

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

**ORDER PAPER  
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No. 5

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. 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.
- \*2. 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.
- \*3. 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.
- \*4. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the rationale for restricting the SkillsFuture Mid-Career Training Allowance to citizens aged 40 years and above since skills obsolescence affects all ages; (b) whether the Ministry will consider the reskilling needs of workers in their 30s; and (c) whether the Ministry will expand SkillsFuture to support postgraduate qualifications (i) in critical sectors or (ii) in general.
- \*5. 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.
- \*6. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how will Punggol residents' safety be prioritised when autonomous vehicles (AV) are trialed in the fourth quarter of 2025; (b) how does the Ministry ensure that rides offered by AVs are affordable and accessible to residents; and (c) how will the Ministry involve public transport workers and ensure they have a role to play when AVs are rolled out.
- \*7. 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 (b) how legal liability and system security risks will be addressed.
- \*8. 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.

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- \*9. 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.
- \*10. 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.
- \*11. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Singapore Prison Service will review its facilities and procedures to give public confidence of its ability to handle prisoners with serious health conditions who are prone to infections.
- \*12. 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.
- \*13. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development how frequently are audits and maintenance works conducted for HDB rental flats.
- \*14. 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.
- \*15. 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.
- \*16. 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.
- \*17. 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.
- \*18. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the projected demand for childminding services over the three-year pilot period; and (b) how does this compare with current enrolment and waitlist figures across all appointed operators under the ECDA childminding pilot scheme.
- \*19. 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.

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- \*20. 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.
- \*21. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what checks has the Ministry put in place to ensure that delivery platform work is performed by Singaporeans and Permanent Residents only; and (b) under what circumstances are delivery platforms allowed to engage third party vendors with non-Singaporean delivery workers.
- \*22. 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.
- \*23. 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.
- \*24. 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.
- \*25. 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.
- \*26. 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.
- \*27. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how the new Johor–Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ) is projected to impact cross-border investment, job creation, and supply chain resilience over the next five years; (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the progress of the JS-SEZ; and (c) how it can benefit Singaporeans directly and sustainably.
- \*28. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what specific measures, such as direct compensation or CPF contributions, are being considered to safeguard the long-term financial security of family caregivers who leave the workforce or reduce their work hours; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the feasibility of such direct support schemes.

- \*29. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has produced any grading guidelines for schools in relation to the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in assignments that count towards students' final grades, (b) if so, what are they; (c) if not, why not; and (d) whether the Ministry has any plans to do so.
- \*30. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how can companies better partner SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) to highlight suitable courses for their job listings so that jobseekers can better equip themselves with relevant skills; (b) how many training courses and partners have been removed from SSG due to poor performance since January 2025; and (c) how many have rejoined the SkillsFuture directory after the three-month suspension period.
- \*31. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry is concerned about the closure of local arts and cultural spaces such as The Projector in recent years; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider providing additional support to ground-up initiatives to better promote vibrancy of the arts scene.
- \*32. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what are the assumptions underlying the Ministry's assessment of (i) the 2-3% GDP growth potential of Singapore (ii) the target long run growth rate of Singapore and (iii) the key drivers for bringing this growth to 3 to 5% and above.
- \*33. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many seniors aged 65 and above currently (i) do not have a SingPass account or (ii) have SingPass accounts not used in the past 12 months, respectively; and (b) of the e-Government services accessible through SingPass, how many (i) are regularly used by seniors aged 65 and above and (ii) have SingPass as the default/sole access method.
- \*34. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education what are the employment trends observed across industries in the past five years, in respect of graduates who did not further their studies and secured full-time permanent employment versus those who found fixed-term employment within six months of graduation, with a breakdown by (i) ITEs (ii) polytechnics (iii) autonomous universities and (iv) private universities.
- \*35. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Education in each of the past five years (a) what percentage of graduates who did not further their studies and secured full-time permanent employment within six months of graduation are from (i) ITEs (ii) polytechnics (iii) autonomous universities (iv) private universities; and (b) for graduates with fixed-term employment contracts, what is the median duration of such contracts by the same breakdown.
- \*36. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry will review the eligibility criteria for CDC vouchers and similar social subsidies, including shifting from household-based to individual-based assessments, to better ensure that genuinely needy residents receive adequate support; and (b) how will the Ministry prevent support dilution in larger households where co-residence stems from financial need, thereby ensuring fair access for vulnerable members including seniors.
- \*37. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what other forms of punishment beyond imprisonment and licence suspension can be imposed to better deter drink driving.

