

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
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ORDER PAPER  
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) why does NEA require stallholders to personally operate their hawker stalls; (b) how is this aligned with the objectives of hawker centres; and (c) whether there are any circumstances where NEA exercises flexibility when hawker stallholders are temporarily unable to operate their stalls due to personal reasons.
- \*2. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data on security agencies which incorporate security officers' allowances into their basic pay following the implementation of the Progressive Wage Model (PWM); (b) if so, whether this has resulted in any reduction of total wages for security officers; and (c) what measures are in place to ensure that salary adjustments under PWM result in genuine income growth rather than reclassification of existing wage components.
- \*3. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) in what ways have the various overseas training detachments abroad helped to sharpen the training and warfare skills of the men and women of the Singapore Armed Forces in land-scarce Singapore; and (b) in what ways have these overseas training detachments boosted bilateral defence ties between Singapore and the host country providing the training facilities.
- \*4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the current talent shortage in Singapore's financial sector (a) how does the Ministry ensure that efforts to attract foreign talent are balanced with the development and progression of the local workforce in the financial sector; (b) what measures are in place to maintain such balance in this sector; and (c) how does the Ministry monitor their effectiveness.
- \*5. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the 2024 Joint Autonomous Universities Graduate Employment Survey, what is the Ministry's assessment of the continued downward trend of university graduates being able to secure a job six months after graduation.
- \*6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has identified specific industries or sectors where polytechnic graduates face greater employment challenges; and (b) if so, how will it be tailoring curriculum enhancements, internship opportunities and Work-Study programmes to address such challenges.
- \*7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many coffee shop operators have been penalised in the past five years for failing to maintain clean and properly equipped toilets; (b) what is the maximum penalty that has been imposed; and (c) why has the Government opted to provide grants rather than strengthen enforcement through penalties or temporary closures.

- \*8. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry can elaborate on the safety protocols in place for electric vehicle (EV) fire incidents and how they compare to those for internal combustion engine vehicles; and (b) what proactive steps are being taken to maintain or improve the fire safety record of EVs as their numbers increase.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 32 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 7 March 2025) (7<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (7 March 2025)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head I of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 26 dated 28 February 2025.]

2. Supply Bill [Bill No. 3/2025] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
3. Supplementary Supply (FY 2024) Bill [Bill No. 4/2025] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the timeline for how the Government intends to include environmental sustainability requirements and evaluation criteria into all Government procurements within the next five years; and (b) whether the Government prioritises its efforts based on the value of the categories of goods and services procured by the Government.
2. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the Ministry’s marketing plans to promote Singapore as a culinary capital, whether the Ministry will consider strengthening the uniquely Singaporean element via support schemes for marketing and rental that will encourage more local culinary professionals to establish their food and beverage businesses in Government-led space rejuvenation projects.
3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has looked into the number of potential victim-survivors of sexual crime who do not report their cases to the Police; (b) if yes, what are the average numbers of such cases that are not reported each year in the past five years; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will work with non-profit and civil society groups to determine the extent and causes of underreporting of sexual crimes.

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4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the Singapore Civil Defence Force's (SCDF) decision to hire foreigners to enhance emergency medical services (a) what specific training and certification processes will foreign recruits undergo to meet SCDF's operational standards; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that these personnel meet the rigorous requirements expected of SCDF emergency responders.
  5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the last five years, whether there has been an increase in the demand for dedicated transport services for children with disabilities to access (i) the Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Children (EIPIC) (ii) Special Education (SPED) schools (iii) Day Activity Centres (DACs) (iv) Sheltered Workshops (SWs) and (v) Special Student Care Centres (SSCCs); and (b) if so, whether the demand has been completely met by registered school bus operators.
  6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to expand the nationally recommended health screenings under Healthier SG to include sexual health testing; and (b) if so, what types of sexually transmitted infections will be included as part of such testing.
  7. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will explore other arrangements beyond the use of the Child Development Account to ensure that families of teenagers can afford the eye-care and eyewear that can prevent or slow down the onset of high myopia so as to reinforce the National Myopia Prevention Programme.
  8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there are any legal channels for the sale and purchase of animals through online platforms; and (b) whether the Ministry has compiled any estimates on the value of sales of animals through online platforms, both legal and illegal, in each year for the past five years.
  9. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how has the Ministry assessed the effectiveness of existing resources such as the Playbook on Workplace Mental Well-being, the Total Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Programme and iWorkHealth in helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) foster mentally healthy workplaces; (b) whether there are plans to enhance or expand these resources, particularly in addressing SMEs' challenges in implementation; and (c) what further support, including financial incentives, is being considered to encourage more SMEs to adopt workplace mental well-being initiatives.
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