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OATH AND AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr Tan Kiat How (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given Integrated Shield Plans are primarily healthcare financing tools, whether the Government will consider reviewing the regulatory framework for Integrated Shield Plans to give greater regulatory oversight to the Ministry, or adopting a stronger dual or co-regulation model, to ensure better alignment with national healthcare priorities and patient protection.
- *2. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what are the measures the Ministry intends to take to address the issues of escalating private healthcare costs, insurance premiums and insurers refusing pre-authorisation certificates at certain hospitals.
- *3. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given that pre-authorisation helps ensure that policyholders have access to non-panel doctors and receive cost-effective treatments, whether the Ministry will implement measures to ensure that policyholders continue to have access to the full benefits of their Integrated Shield Plan should an insurer stop issuing pre-authorisation certificates.
- *4. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given recent unilateral changes by Integrated Shield Plan insurers, such as new pre-authorisation rules for existing policyholders (a) whether the Government will consider a dedicated healthcare insurance law to protect consumers and establish a mandatory dispute resolution platform; and (b) whether there are regulations to prevent insurers from influencing healthcare decisions against policyholders' best interests.
- *5. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry's plan to only select certain HDB precincts for Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme (VERS) will result in VERS having a lottery effect; and (b) whether the Ministry can design VERS to apply to all HDB flats.
- *6. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how does the Ministry define and quantify the less generous compensation terms of VERS as compared to SERS particularly in relation to a flat's market value; (b) what safeguards will protect homeowners whose VERS compensation could be lower than their outstanding mortgage; and (c) what is the projected median cash top-up required for displaced households to secure replacement housing.

- *7. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the primary policy rationale for compensation under VERS being less generous than SERS; (b) how does the shift away from the SERS lottery effect support the goal of long-term housing affordability; and (c) what assurance can the Ministry provide that VERS will primarily serve as an orderly renewal programme and not a wealth-generating one.
- *8. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the National Environment Agency will review the practice of operators of socially-conscious enterprise hawker centres requiring hawkers to absorb the 10 percent discount offered to customers paying via the operator apps.
- *9. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what principles currently guide who should bear the cost of providing affordable and nutritious meals to low-income patrons; and (b) whether the Ministry will review the current distribution of responsibility for providing such meals to low-income patrons between Socially-Conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre (SEHC) operators, their stallholders, NEA, and consumers.
- *10. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Socially-Conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre (SEHC) operators require the approval of NEA to change contractual terms with stallholders; (b) how regularly does NEA review contracts between SEHC operators and stallholders; (c) whether NEA can and has exercised its veto against such contractual terms; and (d) whether NEA intends to conduct a comprehensive review of the SEHC model.
- *11. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year in the past three years, what has been the year-on-year increase in average rental per square foot for HDB commercial units (i) rented directly from HDB (ii) sublet from a master tenant that rents from HDB and (iii) sublet from a private owner, respectively; and (b) whether HDB is considering approaches to keep rental rates in check in each of these categories.
- *12. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each of the past five years, including 2025 to date, what is the average rent per square metre and average rent quantum for commercial units successfully tendered out by HDB that year for medical facilities (i) island-wide (ii) within existing HDB blocks and (iii) within new BTO developments, respectively.
- *13. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an update can be provided on HDB's efforts to keep the rent of HDB shops affordable, in particular those selling cooked food or providing medical services; and (b) whether HDB is exploring ways to moderate rental increases in high-rent areas, including by increasing the supply of HDB-owned shops.
- *14. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) as of August 2025, how many HDB shops are (i) sold and (ii) rented out directly by HDB respectively; (b) how many HDB shops which have been sold have a remaining lease of less than 10 years, as of August 2025; and (c) whether the recent steep rise in the rent of privately held HDB rental shops is due to a shortage in supply of HDB shops.
- *15. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry tracks the career impact of SkillsFuture credits on Singaporeans who have utilised them in terms of (i) employment status (ii) hours worked and (iii) wage outcomes, since such data may increase take-up rates.

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- *16. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what percentage of SkillsFuture Level-Up participants secured new employment within nine months of enrolment, with a breakdown by age groups 40–49 and 50–59; and (b) what were their median wages before and after completion of training.
- *17. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in 2025, how many Singaporeans have (i) used their SkillsFuture credits or (ii) received training allowances to pursue upskilling and reskilling under the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance scheme; and (b) how do the numbers in 2025 compare with that of 2024.
- *18. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance for mid-career workers aged 40 and above can also cover Singaporeans in their 30s who need to pick up new skills for fast-growing industries; and (b) whether more flexibility can be given for its use for further studies such as to pursue postgraduate qualifications.
- *19. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider studying or piloting an age-appropriate SkillsFuture scheme for primary to post-secondary students from lower-income households to have access to subsidised out-of-school opportunities; (b) if so, what targeting and guardrails such as means-testing, school referral, per-child caps, and approved providers can apply; and (c) how can outcomes such as participation and progression be evaluated.
- *20. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in each of the past five years, how many migrant domestic workers and unofficial employers have been fined for illegal moonlighting; and (b) what is the take-up rate of the Household Services Scheme since its permanent formalisation in 2021.
- *21. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what key performance indicators will be used to measure the success of autonomous vehicle trials; (b) what safety benchmarks are in place; and (c) how legal liability and system security risks will be addressed.
- *22. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what criteria are used to determine the success of the autonomous vehicle (AV) trials in Punggol; (b) what measures are in place to ensure public and passenger safety; and (c) how insurance liability for AV operations will be addressed.
- *23. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what system-level benefits such as (i) improved accessibility (ii) reliability of public transport and (iii) congestion and emissions reductions, Singapore anticipates from autonomous vehicle (AV) deployment; and (b) whether such efficiencies may enable more affordable public transport in the future.
- *24. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how will the Government's autonomous vehicle (AV) strategy affect driving-related jobs; (b) what new job opportunities are expected; and (c) how the Ministry plans to support workers in transitioning to AV-related roles.
- *25. Mr Ng Chee Meng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what is the progress of feasibility studies on the Seletar MRT Line where plans were first announced in 2019.
- *26. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development how frequently are audits and maintenance works conducted for HDB rental flats.