- \*38. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has any plans to measure and ensure that all students, teachers, and educators acquire foundational literacy and skills in generative artificial intelligence (Gen AI), including how to identify false or misleading information produced by Gen AI, also known as “Gen AI hallucinations”, to improve their competency in an increasingly Gen AI-driven workforce.
- \*39. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry assesses that the Employment Act, Personal Data Protection Act, and Workplace Fairness Act are sufficient to address instances of employers tracking employees on medical leave; (b) what is the policy rationale for not explicitly prohibiting such practices; and (c) whether a legislative review is planned to better protect employee privacy and workplace trust.
- \*40. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider including spouses in the category of people whom teachers are entitled to take pro-family leave to care for, as the current policy permits such leave to be taken to care for parents and children only.
- \*41. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what lessons have been learnt from the lengthening of the National Institute of Education's postgraduate teacher training programme from 12 months to 16 months between 2016 and 2025; and (b) what have changed to precipitate the recent announcement on 3 June 2025 to shorten the programme by four months.
- \*42. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the average wait time for a place in a Special Education school (SPED) from application to decision; (b) whether the Ministry plans to increase SPED school places; and (c) what are the main constraints in expanding capacity.
- \*43. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the measures taken to stop active mobility users using Park Connector Networks from blasting loud music while passing near housing estates, such as those along Hougang Avenue 7 and Upper Serangoon View, especially during quiet hours at night; and (b) whether there are any plans to enhance current public education or enforcement measures regarding such behaviour.
- \*44. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) since 2024 till August 2025, how many enforcement operations have been undertaken against individual or businesses offering non-compliant battery or motor modifications for active mobility devices; and (b) how many individuals or businesses are (i) investigated (ii) prosecuted and (iii) convicted.
- \*45. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is SFA's definition of "local fish produce" including the minimum qualifying Singapore grow-out period; (b) what percentage of fish produce labelled "local" originates from fish stock imported at near-market size; and (c) what steps are taken to prevent importers from exploiting this loophole and to ensure that 30-by-30 statistics reflect genuine local production.
- \*46. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) to date, how many Singaporeans have yet to utilise any SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) credits from any tranches; and (b) what additional engagement plans will SSG implement to encourage more utilisation.
- \*47. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider plans to build more covered linkways linking HDB blocks and key amenities to MRT stations beyond the 400m radius of the stations.

- \*48. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Government has information on (i) the annual management costs as a percentage of assets under management for Temasek Holdings over the last five years and (ii) the quantitative and qualitative performance indicators for the new wholly-owned entities, Temasek Global Investments, Temasek Singapore, and Temasek Partnership Solutions respectively; and (b) if so, what are they.
- \*49. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) since 2018, how has increased electric vehicle (EV) adoption impacted our electricity grid's load and resulting emissions from power generation; (b) whether Singapore is on track to cease internal combustion engine vehicle sales by 2030; and (c) beyond promoting EVs, how is the Ministry accelerating the transition to a car-lite society.
- \*50. Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what structured support systems exist to guide caregivers in Singapore, defined as individuals caring for the elderly or the young, including pre-caregiving education, and clear information channels on assistance once they become caregivers; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider incorporating basic caregiving awareness into public education as Singapore transitions into a super-aged society.
- \*51. Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what post-caregiving support is available to help caregivers reintegrate into society, including employment assistance, financial aid and mental health services; and (b) how will such measures ensure caregivers receive adequate support after their caregiving duties end.
- \*52. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry collects data on the physical and mental health of caregivers; (b) if so, what data have been collected; (c) how many caregivers have accessed mental health or stress management services in the past three years; and (d) whether caregiver burnout is tracked and linked to care recipient outcomes.
- \*53. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what frameworks or studies are used to identify gaps in caregiving support; (b) what key gaps in caregiving have been found for conditions such as dementia, stroke, and mental illness; and (c) how does the Ministry plan to address these gaps.
- \*54. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what considerations currently preclude the use of Medisave for specialist consultations, prescribed medications, and diagnostic tests.
- \*55. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of rising healthcare and daily living costs on retirement adequacy recently; and (b) what further policy refinements can be made to CPF withdrawals or the Silver Support Scheme to help older Singaporeans cope.
- \*56. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of the closure of Jetstar Asia operations at Changi Airport (a) to date, how many of the 500 employees of Singapore-based Jetstar Asia have found re-employment; and (b) of those who have not done so, what are the difficulties faced in finding re-employment.

