importance of hawker centres as a node of the community.
- *69. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the rationale for ending fostering arrangements once a child reaches 16 years of age.
- *70. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) for each of the past five PSLE cohorts, what are the median PSLE Achievement Level scores by socioeconomic status proxy measures such as housing type; (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of any equity implications arising from observed gaps; and (c) whether the Ministry has any planned targeted interventions in response to these gaps.
- *71. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry with respect to retail food establishments that ceased operations after five years or less in 2025 to date, what is the proportion that have never recorded a profit based on any of their annual tax declarations.
- *72. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will consider opening Tengah Link which is a bus-only road to general traffic during off-peak hours to improve connectivity; (b) what traffic modelling has been done to assess the impact of such partial access; and (c) how the Ministry plans to balance public transport efficiency with residents' desire for more flexible road access.
- *73. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the deployment of the Private Credit Growth Fund will be pulled back given rising global private-credit risks; and (b) whether GIC's caution on the private-credit market will inform the Ministry's stance on the deployment of the Fund, or are the views separately held.

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- *74. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether restricting the Community Relations Unit (CRU) pilot to Tampines will result in unequal enforcement against nuisance-markers in neighbour disputes as compared to other towns.
- *75. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of Singapore's ageing population (a) what is the number of private companies in Singapore that currently offer parent-care leave; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider mandating the provision of parent-care leave.
- *76. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the move towards a broader and more inclusive meritocracy, whether the Government is re-evaluating the criteria for awarding scholarships by Ministries and public agencies.
- *77. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the number of COEs that were bid for but not used to register a vehicle in each of the past three years; (b) whether the current one-year COE validity period facilitates speculative bidding by dealers; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider shortening the validity period to three or six months to discourage front-running and moderate COE prices.
- *78. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether a formal study has been done to ascertain the reasons why the take-up rate for the \$500 SkillsFuture Credit top-up has been low; (b) if so, what are the insights of the study; and (c) whether there are any plans to enhance the mySkillsFuture portal user interface or experience to improve take-up rate.
- *79. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Law over the last five years (a) what is the average profile of Singaporeans in bankruptcy in terms of (i) age (ii) employment and (iii) family status; and (b) what percentage of bankrupts are able to pay their monthly Target Contributions.
- *80. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government has conducted a review of the rooftop urban farms established on HDB multi-storey car parks since 2020, including (i) their contribution to local food production, (ii) their financial viability, (iii) the community engagement and employment outcomes achieved and (iv) the extent of disamenities, if any, reported by residents.
- *81. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how does the Ministry account for the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey 2024 findings showing that 75% of teachers use AI, but weekly work hours remain at around 47 since 2018 with rising stress levels; and (b) whether teacher workload reduction will be made a KPI alongside learning outcomes, for AI adoption, with baselines, targets, timelines, and published results.
- *82. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) for each year since 2019, what are the numbers of reported accidents between pedestrians and (i) bicycles, (ii) personal mobility devices, (iii) personal mobility aids and (iv) personal mobility assistive devices, respectively; (b) what is the corresponding number of civil suits filed by pedestrians against users of such devices; and (c) how many resulted in compensation.
- *83. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will review the current fare adjustment formula, which allows a maximum allowable hike of 14.4% in 2025, in view that this figure appears to be detached from average wage growth; (b) what is the maximum number of years a deferred quantum can be carried forward; and (c) what is the policy rationale for this limit.

