

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

**ORDER PAPER
THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026**

No. 20

10.00 am

1

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what measures are in place to secure Singapore's space-based critical information infrastructure dependent on satellite and space systems; (b) whether the Government has established or plans to establish cybersecurity and resilience standards required of satellite operators; and (c) what contingency plans are in place in the event of disruptions to these satellite operators.
- *2. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many preschools currently offer extended care services beyond 7pm on weekdays and whether this number has increased compared to five years ago; and (b) what specific alternative care arrangements are available for parents who do not have flexible work arrangements, live-in domestic helpers or familial support to pick up their children by 7pm.
- *3. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what governance and oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure wakaf assets are managed faithfully in accordance with donors' intentions while remaining financially sustainable; and (b) how has wakaf management evolved in recent years to address challenges such as fragmented assets, rising maintenance costs, and redevelopment constraints in land-scarce Singapore.
- *4. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how SG Enable can support ITE graduates with disabilities to access suitable hosts companies under the Work-Study Diploma program.
- *5. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider a total ban on flavoured tobacco to curb youth appeal; and (b) whether further tobacco tax increases is being considered to discourage smoking.
- *6. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether parents of infants enrolled in the Early Childhood Development Agency's Childminding Pilot are eligible for other forms of financial assistance beyond the use of Child Development Account funds; and (b) what further financial assistance schemes were available to the parents to defray the costs of enrolling in such services.
- *7. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the last five years, what is the number of overweight or obese students in primary and secondary schools; (b) whether an update can be provided on the programmes in place to help these students manage their weight issues; and (c) what are the success rates of these programmes in helping these students get to their ideal weight range.

-
- *8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of destructive activity by otters in private residential areas (a) what direct population control measures are currently being assessed or implemented; and (b) whether the Ministry will implement a comprehensive management strategy that relieves residents of the financial and logistical burden of implementing their own defensive measures.
- *9. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what national outcomes the Government expects from Singapore's public R&D investments over the next five years in terms of Singapore-headquartered global technology champions, strategic national capabilities, and locally anchored intellectual property; and (b) how the Government will measure and track success to ensure these investments deliver meaningful national and economic impact.
- *10. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many children of unwed mothers were excluded from Baby Bonus Cash Gift and Working Mother's Child Relief in each of the past five years; (b) what would extending both benefits to these children cost annually; and (c) whether the Ministry has compared this cost against downstream expenditure on alternative support pathways including ComCare, ComLink+, KidSTART, and public housing for these families.
- *11. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) since 2021, what proportion of first-time newlywed Muslim couples have attended the Cinta Abadi Marriage Preparation Programme; and (b) whether MUIS offers additional fee waivers or rebates for couples who are in full-time education.
- *12. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the take-up rate for the Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) has increased since August 2025; and (b) whether the Government will consider extending the deadline for the fee waiver for registration of LPA Form 1 applications.
- *13. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for National Development with respect to the Singapore Green Plan (a) what is the long-term proportion of land area set aside for green spaces as urbanisation continues; and (b) what is the progress of the OneMillionTrees movement.
- *14. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what percentage of our freshwater supply was used by data centres in the past year; and (b) where such figures are unavailable, whether the Ministry can provide the latest estimates in (i) absolute volume and (ii) proportion to the national freshwater supply.
- *15. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of a finding in the recent Work Happiness Index that only 56% of Singaporean respondents are happy in the workplace, whether the Ministry is considering any steps to empower employers and upskill employees to make the Singaporean workplace a happier place.
- *16. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether more graduated or proportional arrangements for foreign manpower and levy thresholds can be considered for hawkers and small food and beverage operators to meet their essential kitchen and service staffing needs while still ensuring fair wages and protections for all workers.