- \*57. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what specific metrics and quantitative thresholds are used to establish the affordability of a new HDB BTO flat; (b) whether they include (i) household income percentile targeted (ii) the house price-to-income ratio (iii) the assumed mortgage servicing ratio and (iv) the assumed loan tenure; (c) if so, what are the thresholds; and (d) what other metrics are considered.
- \*58. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what percentage of Community Intervention Team clients are male; (b) what is the number of males in the age range of (i) below 20 (ii) 20-35 (iii) 35-60 and (iv) above 60; (c) what are the common presenting mental health or psychosocial issues affecting males; and (d) what targeted strategies are in place to improve help-seeking behaviour amongst men.
- \*59. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider collecting and tracking the occupation of road users and the identity of their employers in traffic accidents that occur during the course of work to enable targeted interventions for commercial or high-risk road users.
- \*60. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in the past five years (a) what is the annual number of food poisoning cases that have occurred as a result of consuming food sold by home-based food businesses; and (b) what actions are taken in these cases.
- \*61. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the latest figures on caregivers who have left the workforce due to caregiving responsibilities; (b) what proportion are first-time caregivers and what are their demographic profiles; and (c) whether the Ministry has studied the long-term financial impact of caregiving-related unemployment.
- \*62. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many cases of foreigners found working without valid employment passes were reported annually over the last five years; and (b) what proportion resulted in (i) prosecutions (ii) fines or (iii) repatriations.
- \*63. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there is any way for individuals to verify their criminal records with the Government, particularly any specific criminal antecedents that may prevent a person from obtaining licences such as the Security Officer's Licence even when a check through the e-service platform on Status of Criminal Record Rendered Spent shows a clear record; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*64. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has any update on the feasibility of using location-based short messaging service (SMS) notifications for missing persons alerts on the OneService app to broaden reach; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider directing SMS recipients to where photographs and details of the missing persons can be viewed, to overcome SMS limitations.
- \*65. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what measures were previously put in place to prevent and assess the risks to the formation of sinkholes; (b) whether the BCA conducts regular tests of the subterranean integrity of underground structures; and (c) whether these will be updated in the light of the July 2025 sinkhole incident.

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- \*66. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there are existing protocols for coordination between SPF and ICA regarding individuals whose passports have been impounded due to ongoing investigations; and (b) whether ICA verifies claims of lost passports with the SPF to prevent fraudulent re-issuance especially in cases where the original passport is under police custody.
- \*67. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to issue guidelines or regulations for pickleball play in HDB public courts given its rising popularity and potential noise disamenities.
- \*68. 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.
- \*69. 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.
- \*70. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether safety, licensing and work permit rules were addressed at the recent meeting with Malaysian representatives to discuss cross-border point-to-point transport.
- \*71. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) why despite upgrades to the North-South and East-West Lines (NSEWL) since 2015, there has continued to be disruptions in MRT services on these lines over 2024 and 2025; (b) how many of such disruptions are caused by parts that have already been upgraded; and (c) whether the recent disruptions affect the continued upgrading plans for the NSEWL.
- \*72. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Government plans to increase the number of car-lite HDB estates beyond the currently gazetted areas.
- \*73. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Government has information on the 93 staff retrenched from MediaCorp on or around 1 September 2025; (b) if so, what is the age range of the retrenched staff; and (c) whether the retrenched staff received training to adopt new skillsets relevant to the new media landscape or given opportunities to assume different roles before the retrenchment.
- \*74. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there are plans to upgrade the North East Line (NEL); and (b) how does the Ministry intend to balance the pace of expanding the MRT network with new lines and upgrading current lines.
- \*75. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there are plans to enhance ecological connectivity between Mandai mangrove and mudflats to the Central Catchment Nature Reserve, aside from naturalising Sungei Mandai; and (b) whether baseline biodiversity studies have been conducted for the buffer forests north of the Central Catchment Nature Reserve, particularly the Lorong Asrama and Track 16 forests.