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- *84. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education how the Ministry is ensuring equitable access to AI tools and digital teaching support across all schools, including those with fewer resources or more challenging student profiles.
- *85. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether large-scale tree losses from redevelopment or infrastructure works are deducted from the tally of the OneMillionTrees movement; (b) whether campaign success is measured by net canopy cover, biodiversity and ecological connectivity rather than gross planting numbers; (c) whether forest clearances are factored into the targets; and (d) if so, how.
- *86. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether mental health screening will be included as part of the Child Health Plan initiative under the Grow Well SG programme.
- *87. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the current average dwell time for trains at (i) interchange and (ii) non-interchange stations on each MRT and LRT lines respectively; (b) how do these average dwell times compare with those (i) in 2015 and (ii) other Asian metro systems currently; (c) whether MRT dwell times can be reduced to shorten commutes; and (d) if not, why not.
- *88. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what auditing or verification mechanisms are in place to ensure the accuracy of service delay lengths reported by rail operators; (b) whether LTA can provide a list of all delays reported in 2025, with their associated service delay timings; and (c) can LTA integrate the impact that such delays and disruptions have on passengers into its reliability performance measurement.
- *89. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government is conducting any longitudinal study on Singaporean students who top the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's Programme for International Student Assessment creative thinking tests, to see if this leads to tangible future innovations or creative breakthroughs.
- *90. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the inter-agency efforts to routinely detect, track, and neutralise unauthorised unmanned aircraft system (UAS) activities near Changi and Seletar Airports, including those launched from sea waters off Singapore; and (b) whether any steps will be taken to enhance current counter-UAS capabilities and coordination given recent incidents in certain European airports.
- *91. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether there are specific studies or evidence that the Government is reviewing to assess the potential mental health impacts associated with exposure to secondhand smoke; and (b) if yes, what are they.
- *92. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will take steps to (i) review the conduct of insurers who have demonstrated unreasonable behaviour in assessing claims by victims of accidents and (ii) strengthen its regulatory framework to discourage insurers from engaging in overly litigious behaviour against vulnerable third-party claimants.
- *93. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the LTA will consider allowing bus number 87 to stop at the bus stops in front of Hougang Polyclinic for the benefit of commuters especially seniors, from Hougang Avenue 5 going to Hougang Polyclinic so that commuters can avoid accessing on foot or transfer via the Hougang Bus Interchange or other nearby bus stops.

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- *94. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether stricter border control measures can be implemented to verify if individuals entering Singapore with large media equipment are doing so for holiday or work purposes, in order to curb illegal creative freelancing activities.
- *95. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the five content creators who were issued advisory letters by MAS for providing financial advice without a licence (a) what were the considerations for not disclosing their identities and respective content of the advice; and (b) whether clear examples of such content which may not have complied with MAS guidelines can be published for greater clarity.
- *96. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider providing teachers who face persistent delays in reaching school on time due to limited public transport options with some form of support or allowance; and (b) in areas where bus services during morning peak hours are infrequent or unreliable, whether the Ministry will consider providing flexible reporting times or other assistance to affected teachers.
- *97. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Ministry will consider banning access or implementing takedown requests for self-harm and suicidal content on social media channels, online messaging platforms and online game platforms.
- *98. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport regarding free off-peak travel for North-East Line and Sengkang-Punggol Light Rail Transit commencing 27 December 2025 (a) what is the expected take-up rate of off-peak travel; (b) whether additional resources will be required for SBS Transit to support higher commuter traffic before 7.30am; and (c) what is the expected revenue leakage annually and whether this is sustainable in the long run.
- *99. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry ensures that there are age-appropriate public playgrounds near preschools; and (b) if so, how.
- *100. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what proportion of seniors in the community have been screened or flagged for malnutrition in the past two years; and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure systematic screening, early intervention and equitable access to nutrition support for vulnerable seniors.
- *101. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of rising malnutrition rates among seniors (a) whether the Ministry will introduce nutritional indicators for protein content at hawker centres and coffeeshops; (b) whether personalised nutrition advice is provided to seniors as part of Healthier SG; and (c) what is the Ministry's strategy to ensure affordable, easy-to-eat protein sources are readily accessible for low-income seniors.

- *102. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many employers with work-from-home policies during the pandemic have since reduced the scope of these policies; and (b) whether this has been offset by an increase in employers implementing flexible work arrangements or adopting tripartite standards for work-life harmony.

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health:

Health Information Bill.

2. Minister for Digital Development and Information:

Public Sector (Governance) (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Social and Family Development:

National Council of Social Service (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Corporate and Accounting Laws (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 13/2025] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
2. Online Safety (Relief and Accountability) Bill [Bill No. 18/2025] – (Minister for Digital Development and Information) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 2 dated 5 November 2025.]
3. Finance (Income Taxes) Bill [Bill No. 16/2025] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
4. Regulation of Imports and Exports (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 14/2025] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry) – Second Reading.

MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Poh Li San : Towards a Safer, Plastics-Lite Singapore.
(Sembawang West)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government has a projected optimum population density for Singapore that takes into consideration spatial comfort and feelings of crowdedness; and (b) if not, why not.
2. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what measures are in place to ensure that SGX-listed entities uphold equivalent standards of governance and integrity overseas as they do in Singapore.
3. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for each of the last 10 years (a) how many entities have applied for tax incentives under section 13U of the Income Tax Act 1947, formerly known as section 13X; and (b) how many entities have been granted the incentive.
4. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) in the past five years, how many consumers have lodged a complaint with MAS over disputes related to in-house car financing schemes offered by car dealers; and (b) whether MAS plans to expand motor vehicle financing rules to cover these in-house car loans.
5. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the number of eligible enterprises that have not utilised the SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit (SFEC); and (b) what further measures does the Ministry have to encourage all eligible enterprises to use the SFEC before unused amounts expire in the second half of 2026.
6. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Energy Market Authority will consider requiring all electricity retailers and SP Group to provide hardcopy utility bills upon request and keep paper bills free of charge for the next three years; and (b) whether late-payment fees incurred during SP Group's recent "Going Paperless" transition will be waived for affected customers, especially seniors unaware of the change.
7. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the Business Adaptation Grant (a) how were the cap of \$100,000 per company and the two-year period ending 6 October 2027 respectively derived; and (b) how does Ministry intend to assess the success and impact of the scheme.
8. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many retail food establishments have (i) opened and (ii) closed, respectively, in 2025 to date; and (b) of the retail food establishments that closed in 2025 to date, what were their durations of operation broken down by (i) less than three years, (ii) three to five years, (iii) five to 10 years, (iv) 10 to 20 years and (v) more than 20 years, respectively.
9. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has plans to strengthen consumer protection measures for seniors who may be susceptible to being pressured into purchasing high value packages from beauty and hair salons; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider imposing a mandatory cooling off period for such packages exceeding a certain amount being sold to seniors.
10. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the past five years, what is the average duration taken by investigation officers to close cases; and (b) what measures or guidelines are in place to ensure that cases are closed promptly.

11. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether SPF will mandate that all child-related cases such as missing persons, suspected abuse or high-risk family contexts be triaged by specialist investigation officers with child-protection training; and (b) whether the Ministry will embed or consider arranging for child-protection specialists to be embedded into police divisions to co-assess risk and co-lead responses.
12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the Save-A-Life (SAL) initiative to include landed property estates by installing at least one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) per estate; and (b) if so, how such an initiative can be supported by community partners to strengthen emergency preparedness and response.
13. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will consider introducing differentiated calibrations of maximum speeds in speed limiter requirements for lorries based on their weight classes; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider increasing awareness on the availability of the Productivity and Solutions Grant or other forms of financial support to help businesses defray the cost of installing speed limiters.
14. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the past five years, how many reports of suspected foreign interference did the Internal Security Department receive; and (b) how can the Ministry further increase Singaporeans' awareness of and vigilance against foreign interference.
15. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider incorporating standard first aid and automated external defibrillator (AED) skills training, leading to certification, into the Secondary Four school syllabus, to equip students with life-saving abilities and promote emergency preparedness among youth.
16. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the overall visitors to casinos in the Integrated Resorts have fallen in 2024 compared with 2023; and (b) whether the Ministry is aware of any underlying reasons that resulted in fewer visits to casinos by Singapore citizens and permanent residents in 2024.
17. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence in view of recent reports of a China-based drone maker being linked to the Chinese military supply chain (a) what steps has the Government taken to verify whether any such drones are being used in our military infrastructure; and (b) what procurement-related measures of such foreign-manufactured drones are being implemented to safeguard our cybersecurity and national safety.
18. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the effectiveness of the Singapore Red Cross's Home Monitoring and Eldercare (HoME+) system; (b) whether there are plans to encourage more seniors living alone to install the HoME+ system; and (c) if so, what are these outreach plans.
19. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what outcomes have been observed from the rollout of the EatWise SG programme and how these are measured; and (b) how else does the Ministry ensure that vulnerable seniors, such as those living alone, with mobility challenges or lower incomes, have equitable access to nutrition support and subsidised meal plans.