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- *27. Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in relation to the Government's statement in May 2025 that the Government will provide cost-of-living support for as long as it is needed, what are the factors that determine whether such Government support should continue, given that inflation has moderated, but cost of living anxieties remain elevated.
- *28. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the Government's response to Singapore's recent drop in ranking in the International Institute for Management Development's World Talent Ranking 2025, which assesses the three pillars of investment and development, appeal and readiness.
- *29. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has considered the feasibility of (i) adopting brain-based pedagogies to facilitate different learning behaviours (ii) assessing preschoolers using neuroscience and cognitive psychology to match them to suitable primary school pedagogies instead of a "one class fits all" approach and (iii) using adaptive AI tools in primary schools to personalise maths and language learning.
- *30. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Police will implement multi-language selection and support for the Scamshield helpline; (b) whether multilingual outreach materials on Scamshield will be made available at community nodes; and (c) if so, what are the rollout timeline and KPIs.
- *31. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the measures that have been put in place to prevent and deter scams have been effective; and (b) whether any further measures will be taken in view of the \$456.4 million lost to scams in the first half of 2025; and (c) if so, what are they.
- *32. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how will Sport Singapore ensure sufficient capacity of affordable public sports facilities accessible to Kolam Ayer and Jalan Besar residents, following the closure of Kallang Basin Swimming Complex and St Wilfred Sport Centre.
- *33. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether subsidised patients can be transferred directly from a National Healthcare Group hospital to a SingHealth hospital without needing a new polyclinic referral to maintain their subsidies.
- *34. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what additional support measures will be introduced to strengthen the psychological well-being of national athletes, especially in areas of (i) financial stress (ii) performance pressure and (iii) in their transition to life after professional sports.
- *35. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks data on employee burnout by sector; (b) if so, which sectors have the highest levels of employee burnout leading to higher attrition; and (c) how can the Ministry both alleviate pressures in these sectors and channel jobseekers into areas where there is demand for manpower, while ensuring that working conditions remain sustainable.

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- *36. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the rise of pickleball playing in HDB estates (a) whether guidelines will be developed on community noise allowance standards on such high impact ball sports; and (b) whether a study can be convened to convert HDB communal sports facilities such as badminton courts to more multi-purpose facilities with safety enhancements and sound dampeners.
- *37. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has been tracking the number of subcontractors and foreign work pass holders that are engaged by platform companies or operators to meet surge demands or for any other reason; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that income opportunities for local platform workers are not compromised arising from such arrangements.
- *38. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the latest progress on the Jurong Region MRT Line (JRL); (b) when is the earliest possible date for phase 1 of the JRL to be operational.
- *39. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will provide greater granularity in reporting employment outcomes of adult learning programmes such as the SkillsFuture Career Transition and Work-Study Programmes including the provision of sectoral breakdowns in growth areas like artificial intelligence, healthcare and social services, so as to assess the effectiveness of these programmes more clearly.
- *40. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the timeline for the relaxation of the 15-month wait-out period for private property downgraders; and (b) whether the Ministry will also consider shortening the wait-out period as an interim measure.
- *41. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider releasing, or encouraging all schools and Institutes of Higher Learning to release, clear and transparent official guidelines on the use of artificial intelligence for both students and teachers and educators to prevent confusion and uphold academic integrity.
- *42. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education how does the Ministry intend to strike a balance between encouraging the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) by students in school work and ensuring that students' critical thinking skills are not affected by over-reliance on AI.
- *43. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to offering computing as an elective subject to students from 2026, whether the Ministry will consider providing guidance to schools which are permitted to develop their own criteria for enrolment, to ensure consistency and fairness in subject enrolment across schools.
- *44. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the Ministry's latest projections on the impact that artificial intelligence has on Professionals, Managers, Executives, and Technicians (PMET), and knowledge economy job displacement and creation; and (b) what targeted interventions beyond existing SkillsFuture schemes and the GRaduate Industry Traineeships Programme are planned to support young graduates who are at risk of chronic underemployment in their early careers.