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- \*76. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how does the Ministry determine the frequency of recyclable collection in blue bins for residential estates; (b) how many reports does the Ministry receive every month of overflowing bins; and (c) whether the Ministry will increase collections to five times weekly to maintain hygiene while also encouraging recycling.
- \*77. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider having measures to moderate rental volatility for privately-held HDB shops to improve pricing transparency, and support independent proprietors and small operators, ensuring retail diversity is preserved without introducing rent control measures.
- \*78. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) why it is not an offence for dog owners to allow their dogs to urinate on concrete flooring without cleaning up; (b) whether requesting dog owners to use water from a bottle to wash off the urine is sufficient to remove bad smells and stains; and (c) how else the Ministry addresses concerns about dog urine in public areas.
- \*79. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) why is the classification of etomidate as a Class C drug only a temporary measure from 1 September 2025 to 28 February 2026; and (b) what are the considerations in extending this measure or making it permanent.
- \*80. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what strategies will the Ministry take to reduce the contamination of blue recycling bins; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider encouraging recycling upfront, whereby residents pre-sort and clean different types of recyclables before depositing them into recycling bins.
- \*81. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how are severe hoarding cases on the Government's watchlist being supported through cross-agency efforts including referral pathways to healthcare interventions such as cognitive behavioural therapy; and (b) whether there are plans to strengthen such linkages for affected individuals and their families.
- \*82. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is PUB's role in launching the world's largest marine carbon dioxide removal technology and starting operations in Tuas in 2026; (b) whether Singaporean scientists are involved and how Institutes of Higher Learning are preparing students; and (c) whether the plant is grid-powered and how will it will contribute to Singapore's decarbonisation effort.
- \*83. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of joint public-private R&D Corporate Laboratories (CLs) funded under the Research, Innovation and Enterprise (RIE) plans (a) what percentage of jointly-created Intellectual Properties generate (i) zero or (ii) only nominal licensing revenue for the Singapore public entity; and (b) how is the Government ensuring taxpayers secure commensurate returns for such CLs.
- \*84. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can consider the formation of an "Algorithm Committee" to look into allocation mechanisms of e-commerce, ride-hail, delivery and online platforms, to give suppliers and consumers confidence that there is fairness and transparency in how the platforms operate.

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- \*85. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether school principals and vice-principals attend leadership training or management programmes to enhance their ability to support the well-being and career development of school teachers, educators, and staff; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider providing them with access to such structured learning and training resources.
- \*86. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the rationale for delaying climate reporting requirements for small and mid-sized companies listed on the SGX by five years when the proposed extension by the Singapore Business Federation is one to two years.
- \*87. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Government will review the no change policy for CDC vouchers or provide more flexibility on the mix of denominations for all or certain segments of households such as senior-only households for future tranches of CDC vouchers.
- \*88. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the aggregated amount of allowances provided to Emissions-Intensive-Trade-Exposed sectors is ready to be released; and (b) how transitory allowances may impact Singapore's ability to achieve its 2035 Nationally Determined Contribution of reducing emissions to between 45 and 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2035.
- \*89. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past three months, how many students are suspended or expelled from educational institutions due to vaping; (b) what is the Ministry's assessment on the effectiveness of such suspensions or expulsions; and (c) what other long-term measures are educational institutions equipped with to deal with student vaping.
- \*90. Ms Diana Pang Li Yen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will expand the provision of shaded public playgrounds and outdoor play areas, given rising average temperatures in Singapore; and (b) how will such efforts align with the Prime Minister's National Day Rally 2025 call to reduce excessive screen time for children by encouraging real-world activities and physical play to support healthy development.
- \*91. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) to date, what proportion of student bullying perpetrators (i) have completed disciplinary and rehabilitation programmes and (ii) are repeat cases; and (b) whether the Ministry will set national standards for disciplinary, rehabilitation and restorative interventions for perpetrators and victims involved in bullying in schools.
- \*92. Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past three years, how many cases of bullying are identified by teachers; (b) what is the specific training and support currently given to teachers to identify and manage bullying cases in the school; and (c) whether the Comprehensive Action Review against Bullying is studying how to better train and equip teachers to identify and manage bullying cases.
- \*93. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education what upstream preventive measures are being taken to normalise help-seeking behaviors and strengthen mental health literacy among all students including teaching the students stress management and emotional regulation skills that address the underlying factors contributing to both bullying perpetration and victimisation.