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20. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the local evidence from the pilots of lung cancer screening supports such efforts.
21. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what factors contributed to the early seasonal surge in influenza cases since August 2025; (b) how the Communicable Diseases Agency is strengthening surveillance and vaccination outreach ahead of future off-season spikes; and (c) whether climate trends or travel patterns are influencing Singapore's influenza transmission cycles.
22. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each of the past five years, what are the estimated numbers of annual deaths and chronic health problems that arise as a result of secondhand smoking.
23. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is monitoring the rising trend of Singaporeans seeking postnatal confinement care overseas; (b) what risks this poses to maternal and newborn health continuity; and (c) whether there are plans to strengthen standards or accreditation for local confinement services to ensure affordability and safety.
24. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether the Ministry monitors or provides guidance on foreign-linked fundraising events held in Singapore that may carry political or humanitarian implications abroad, to ensure that such activities are consistent with Singapore's principles of neutrality and its commitment to a rules-based international order.
25. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the extended producer responsibility approach will be expanded beyond e-waste and packaging to include textiles and fast fashion; and (b) how will the Government ensure that producers bear greater responsibility for product end-of-life to reduce the burden on consumers and municipal systems.
26. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what updates can be provided on the review of the Hawkers' Development Programme (HDP), including when the next intake will commence; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider exploring partnerships with polytechnics and ITEs offering food-related courses as part of the HDP to strengthen the talent pipeline for hawkers.
27. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether studies are done on how the forested areas between Tampines Road and Serangoon East Dam help to stabilise water flow into the Serangoon Reservoir; and (b) whether canals in Sungei Serangoon can withstand water level rise from increase in storm water runoff caused by any current or future developments in the forested areas.
28. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many carbon offset credits has Singapore purchased annually since 2023; (b) which are the main source countries; and (c) whether any originate from this region.
29. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the number and percentage of stallholders under the Socially-Conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre operators that have rental formulae based on the higher of a fixed rental or a percentage of gross turnover; and (b) what are the (i) range of percentage of gross turnover charged and (ii) share of gross turnover rents as a proportion of overall rents charged.

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30. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what is the change in amount of plastic waste produced island-wide in each year from 2019, after the passing of the Resource Sustainability Act 2019 and the Zero Waste Masterplan.
31. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) when will the Domestic Violence Awareness Training be reviewed and refreshed; and (b) whether the Ministry will be expanding or mandating the training to other sectors beyond professionals from childcare centres and schools in order to promote learning amongst practitioners, and increase public awareness of how to spot and report signs of child abuse.
32. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the guideline on the maximum number of cases handled by each social worker annually; (b) what percentage of social workers are handling cases beyond the maximum number; and (c) how will the Ministry enhance the well-being of social workers to prevent burnout and lapses, enabling them to serve their clients to the best of their abilities.
33. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the report to strengthen the child protection ecosystem, whether the Government will explore data integration or predictive risk tools to identify children at risk of harm based on multi-agency records such as (i) repeated school absenteeism, (ii) prior police reports or (iii) hospital visits and prioritise interventions.
34. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider introducing legislation to (i) impose a duty on relevant persons such as parents, caregivers or teachers to notify the Ministry or SPF of a material breach of a child's care and protection order and (ii) empower the Ministry's officers to issue immediate protective directions or orders to keep the affected child safe.
35. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the Report on the Review Panel's Findings and Recommendations to Strengthen the Child Protection Ecosystem published on 23 October 2025 (a) what steps will be taken to educate social service agencies and the public on making police reports for abused children; and (b) what actions the police are expected to take when such a report is made.
36. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the research on young children spending extended hours in childcare (a) what steps are being taken to mitigate negative impacts on these young children; (b) whether there are plans to strengthen social-emotional support for children attending long hours; and (c) what additional support is in place for flexible work arrangements to reduce such hours.
37. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the current return rate to the ComCare programme among families who have exited the programme; and (b) how this differs between ComLink+ and non-ComLink+ families.
38. **Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the current escalation protocol in cases where there is a breach of the care and protection order issued to keep children who are in need of care or protection safe; (b) who must be notified and within what timeframe; and (c) what enforcement mechanisms exist in such case to keep the affected child safe.