- *45. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has completed its review of the need to make it mandatory for home-based food business owners to undergo training and certification under the Workforce Skills Qualification Food Safety Course; (b) if so, what is the outcome of its review and the next steps; and (c) if not, when is the review expected to be completed.
- *46. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry, as a major financial backer of SPH Media Trust, is aware of the details of the proposed collaboration between SPH Media and several Chinese state-owned news organisations; and (b) if so, whether any assessment of potential foreign interference has been conducted.
- *47. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past two years, how many complaints of age discrimination have been lodged with the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP) and the Ministry; (b) how many of such cases are detected beyond formal complaints received; (c) which sectors are most frequently implicated; and (d) when is the Workplace Fairness Act expected to take effect.
- *48. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how were the processing issues in the Household Means Eligibility System discovered; (b) whether means-tested individuals can independently verify if the subsidies and grants given to them have been accurately disbursed; and (c) if so, how.
- *49. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether any measures need to be taken to manage commercial rentals given the rising costs and high churn in the food and beverage sector.
- *50. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education for each year from 2020 to date (a) what are the annual rates per 1,000 primary students for (i) reported bullying incidents with a breakdown by types (ii) counselling referrals (iii) prolonged absenteeism related to anxiety or school refusal and (iv) suicide-risk referrals; and (b) how do these data inform resourcing to support student well-being.
- *51. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the new mandatory bully-reporting channels that schools will provide under the enhanced framework for discipline; (b) whether the Ministry will standardise these across schools and ensure their age-appropriateness; (c) what is the Ministry's communication strategy to ensure students are cognisant of reporting channels; and (d) what are the safeguards in place to protect students who report bullying.
- *52. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what measures are in place to ensure students at polytechnics, Institutes of Technical Education (ITEs), and universities are fairly compensated and understand their employment rights for internships that are both credit-bearing and non-credit-bearing; and (b) what measures are in place to encourage employers to offer fair allowances and meaningful internships, given the rise in the number of interns.
- *53. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) for each year in the past five years, how many National School Games (NSG) events have been held at the Singapore Sports Hub; and (b) whether the Ministry can share upcoming plans regarding NSG events that can be held at the Singapore Sports Hub over the next five years.

- *54. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide an update on what progress has been made in ensuring the aviation and aerospace sector continues to be an attractive sector for Singaporeans to work in, in light of the sector's future growth including Changi Airport Terminal 5.
- *55. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the drop in GIC's 20-year annualised real returns and the expected increase in volatility in GIC's returns over the next decade is expected to impact the interest rate of the Special Singapore Government Securities issued by the Government to the CPF Board; and (b) if not, why not.
- *56. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what assessments have been made of G20 nations' recent increases in gold reserves as a percentage of total reserves; (b) whether any review has evaluated implications for our reserve management strategy; and (c) what factors will trigger a reconsideration of our current gold allocation.
- *57. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider streamlining the Travel Smart Journeys initiative by allowing fare incentives to be automatically applied at the point of payment, rather than requiring prior enrolment through the SimplyGo app.
- *58. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the current adoption rate of the enhanced Travel Smart Journeys initiative which requires commuters to enrol via the SimplyGo app to receive fare incentives, and (b) whether the Ministry intends to increase participation among eligible commuters; and (c) if so, how so.
- *59. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has seen a noticeable impact on peak-hour crowding at the North East MRT Line stations as a result of the enhancement of the Travel Smart Journeys (TSJ) initiative on 2 January 2025; and (b) if so, whether details can be shared about TSJ's effect on crowding.
- *60. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether mindfulness and other techniques to improve mental and emotional wellness are taught to students in schools; and (b) if so, how are such techniques taught.
- *61. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health regarding private hospitals, excluding attending physician's fees (a) what is the typical percentage breakdown of a patient's total bill by component (eg ward, operating room and recovery room fees, and oxygen); and (b) whether the Ministry will (i) extend fee benchmarks to more procedures and itemisation and (ii) intervene to moderate charges and keep healthcare costs within reasonable limits.
- *62. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what factors explain persistent anxiety among Singaporeans about job security despite a robust labour market; and (b) how does the Government plan to strengthen support for mid-career workers and those vulnerable to restructuring.
- *63. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the process for reviewing and approving individual requests to exceed MediSave withdrawal limits; and (b) what criteria, documentation and exceptional circumstances are considered in such case-by-case applications for urgent medical needs.