- \*94. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry plans to review the basis, terms and governance by which permits are given for road works related to underground utility services; and (b) how effective are the regulations that ensure that (i) road excavations cause minimal disruption to motorists and avoid resource waste and (ii) the road surface and areas surrounding the worksite are properly reinstated.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bill

#### 1. Minister for Law:

Electronic Conveyancing and Other Matters Bill.

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## ORDER OF THE DAY

1. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): *Resumption of Debate on Question (22 September 2025) (4th 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).

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## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS monitors the annual number of claims brought by citizens through the relevant channels against investment-linked policies; (b) if so, for each year since 2015, what is the (i) number of such claims (ii) total quantum of consumer financial losses from resolved claims and (iii) median quantum for each claim.
2. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the Family Trends Report 2025 (a) whether the Ministry is studying the reasons why parental leave benefits (both paternal and maternal) remain significantly underutilised; (b) if so, what are the top three reasons for the underutilisation; and (c) how does the Ministry intend to address these reasons.
3. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how will Singapore's plans for electrification in sustainability, data centres, and transportation be supported by workforce readiness; and (b) whether there is sufficient electrical engineering talent to meet such rising demands.

4. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness of the Fair Tenancy Code of Conduct in preventing exorbitant rental hikes for SMEs upon lease renewal; and (b) whether Government will legislate caps on renewal increases that are linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in the absence of material alterations or capital improvements by the landlord.
5. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether decarbonisation efforts during Singapore's energy transition are expected to lead to higher electricity prices before system-wide savings and environmental benefits are realised; and (b) if so, what measures will the Government take to mitigate the impact of such cost increases on households and businesses.
6. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry given the Lease Agreements for Premises Act and the Code of Conduct requiring landlords collecting gross-turnover rent to share biannual sales data (a) how does the Ministry monitor data granularity and compilation; and (b) whether the Ministry will mandate like-for like standards (eg by trade category and floor/zone) and bar aggregation across non-equivalent categories or floor to ensure fair negotiation.
7. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what specific initiatives are being rolled out under the new Singapore-India partnership roadmap on digital trade, skills development and investment facilitation; and (b) how will these initiatives enhance Singapore's economic competitiveness.
8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view of more F&B outlets primarily using Chinese language (a) whether there are guidelines on language requirement for shop displays, menus, and hiring English-speaking staff; (b) whether outlets will be required to have English menus and English-speaking staff; and (c) whether the Ministry will address this issue considering the large non-Chinese population among citizens, foreign workers and tourists.
9. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether EMA's tender to study nuclear energy use in Singapore includes efforts to understand nuclear waste disposal options for Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will fully release the results of the study to the public upon completion.
10. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence (a) what are the reasons for the cancellation of the plan to base RSAF F-15s in Guam and the strategic implications for RSAF's long-term training; (b) whether there are any financial costs incurred by Singapore; and (c) whether the Ministry can affirm the stability of the Singapore-US defence relationship and that all other US-based training detachments will proceed as agreed.
11. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence in respect of RSAF's acquisition of four Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircrafts and 20 F-35 jets (a) how will such procurements augment Singapore's current capability on maritime security to respond to emerging threats and risks; and (b) how will SAF ensure that logistics, training, and interoperability with key allies are adequately supported.
12. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each of the past five years, what are the median out-of-pocket payments per visit to (i) polyclinics and (ii) CHAS GP clinics for the top ten chronic conditions listed under the Chronic Disease Management Programme, disaggregated by (i) CHAS tier (ii) housing type and (ii) income quintiles, respectively.

13. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each of the last five years, what were the average and median salaries earned by public sector (i) specialist doctors (ii) non-specialist doctors (iv) registered nurses and (v) enrolled nurses.
14. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether data is collected on the completion and outcomes of referrals made for callers to the national mindline 1771 service, and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that callers referred to general practitioners or other social-service hotlines receive timely follow-up care.
15. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider including moderate-to-severe eczema under the Chronic Disease Management Programme.
16. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what percentage of eligible parents have participated in HPB's Mental Well-being Workshops for Parents since their launch; and (b) how is the effectiveness of these workshops measured in terms of sustained parental support for children's mental health.
17. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health for each of the last five years, what is the range and median amount of the total bill and out-of-pocket costs (after subsidies and MediSave) at restructured hospitals, for premature births by Singapore citizens.
18. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether there are plans to further enhance and review the plans for MediSave usage limits to better support Singaporeans with long-term medical expenses and chronic disease.
19. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view Israel's latest rejection of the two-state solution, how will this affect Singapore's foreign policy in pursuing a negotiated two-state solution as the only viable pathway toward a peaceful resolution.
20. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what are the pre-emptive measures taken to ensure that PUB job sites will not be at risk of sinkhole formation.
21. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether there are any plans to allow recreational water sports spaces along Serangoon River at the area around the Serangoon Park connector along Upper Serangoon View and along Hougang Ave 7.
22. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of AGO's findings relating to falsification of documents at PUB (a) what disciplinary actions have been taken against the officers involved; (b) what is the status of PUB's internal investigation and identification of the root cause; and (c) how will PUB improve to address the root cause beyond training of officers.
23. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how can Singapore further enhance its support for persons with disabilities to enable their daily well-being, dignity, independence and meaningful participation in all aspects of the society including accessing sporting facilities.

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24. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will extend schemes such as the Large Family LifeSG credits under the Large Families Scheme to blended families with stepchildren as they also bear the cumulative responsibility of raising multiple children; and (b) what additional support can be given to help such families provide stability in their children's formative years.
25. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past two years, how many requests has the Ministry received for Social Service Offices (SSO) officers to conduct home visits for applicants with health or mobility issues; (b) whether such home visits include SSO officers assisting with applications and renewals; and (c) what is the average wait time before home visits are conducted.
26. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information during the 2025 General Election (a) how many content removal requests are made to social media platforms in relation to inauthentic accounts and behaviour; and (b) how many of these requests are declined or not acted on by social media platforms, with a breakdown by individual social media platforms.
27. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information following the closure of The Projector and the voluntary liquidation of Cathay Cineplexes in early September 2025, what steps are being taken to (i) preserve local cinematic diversity (ii) protect stakeholding employees (iii) and encourage redevelopment of cinema spaces for public or creative use.
28. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) for mid-career professionals placed under the TechSkills Accelerator (TeSA) programme, what percentage accepted a lower starting salary compared to their previous non-tech role; (b) what was the median job level of their new role; and (c) what is the one-year retention rate for these individuals within the tech industry.
29. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of precincts with high-density condominiums and apartments experiencing poor mobile connectivity within the estate; (b) if so, what is the number of such precincts; (c) whether the Ministry has plans to work with telecommunications operators to enhance connectivity within these estates; and (d) if so, how will these plans be implemented.
30. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether there are plans to further enhance digital accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities to navigate essential public digital services.
31. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry's published annual teacher resignation rate includes teachers who have left full-time service but have joined the Flexi-Adjunct Teaching (FAJT) Scheme; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry can provide the adjusted attrition figures reflecting only those who have exited the teaching profession entirely for the last three years.
32. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many S Pass holders are employed across statutory boards and Government agencies; (b) what hiring practices ensure such roles are not filled by S Pass holders when suitable local polytechnic or ITE graduates are available; and (c) whether the Ministry will publish disaggregated public sector S Pass employment data for transparency and accountability.

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33. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider expanding the CPF Education Loan Scheme to include postgraduate and professional certification courses in view of the Whole-of-Government push for skills upgrading.
34. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development as of September 2025, what is (i) the respective number of applicants on the waiting list for public heavy vehicle parking lots for the North, South, East, West and Central regions in Singapore and (ii) the median and longest duration that applicants have been on the waiting list for each region.
35. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each quarter over the past three years (a) how many (i) public and (ii) private heavy vehicle (HV) parking lots are there in Singapore, respectively; and (b) how many HVs are registered with LTA under the Vehicle Parking Certificate Scheme.
36. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how do wildlife management strategies differ across species such as chickens, crows, pigeons, rats and monkeys; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider consolidating these strategies and responsibilities under a single agency to strengthen coordination, improve public communication, and ensure long-term effectiveness in managing human-wildlife interactions.
37. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of ongoing collaboration between NParks and Town Councils on specific animal management matters such as pest birds, whether the Ministry will consider reviewing and expanding the scope of wildlife management responsibilities so that Town Councils may directly oversee broader wildlife issues within their estates.
38. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past two years, how many feedback and complaints have the Ministry and its agencies received on bird nuisance; (b) what has been the most successful method thus far in managing bird populations; and (c) whether there are new methods being deployed in response to such issues.
39. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past three years, how many appeals has HDB allowed for sale of HDB flats before the minimum occupation period (MOP); (b) how many approvals are given to families that have outgrown their homes; and (c) whether the Ministry will review its MOP waiver position in light of the longer MOP under the new flat classification framework.
40. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the relatively higher prices charged by coffeeshops compared with hawker centres (a) whether the Ministry has plans to provide additional support to residents, particularly seniors, in HDB estates without hawker centres; and (b) what measures, including expanding and publicising assistance schemes, can be taken to improve affordability and ensure accessible meal options for an ageing population.
41. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year over the past three years, how many appeals are received by HDB to waive the 15-month wait-out period for former private homeowners before they can buy a non-subsidised HDB resale flat; and (b) how many appeals over the same periods are for the purchase of 5-room or larger HDB flats.