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39. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many ransomware incidents have been reported by Singapore-based companies in the past three years, with a breakdown by company size; (b) whether the Ministry plans to legislate a ban on ransom payments; and (c) what is the Ministry's assessment of the net benefit of such a ban, balancing reduced criminal funding against business impact.
40. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are any plans to top up the SkillsFuture Credits; and (b) if not, whether the Government will pivot to other more targeted forms of support for continuing education and training initiatives in the next phase of the SkillsFuture movement.
41. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has compared the effectiveness of SkillsFuture programmes that are not directly linked to employment with other forms of support for continuing education and training programmes, such as subsidies for employers to place workers in jobs for on-the-job training.
42. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Education in view that the \$500 SkillsFuture credits are due to expire at end 2025, whether the Ministry will consider a grace period of a few more months to allow Singaporeans to utilise these credits.
43. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many Singaporeans have used their SkillsFuture Credits for the UdeMY Business-Republic Polytechnic Annual Subscription Plan since its launch; and (b) whether more can be done to encourage Singaporeans to use their one-off SkillsFuture Credit top-up before it expires in 2025 for this online option, such as lowering the annual subscription price and more publicity.
44. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the average number of classroom instructional hours teachers spend weekly; and (b) whether this has changed over the past five years.
45. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education over the past five years, what are the most commonly cited reasons by teachers for leaving the profession.
46. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education how the Ministry evaluates the effectiveness of professional development programmes for novice teachers, including mentorship programmes.
47. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider hiring more administrative staff or piloting contingent teaching assistants similar to those of international schools and universities to help secondary school teachers focus on their core teaching duties, following the recently released OECD TALIS 2024 report, which found that full-time secondary school teachers worked more hours than the OECD average but fewer hours on teaching.
48. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry tracks all degree and diploma courses that consistently have the poorest outcomes in terms of (i) wages and (ii) securing full-time permanent employment within six months; and (b) if so, what are these courses.
49. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education what has been the annual average PSLE aggregate scores for (i) the six lowest-performing national primary schools and (ii) the four madrasahs, since 2021.

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50. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the central kitchen model coming up in 2026, how can the Ministry consider involving students in simple stages of food procurement, preparation, or distribution so as to promote independence and a sense of community, which have been integral to the canteen culture in Singapore's schools.
51. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Government will designate a dog run on the state land parcel adjacent to Serangoon North View.
52. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the current limit of 18 non-training days during the Practice Training Period for trainee lawyers remains appropriate; (b) what measures the Ministry intends to take against law firms that impose stricter limits; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing or increasing the permissible absence limit to better align with practices in other Commonwealth jurisdictions.
53. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many work injury claims have been made by platform workers under the Work Injury Compensation Act 2019 since coverage was extended to them on 1 January 2025; and (b) how many of these claims (i) have received compensation, (ii) have been rejected and (iii) are being processed.
54. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider prohibiting employers from requesting last-drawn salary information during recruitment to promote wage determination based on skills and role requirements, prevent anchoring and indexing of offers to prior pay, and mitigate disadvantages from unfavourable starting salaries.
55. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry is collaborating with Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs) to formally accredit or integrate the learning outcomes and structured curriculum of the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme with existing academic training to ensure that the short three to six months placements maximise skill transfer by incorporating best practices from the internship programmes at IHLs.
56. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many mid-career Singaporeans have transitioned into the care economy under existing re-skilling initiatives run by Workforce Singapore and SkillsFuture Singapore; (b) what is the median retention period after placement; and (c) what are the main challenges in sustaining such career transitions.
57. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider greater flexibility in the criteria for the Silver Support Scheme, for seniors who exceeded the CPF savings threshold at age 55 but have since depleted much of their savings for housing and medical expenses, so that their current financial, health, or employability conditions at age 65 can be more accurately reflected in the assessment.
58. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the Ministry's plans to monitor the effectiveness of companies in ensuring the requirements of the Workplace Fairness Act are met; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that companies are familiar with the procedural aspects of the statutory tort of discrimination in order to prevent non-compliance.