- *64. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what framework weighs the intangible civic and heritage value of a public library against the economic value of the land; (b) how is this value calculated and factored in the relocation of Ang Mo Kio and Geylang East public libraries; and (c) when does land optimisation yield to preserving non-commercial public spaces for knowledge and community purposes.
- *65. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) will implement strict time-based limits on the allowed use of screen time for learning purposes at early childhood development centres; and (b) if so, what is the proposed timeline for implementing these limits.
- *66. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is involved with Dementia Singapore in the development of the CARA mobile application (CARA); (b) if so, whether CARA allows for caregivers of children with autism or persons with special needs to report missing persons; and (c) if no, whether the Ministry will consider including this feature in the future.
- *67. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether there are plans to expand the Dementia Go-To Point network and its related public awareness initiatives to support the expedient safe return of persons with disabilities, such as children with autism, who may be similarly disoriented or lost in the community.
- *68. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the value of CDC vouchers from the 2024 tranche that have been claimed but remain unspent, broken down by (i) supermarkets and (ii) hawkers and heartland shops, respectively; and (b) whether more flexibility can be given in choosing the mix of categories for any future tranches of CDC vouchers, given the significant increase in amounts disbursed.
- *69. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) is marketed as part of Singapore's overall effort to attract foreign direct investment; (b) if so, how is it marketed; and (c) whether there are plans for shared infrastructure development or for developing selected zones or industries within the JS-SEZ to anchor Singapore's strategic industry transformation interests.
- *70. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the reasons that led to 2,734 postal votes or 45% of the total postal votes of 6,097 received in Singapore being rejected for counting at the 2025 General Election; (b) whether the Elections Department is reviewing how such a high attrition rate can be reduced.
- *71. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is looking into facilitating more point-to-point (P2P) transfers between Singapore and Johor Bahru given the setting up of Johor-Singapore Economic Zone; and (b) if so, how will the Ministry safeguard the livelihood of Singapore P2P drivers given the large cost disparity of driving Malaysian-registered and Singapore-registered vehicles.
- *72. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what considerations have been put in place to ensure that Singaporean taxi and private hire drivers' livelihoods are safeguarded even if more licences are made available to Malaysian cross-border services upon review of the Cross Border Taxi Scheme.

- *73. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there has been an increase in illegal ride-hailing in Singapore detected by LTA over the past six months and, if so, by how much; and (b) what further actions will LTA take to enforce against illegal ride-hailing to protect local licensed private hire drivers and passenger safety.
- *74. Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether there are plans for Singapore to recognise the Palestinian state following reports on the announced plans by France, the UK, Canada and Australia to recognise Palestine as a sovereign state at the upcoming UN General Assembly in September 2025; and (b) what implications will such plans have for Singapore.
- *75. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether Israel's continued expansion into Palestine makes it increasingly difficult to define its territory and attain conditions for statehood; (b) whether formal recognition of the State of Palestine is a diplomatic tool that Singapore can use to move Israel to resume talks with the Palestinians towards a two-state solution; and (c) whether such recognition is in Singapore's national interest.
- *76. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of ongoing humanitarian law breaches in Gaza including allegations of genocide, the violation of Qatar's sovereignty, and the Israeli Prime Minister's 11 September 2025 remarks rejecting a Palestinian state (a) whether the Government will formally recognise a Palestinian state and uphold the two-state solution; and (b) what is the Government's assessment of Singapore-Israel relations going forward.
- *77. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the protocol for the investigation and release of foreign visitors detained for a criminal offence; (b) whether diplomatic intervention from a foreign embassy can influence the legal outcome of such a case; and (c) why are two Italian swimmers recently issued only a warning and an entry ban for a shoplifting offence.
- *78. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many fires in HDB estates in the past five years are caused by the charging of Active Mobility Devices (AMDs); (b) what further preventive measures are being planned by the Ministry; and (c) whether there will be a review of fire safety guidelines for the storage and charging of AMDs in HDB flats.
- *79. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) has reviewed its evacuation procedures for high-rise fires in older HDB blocks; and (b) whether the SCDF has plans to require new technologies such as smoke curtains or evacuation chairs to be adopted by HDB.
- *80. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in respect of the trial to install one fire extinguisher at the lift lobby of every two HDB blocks (a) whether an update can be provided on the implementation status; (b) what is the number of fire incidents where fire extinguishers have been used; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to extend this initiative to all HDB blocks.
- *81. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the cause of the fire which took place at the River Valley Road shophouse on 8 April 2025; and (b) what are the lessons learned in terms of fire prevention and fire escape, whether for purposes of (i) an educational or children's enrichment establishment or (ii) such shophouse premises generally.

- *82. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will provide that settlements mediated by the Tripartite Alliance for Dispute Management automatically become court judgments, with penalties for employer defaults; (b) if not, why not; and (c) how is the requirement for workers to commence separate court enforcement proceedings when an employer defaults assessed to balance employee interests against defaulting employers.
- *83. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of recent enforcement actions against illegal platform work (a) whether the Ministry can clarify what are the regulations restricting employed delivery riders from undertaking food and parcel delivery; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that legitimate workers and businesses are not inadvertently penalised by regulatory or enforcement actions.
- *84. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether statistics are collected on the time taken between debt recovery by licensed debt collection companies and the disbursement to clients both by (i) company and (ii) in aggregate; (b) if so, whether this information can be made public; and (c) if not, whether tracking mechanisms exist to evaluate performance.
- *85. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide an update on plans to set a deadline for the phase-out of hybrid vehicles so as to promote business and consumer certainty.
- *86. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Government will adjust the People's Association (PA) policy to grant elected opposition Members of Parliament fair and equitable access to community centre facilities for community engagement and welfare activities within their own constituencies; and (b) if so, when.
- *87. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) beyond disciplinary action, what strategies does the Ministry implement to support (i) students who wish to voluntarily give up vaping and encourage them to access rehabilitation programmes or (ii) students who have been arrested for vape offences; and (b) what training is given to teachers to equip them to work effectively with such students.
- *88. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the new workload that CNB has taken on arising from the classification of etomidate and its analogues as Class C controlled drugs; and (b) what are the measures that the Ministry has taken to ensure that CNB has adequate manpower and resources to handle this additional workload, without compromising its operations.
- *89. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many officers from CNB have been seconded to HSA to tackle the scourge of "Kpods"; (b) what are the mean and median secondment periods for these officers; and (c) how many additional officers have been recruited or are planned by CNB to supplement its workforce during this period.
- *90. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the policy rationale for maintaining the distinction of allowing citizens to withdraw CPF savings only after the age of 55, while permanent residents (PRs) may withdraw CPF monies in full upon relinquishing PR status and leaving Singapore; (b) how does the Ministry balance the need to protect citizens' retirement adequacy with ensuring fairness across different CPF members.