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42. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA requires (i) pre-deployment engagement with Town Councils or Residents' Committees and (ii) publication of siting rationales for EV-charger deployment in HDB multi-storey carparks; (b) whether guidelines permit upper-deck placement of such chargers where lower or middle decks are highly utilised, subject to defined cost thresholds; and (c) whether site-level utilisation KPIs and hogging-enforcement measures will be published.
43. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether requests from private estates receive the same consideration as those from HDB estates under the Ministry's policies for construction of sheltered pedestrian walkways; (b) what quantifiable criteria are used to assess such requests and how is transparency ensured; and (c) what is LTA's standard timeline for assessment and response.
44. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there are requirements for bus captains to stop within a specified distance from the kerb at bus stops to facilitate boarding and alighting, especially for commuters with strollers; and (b) how many instances of public feedback that LTA has received in the past year from stroller users being unable to board buses due to wide gaps.
45. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the number of cases where the installation of on-board units (OBUs) under the ERP 2.0 system turned out to be faulty since installation started in November 2023; (b) what is the distribution of such cases by workshops; and (c) whether measures have been taken against workshops where OBU installations have been deemed to be unsatisfactory.
46. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will consider developing or supporting the development of a mobile application designed for persons who are visually impaired to provide real time audio alerts on approaching bus numbers in order to enhance independent and inclusive access to public transportation.
47. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport what considerations guide LTA when deciding between requiring a complete road resurfacing for the entire stretch versus mere spot resurfacing by individual contractors where multiple contractors have performed separate works on different parts of the same stretch of road, be it involving repairs on roads or on services below roads.
48. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what assessment has the Ministry made of the potential impact of the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System (RTS) on road traffic congestion at the land checkpoints; and (b) what measures will be undertaken to encourage strong commuter take-up of the RTS so as to maximise its effectiveness in easing congestion and improving cross-border connectivity.
49. **Mr Gabriel Lam:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what share of FY2020 to FY2024 funding supported local literature; (b) how does the Ministry measure the impact of SingLit programmes on sales, readership, and author income; (c) whether the Ministry is considering further measures to support and sustain writers' careers; and (d) whether Ministry is considering further steps to embed local literature across schools, libraries, bookstores, and campaigns.
50. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry will consider recurring ActiveSG credit top-ups to encourage sustained participation in sports and exercise; and (b) whether there are plans to integrate the Healthpoints earned through HPB programmes with ActiveSG to allow conversion into ActiveSG credits.



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51. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether there are any plans to restore Istana Woodneuk and tap on its value as a heritage site given that it will soon be under state ownership.
52. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there are any plans to include films as one of the eligible Arts and Heritage subsectors for the SG Culture Pass; and (b) if no, why not.
53. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry considers the availability of halal options when soliciting merchant participation in the CDC Vouchers scheme; and (b) if not, how does it avoid disadvantaging Muslim households.
54. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what strategies and funding mechanisms does the Government have in place to support team sports that may not be commercially viable but are vital for national representation, particularly the lack of facilities and resource for the development and training for the national teams.
55. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what are the steps that the Ministry is taking to preserve alternative cultural spaces beyond mainstream venues, such as independent cinemas or venue-based cultural hubs, that facilitate creative expression, community bonding and inclusivity.
56. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider allowing greater flexibility in the use of CDC vouchers, particularly for residents in estates where chain supermarkets are limited, so that more local merchants and smaller shops can be included as redemption partners.
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