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59. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development with accessibility challenges faced by senior residents in older HDB blocks which lack direct lift access, and the cost of currently available solutions, whether the Ministry will seek the assistance from the National Research Foundation (NRF) to conduct a national research challenge dedicated to developing innovative and cost-effective solutions to address this infrastructure gap.
60. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the median, average, and longest duration between HDB's repossession of a flat under the Lease Buyback Scheme and the relaunch of the same unit in a Sale of Balance Flats exercise in the past 10 years; and (b) whether HDB has internal KPIs relating to the vacancy period of repossessed flats under the scheme.
61. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the Community Relations Unit (CRU) pilot in Tampines, how will the Ministry ensure that the CRU has adequate resources, training, and capacity for investigating and prosecuting egregious cases.
62. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the specific groups and organisations that the Ministry will engage in the consultation process to determine the final Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme (VERS) framework; and (b) what specific and unambiguous communication strategy will the Ministry adopt to actively discourage the promotion to prospective buyers on speculatively acquiring older flats for the purpose of future VERS profiteering.
63. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what criteria does NParks use to balance between heritage tree conservation and infrastructure development needs when deciding whether to preserve or remove heritage trees; and (b) whether NParks will consider increasing the inspection frequency of heritage trees in light of the recent removal of a heritage Angsana tree in Potong Pasir, near Woodleigh due to trunk decay.
64. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs for the list of circumstances in which a Muslim child who was born out of wedlock (i) can and (ii) cannot be recognised as a faraid beneficiary under the Administration of Muslim Law Act.
65. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport for each COE bidding exercise in 2025 and excluding COEs registered to companies, what is the breakdown in absolute numbers and percentages of new COE registrations that were awarded to (i) existing COE holders, (ii) recent holders who had a COE within the last 60 days and (iii) those without a COE within the last 60 days respectively.
66. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport over the last 10 years and excluding Certificate of Entitlement (COEs) registered to companies (a) how many individuals have held a COE; (b) what is the distribution of total COEs held per individual including both sequential and concurrent ownership; and (c) how does this distribution further break down when adjusted for household size on a per capita basis.
67. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport for the latest Public Transport Council (PTC) Fare Review Exercise (a) why were express bus fares increased by up to \$0.50 versus up to \$0.10 for basic services; (b) what cost and ridership parameters and formula were used to derive this increase; and (c) whether this fare increase resulting in express bus commuters potentially switching to other commuting options was considered.

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68. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of the average of 700 new applications annually to operate private Heavy Vehicle Parks over 2022 to 2024 (a) what is the average number of applications for each year that were unsuccessful; (b) what are the reasons for the unsuccessful applications; and (c) what are the criteria that the Ministry will consider when evaluating such applications.
69. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has studied the reasons for the low evening peak ridership of City Direct Services 675, 676, and 677; (b) what are the Ministry's plans to improve ridership, if any; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider traffic measures or reducing bus stops to improve travel speeds and journey times.
70. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how the Commissioner of Charities reviews foreign-linked charitable organisations that raise funds in Singapore to ensure that the purposes and use of such funds comply with Singapore's laws and align with its stated foreign policy positions; and (b) what additional transparency or reporting requirements apply to cross-border fundraising activities.
71. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth from 1 January 2000 to 23 October 2025 (a) what is the annual number of marriages registered with the Registry of Marriages involving a Muslim person broken down by gender; and (b) what is the annual number of marriages registered with the Registry of Muslim Marriages involving a recent Muslim convert broken down by gender.
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