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- *91. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) why tax-deductible CPF top-ups for members on CPF LIFE must go toward CPF LIFE instead of Retirement Sum Scheme payouts if the member so chooses; and (b) why does this apply even where the member has met the Full Retirement Sum.
- *92. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has conducted surveys on recruitment fees paid by work permit holders in Singapore and in their home countries; (b) if so, whether the Ministry will release its findings with breakdowns by (i) country of origin (ii) sector and (iii) gender; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider conducting such surveys in the near future.
- *93. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the policy rationale for focusing the GRaduate Industry Traineeship (GRIT) Programme on the financial services, information and communication technology, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors; and (b) what specific metrics will be used to measure the quality of the placements, beyond the completion of the traineeship, to ensure a high conversion rate to full-time employment.
- *94. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what factors are considered when it comes to establishing Community Clubs (CCs) with mass facilities; and (b) whether there are any plans to establish new CCs with multi-facilities.
- *95. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Public Transport Council will be increasing the quantum of the Morning Pre-Peak Fares discount, currently set at 50 cents since its introduction in 2017; and (b) if so, what considerations will guide the increment of this fare incentive.
- *96. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has plans to clear more land beyond the 10.4ha slated to be cleared from 2026; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that the site developer will retain as much biodiversity at the northern area during developments.
- *97. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the progress on LTA's project of installing green roofs by growing grass on our bus stops to reduce ambient heat and create a more comfortable environment for commuters; (b) how effective have such roofs been in lowering ambient temperatures; and (c) whether there are plans to expand the project including in Hougang.
- *98. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether grants will be considered to help lower-income PMD owners offset replacement battery costs where such support is restricted to purchases only from LTA-compliant suppliers to reduce fire risks and enhance safety in residential areas.
- *99. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether any studies have been conducted on the potential dangers of light brightness, flickering lights and strobe lights placed on active mobility devices (AMD); (b) if yes, what measures has the Ministry considered to address these dangers; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider such a study and look into regulating lights on AMDs.

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- *100. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the retention rates of SG Enable Place-and-Train trainees after one year and three years of the end of the programme; (b) how many individuals have participated in multiple placements with (i) one (ii) two and (iii) three or more employers; and (c) how does the Ministry assess the programme's effectiveness in supporting sustained employment and career progression.
- *101. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will the increase in carbon tax planned for the next few years impact the emissions produced in Singapore; (b) what will be the impact on household utilities costs; and (c) in view of rising business costs, whether the Carbon Tax increase planned for 2028 will be pushed back or reduced.
- *102. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) given that the Tekong Polder was the first local empoldering project to reclaim land below the average sea level, will the same approach be deployed to protect our coastal areas in East Coast and North-West against rising sea levels; and (b) what is the resting period required before it is considered safe to construct buildings on the reclaimed land.
- *103. Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the current no-smoking buffer zones from five metres to at least ten metres; and (b) whether the Ministry will study the feasibility of restricting smoking in public only at clearly marked Designated Smoking Areas similar to the approach in Tokyo.
- *104. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the building industry and contractors have the requisite expertise and technologies to solve the increasing number of water seepage cases in HDB flats; and (b) as more HDB flats ages and more extreme weather expected, whether the Ministry will gear up the industry to have the capacity and capabilities to deal with this increasing challenge.
- *105. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the criteria for companies to be eligible for the transitional allowances that provides support for Emissions-Intensive-Trade-Exposed (EITE) companies can be shared; (b) what is the timeline of the transition framework for EITE companies; and (c) whether there is a targeted end date for the provision of such transitional allowances.
- *106. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry so far, what is the (i) value-add and (ii) number of Singaporean jobs provided by companies that are given carbon tax relief.
- *107. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) beyond patents, publications and licensing revenue, what KPIs does the Ministry use to assess A*STAR's industrial value-add to local enterprises, especially SMEs; and (b) how many SMEs have commercialised A*STAR-originated technology in the past five years.
- *108. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how many unregistered or non-compliant personal mobility devices (PMDs), including power-assisted bicycles, have been seized since June 2021; and (b) whether further measures will be introduced to address fire risks and ensure compliance for PMDs being charged and stored within HDB flats and common areas.

- *109. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement on pedestrian-only paths and cycling lanes; (b) whether the Ministry tracks locations with frequent resident feedback on near-misses or safety concerns; (c) whether further measures are planned to enhance pedestrian safety; and (d) if so, what are these measures.
- *110. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what systemic issues have been identified in the reduction of MRT reliability between June 2024 and June 2025; (b) how will LTA and rail operators collaborate to improve reliability and share best practices; and (c) how reliability upgrades will be funded to ensure that costs are not directly passed on to commuters.
- *111. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what new measures does the Ministry plan to introduce to boost the paper recycling rate and improve the domestic recycling rate.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

1. **PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS):** *Resumption of Debate on Question (22 September 2025) (3rd Allotted Day)*, 'That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:-

"We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which he delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the First Session of this Parliament." – (Mr Sharael Taha).

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in respect of the first close of US\$510million of the Green Investments Partnership (GIP) under Singapore's Financing Asia's Transition Partnership (FAST-P) initiative (a) what governance and risk-assessment frameworks are in place to evaluate eligible projects to support sustainable infrastructure in Southeast Asia; and (b) how will Singapore incentivise domestic private sector participation in GIP's future tranches.
2. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) from 2020 to 2024, what are the metrics used to track the economic and social contributions of the Single Family Offices (SFOs) established in Singapore; and (b) how does the Government plan to continue attracting SFOs to establish themselves in Singapore while ensuring such capital inflows benefit all Singaporeans.
3. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact of the US Guiding and Establishing National Innovation for US Stablecoins Act (GENIUS Act) on Singapore's competitiveness as a global hub for regulated digital assets; and (b) whether MAS intends to seek US recognition of Singapore's Stablecoin Regulatory Framework as a comparable regime under the GENIUS Act.

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4. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for each of the last five years, what is the annual number of new hires in the Civil Service and statutory boards who are (i) permanent hires from external recruitment (ii) contract hires and (iii) contract staff converted to permanent emplacement, respectively.
 5. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance how is the Ministry leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics to improve financial governance, detect fraud or enhance policy decision-making.
 6. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government has studied differentiated property tax rates for vacant and non-vacant commercial and industrial properties; (b) if yes, what are the findings of the study; and (c) if no, whether the Government will consider such a study to reduce vacancy rates of commercial and industrial properties.
 7. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider, through the use of artificial intelligence monitoring, introducing dynamic assistance packages pegged to inflation indices, or to provide automatic top-ups of family savings accounts when GST revenue outperforms forecasts so that support is more responsive to real cost-of-living pressures.
 8. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Energy Market Authority is working with SP Group to expand and upgrade Singapore's solar energy transmission and distribution infrastructure given that the Singapore Green Plan aims to achieve at least 2 gigawatt-peak (GWp) of solar energy deployment by 2030; and (b) if so, how.
 9. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether available grid connection capacity is still the primary basis for allocating access to electricity import landing sites; and (b) whether there is room for other strategic considerations such as emissions intensity, system resilience, and long-term sustainability to be incorporated into the decision-making process.
 10. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what are the Ministry's strategies to enhance outreach and engagement with SME owners, particularly in heartland and traditional business sectors, to ensure they are not left behind in Singapore's economic transformation efforts.
 11. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether there are plans to expand the scope of the myResponder app to also include alerts for HDB fires and missing persons with disabilities such as elderly persons with dementia or children with autism, to facilitate community-assisted response.
 12. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) from 2020 to 2024, how many applications for Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) and LTVP+ were rejected despite the marriages lasting at least three years; and (b) what percentage of these applicants have at least one Singaporean child.

13. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs following the recent unsuccessful constitutional challenge to the Misuse of Drugs Act presumptions, will CNB and MHA's annual review with HSA of the presumptions (including weight and purity) also consider imposing stricter penalties for cases with aggravating factors, such as using new trafficking apparatus like vapes or targeting youths.
14. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what are the redress mechanisms available under regulatory oversight for clients of licensed debt collection companies in cases of disputes, such as delayed disbursements.
15. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs with regard to scams, what measures are currently in place to provide dedicated post-scam care and recovery support to victims of scams, such as support groups and counselling.
16. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) whether investigations into the causes of two fires at the Basic Military Training Centre (BMTC) on Pulau Tekong within three weeks on 20 June 2025 and 11 July 2025 have been completed; and (b) if so, what are the findings and steps that the Ministry and SAF will be taking to improve fire safety at BMTC.
17. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence whether the Ministry will consider allowing NSmen to utilize their SkillsFuture credit to attend approved upgrading courses during low activity periods of their In-Camp Training (ICT) so as to support their professional development or acquiring new skills for the service while continuing to fulfill their national duties.
18. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each of the last five years (a) how many and what percentage of live births in restructured hospitals are premature, with breakdowns by gestational age bands; and (b) what is the range, median and 90th-percentile of premature newborns' stay duration in (i) restructured hospitals and (ii) the neonatal intensive care units of such hospitals, respectively.
19. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether there are signed agreements for Honorary Consuls-General and Honorary Consuls to retain the official fees they collect; and (b) as such fee collections are not tracked, what is the assurance that the actual fees collected do not exceed the official rates set out in the Schedule to the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Fees) Order 2012.
20. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will consider declaring an ASEAN Day in 2027 when Singapore assumes the ASEAN Chairmanship to commemorate ASEAN unity and peace; and (b) whether the Ministry will explore initiatives to encourage citizens across the ASEAN member states to travel within the region in the spirit of strengthening regional identity and connectivity.
21. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of cases involving disputes between neighbours over secondhand smoke both in public and private residential properties; (b) if so, whether such data can be made available; and (c) how are such disputes usually resolved.

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22. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in 2024, what was the monthly average electricity and water consumption rates for households living in (i) HDB flats broken down by flat type (ii) private condominiums and (iii) landed properties; and (b) what is the projected trend of these rates in the next five years.
23. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider mandating the public disclosure of full tenancy agreements for hawker centres operated by Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre operators.
24. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether clauses mandating hawkers' participation in charitable and discount programmes organised by Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre (SEHC) operators at the hawkers' own expense are prohibited under NEA's guidelines for tenancy agreements between stallholders and operators; (b) whether NEA's guidelines are publicly available; and (c) if not, whether this can be publicly released for better public education.
25. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the recent Segamat earthquake in Johor is the closest in distance historically to Singapore; (b) whether the Ministry has done a review on the risk assessment of future similar occurrences in areas close to or within Singapore; and (c) if so, what is the result of the review.
26. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of volatile global food prices due to climate shocks and trade restrictions, what steps will Singapore take to go beyond import diversification, such as regional joint stockpiling of staples or expanding community food cooperatives with ASEAN partners, to moderate staple prices and shield households from supply shocks.
27. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the projected impact of allowing companies to roll over their unused carbon offset limit from 2024 to 2025 on Singapore's carbon emissions pathway; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to continue this policy when the carbon tax rises to \$45/tCO₂ in 2026.
28. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of children born between 2014 and 2017 whose Child Development Accounts (CDAs) have been closed upon reaching the age of seven, what is the breakdown of withdrawals from their CDA accounts for different uses, broken down by household income decile groups.
29. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of children born between 2014 and 2017 whose Child Development Accounts (CDAs) have been closed upon reaching the age of seven, what is the (i) average cumulative amount of private savings excluding Government contributions (ii) total withdrawals and (iii) closing balances in these CDA accounts broken down by household income decile groups.
30. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the Ministry's plans for the SG Enable Training Grant beyond FY2024; (b) whether new public grant calls will be issued; and (c) how training providers will be supported in delivering employment and independent living skills training for persons with disabilities if funding beyond the current cycle is discontinued.

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31. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) from 2020 to date, how many teachers and school leaders have received specialised training in recognising and intervening in bullying situations or when children show signs of distress; and (b) whether such training will be made mandatory.
32. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) why does there Ministry limit Government subsidies to selected Master's degree programmes; (b) how does the Ministry determine which Master's programmes qualify for subsidy; and (c) what criteria are used to assess (i) the viability of subsidising a programme and (ii) its relevance to national manpower needs.
33. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current and expected future student intake for Mandarin-medium postgraduate programmes offered by the autonomous universities; (b) what is the rationale for such courses; and (c) what is the current and expected share of local students at such programmes.
34. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education for each of the past five years (a) how many applicants for Tamil-language teaching positions are (i) Singapore citizens or permanent residents and (ii) foreigners, respectively; and (b) how many applicants in each group are successfully recruited.
35. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what key challenges hinder the conversion of applications to successful recruitment for Tamil-language teaching positions; and (b) what measures are being taken to strengthen this pipeline such as through qualification recognition, training pathways and retention incentives.
36. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many school counsellors are currently deployed in (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools respectively; (b) what is the average student-to-counsellor ratio in primary and secondary schools currently; and (c) what measures are in place to improve access to early mental health intervention for students.
37. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether an update can be provided on the release of the Positive Use Guide on Technology and Social Media developed jointly with the Ministry of Digital Development and Information and the Ministry of Social and Family Development; and (b) what is the targeted reach in terms of students to be introduced to the guide.
38. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the number of applicants who are not successful after Phase 2C Supplementary in the recently concluded Primary One Registration Exercise; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider reaching out to parents of such unsuccessful applicants to take into account their circumstances and views before allocating them to an available primary school.
39. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Minister for Education with youth suicide remaining as the leading cause of youth deaths (a) how is the Ministry working with partners to improve early identification and referral of at-risk students; and (b) whether the Ministry has evaluated the "Be A Samaritan" and "Be A Samaritan Junior" programmes in terms of behavioural outcomes such as peer referrals, help-seeking rates and suicide ideation disclosures.
40. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Law whether Singapore is studying Denmark's decision to use copyright law to strengthen protection against deepfakes, by providing individuals with a legal basis to demand illegal digital imitations be removed from tech platforms.

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41. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the reason for not mandating that service workers be allowed to sit during off-peak periods given the health risks of prolonged standing; (b) how does the Ministry ensure adherence to voluntary guidelines in workplaces such as food courts and retail stores; and (c) whether it will mandate employers to allow sitting to prevent long-term health problems.
42. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the policy rationale for allowing foreign freelance confinement nannies to work in Singapore without a contract with an employment agency; and (b) whether the Ministry has considered introducing a mandatory licensing framework for these nannies, including requirements for formal training, professional conduct standards, and a public register of licensed practitioners.
43. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how does the Ministry ensure compliance with regulations prohibiting the involvement of migrant domestic workers or engagement of illegal part-time workers in home-based F&B business operations; (b) over the past three years, how many of such businesses have been inspected and found to have violated manpower regulations; and (c) what penalties are imposed on such errant employers.
44. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how often does the Ministry or its agencies educate migrant workers on kickbacks; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider (i) increasing the frequency of such education and (ii) amending the law to strengthen protections for affected workers.
45. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the annual breakdown by sector for senior workers who have benefitted from the Senior Employment Credit (SEC) scheme from 2021 to 2025.
46. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider allowing the use of parents' CPF savings for their children to pursue recognised overseas degrees in a way similar to how CPF can be used for local tertiary education under the CPF Education Loan Scheme.
47. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many Change of Employer (COE) letters have been issued to work permit holders with valid employment claims (i) in 2024 and (ii) from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025, respectively; and (b) how many of these work permit holders subsequently got In-Principle Approvals issued within the validity period of their COE letters.
48. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what proportion of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in the last five years required Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs); (b) how does the Ministry reconcile genuine consultation with NDAs that hinder informed discourse and scrutiny; and (c) whether the Ministry will publish clear guidelines defining exceptional conditions justifying EIA NDAs, making transparency the default.
49. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what criteria define the scale size of home-based F&B businesses; (b) how are such businesses tracked to ensure compliance in areas like scale, neighbourhood impact and tax declaration; and (c) whether the Ministry will impose commercial-level regulations in areas like (i) hygiene standards and alcohol licensing and (ii) taxation for businesses that exceed specific operational or financial thresholds.

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50. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will review its homeowner insurance coverage to ensure fire-related damages including (i) damage to home contents and (ii) impact of fire damages to neighbouring units are adequately covered.
51. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government will consider amending the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act to set minimum recommended sinking fund contributions or mandatory technical audits when buildings reach a certain vintage; and (b) whether the Ministry will be conducting public education to allow property owners to understand their long-term capital planning needs.
52. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what specific voting threshold is being considered to approve a Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme (VERS) exercise; and (b) what specific resources will HDB provide to manage community disputes that may arise during the VERS voting process.
53. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the number of appeals for waiver of the 15-month wait-out period for private property downgraders to purchase HDB apartments has increased year-on-year since 2022; and (b) whether the outcome of the review of the wait-out period will be released soon.
54. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the latest timeline to complete the review of the Animals and Birds Act; (b) whether the review will increase penalties for abuse cases to better reflect society's values; (c) whether the Animal & Veterinary Service's enforcement approach can increase collaboration with animal welfare groups; and (d) whether the review aims to reduce community disamenities on irresponsible pet ownership.
55. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider (i) reviewing the prevalence and clustering of massage establishments in HDB town centres (ii) working with other agencies to develop anti-clustering measures such as reduced quotas, minimum distances between establishments, stricter licensing or land-use conditions for heartland areas and (iii) publishing siting or renewal guidelines and action plans and timelines, for town centres with persistent concentrations.
56. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the percentage of privately held HDB shops that have more than 30 years of lease remaining; and (b) whether HDB will consider buying back such leases in appropriate cases to better curate the trade mix of shops and respond to residents' needs.
57. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the Ministry's plan in the management of long-term community animals.
58. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau's report on the East-West Line train derailment on 25 September 2024 (a) why was the operator permitted to extend the overhaul interval of the 37-year-old KHI train by 38% without LTA's approval; (b) what engineering assessments justified this; and (c) how will such safety decisions face direct regulatory oversight henceforth.
59. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in each of the last five years, what is the average peak-hour waiting time for city-bound commuters at (i) Sengkang (ii) Buangkok and (iii) Hougang MRT stations.

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60. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how does the Ministry work with enforcement officers to ensure consistent and proportionate enforcement of the pedestrian-only paths rule for cyclists and riders, including when to issue warnings versus fines; and (b) what measures are being considered to reduce conflicts on narrow paths where users may inadvertently stray into each other's lanes.
61. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what feedback has the Ministry received since the introduction of Pedestrian-Only Paths and the 'Stay on Track' campaign, especially in high-traffic estates; and (b) what are the Ministry's plans to step up public education so that both cyclists and pedestrians better understand path-sharing etiquette and the rules governing different paths.
62. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the current mass public transport modal share during peak periods; and (b) what specific initiatives and projects is the Ministry introducing to support its 2030 target for a 75% mass public transport modal share during peak periods.
63. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA has any plans to retrofit lifts to the Pedestrian Overhead Bridges (POBs) in the Bidadari Estate, in particular POB 53189 across Bartley Road, in light of a significant increase in the population of young families and seniors moving into the estate.
64. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what safety measures are in place ensuring that pedestrians do not use cycling lanes which are alongside pedestrian-only footpaths; (b) whether LTA will be stepping up public education efforts to encourage pedestrians and riders to stay within the respective designated portions of the shared path to promote a safer and more considerate use of shared paths for all users.
65. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is monitoring the work hours of our rail workers on the repair and maintenance work required following the series of recent train disruptions; and (b) what measures have been put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our rail transport workers during this period.
66. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what infrastructure developments are in place to promote and support Singapore's hosting of international para-community sports events; and (b) what legacy plans are in place to promote para-community inclusivity, local youth engagement, and broader accessibility improvements post-event.
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