- *17. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what forms of Government support have been provided to the Sino-Singapore Jilin Food Zone under the bilateral cooperation framework since its inception in 2008; (b) what food security outcomes Singapore has achieved from this project; and (c) whether the Ministry will provide an update on the project's current operational status.
- *18. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower given projections in a study by National University of Singapore that heat-related productivity losses could reach \$2.22 billion by 2035 (a) what specific labour and urban planning policies have been adjusted based on these models; and (b) whether the Ministry will transition from providing heat stress advisories to imposing mandatory work-rest cycles for indoor and outdoor sectors identified as high-risk under future climate scenarios.
- *19. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in each year since 2022 (a) how many Ministry of Foreign Affairs officers have been women; (b) how many percent of officers at superscale grades have been female; and (c) at which career stage does the sharpest gender divergence occur.
- *20. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) in view of previous statements that overseas postings are especially disruptive for women officers, what specific changes to posting and appointment processes have resulted from the Ministry's reviews; (b) whether selection criteria such as willingness of a diplomat's spouse to relocate have been assessed for gender impact; and (c) whether the Ministry will publish annual gender-disaggregated appointment data.
- *21. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what is the MUIS's assessment of the extent and nature of generative AI use among Muslims in Singapore to obtain religious information and instruction; and (b) whether MUIS (i) intends to develop a proprietary generative AI platform for religious information and (ii) intends to fund or support the development of such platforms by external technology providers.
- *22. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in view of the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots for counselling and mental health support by teenagers and young adults (a) how the Ministry is monitoring this trend; (b) what measures are in place to guide users towards qualified mental health services where appropriate; and (c) what safeguards are being considered to protect vulnerable users.
- *23. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what factors drove the 36.2% increase in young inmates in Singapore prisons in 2025; (b) how is the Ministry addressing the corresponding 41% rise in prison assaults linked to adjustment issues among younger inmates; (c) what specific early interventions target at-risk youths before incarceration; and (d) how is the effectiveness of psychology-based programmes being measured to ensure successful rehabilitation and low recidivism.
- *24. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of homeowners who have taken three or more HDB loans; (b) how many appeals has HDB received for a third HDB loan in each of the last three years; and (c) whether HDB will consider the total tenures of the earlier two loans taken when deciding whether to grant a third HDB loan.
- *25. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Government will consider making it compulsory for all Pass holders to show proof of vaccination against diseases listed in the Fourth Schedule of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976.

- *26. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in light of recent reports of Nipah virus infections overseas (a) what operational protocols are in place to safeguard healthcare workers if a suspected or confirmed case arises in Singapore; (b) whether public hospitals have sufficient isolation capacity and protective equipment; and (c) how workforce training, deployment, and service continuity plans are being strengthened to ensure staff safety during a potential outbreak.
- *27. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the placement of 350 fresh graduates under the Graduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) scheme as of February 2026 is in line with the Government's original projections; (b) when all 800 available places are expected to be filled; and (c) what percentage of these 350 placements are with small and medium enterprises.
- *28. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the total amount of Government spending to foreign university partners for curriculum development and licensing across all international university partnerships in the past 25 years; (b) what metrics are used to evaluate success beyond initial curriculum transfers for such spendings; and (c) whether the Ministry has conducted cost-benefit analysis comparing maintained partnerships like Duke-NUS versus terminated ones like Yale-NUS.
- *29. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment given that 40% of the items in blue recycling bins are contaminated (a) whether the Ministry has conducted a cost-benefit analysis comparing the high operational costs of smart bins against the current financial losses from incinerating contaminated recyclables; and (b) what specific logistical benchmarks must be met before transitioning the National Recycling Programme to a segregated smart-bin system.
- *30. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider subsidising (i) Elective Egg Freezing and (ii) Preimplantation Genetic Testing for Aneuploidy (PGT-A) procedures for older couples; (b) whether further policies, such as enhanced co-funding for In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and Intrauterine Insemination (IUI), are planned to support the diverse family-planning aspirations of Singaporeans, especially older couples; and (c) if so, what these policies entail.
- *31. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is IMDA's assessment of social media platforms' efforts and capabilities to detect child sexual exploitation and abuse in livestreams, which are known to be more difficult to detect than in uploaded material; and (b) what measures are being taken currently to address this risk.
- *32. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has assessed if the increase in Goods Vehicle Permit fees for foreign-registered goods vehicles from 1 January 2027 is likely to be borne by consumers or producers; and (b) whether the Government will take any steps to prevent retailers from opportunistically passing any increase in cost to their consumers.
- *33. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment given global adjustments to carbon pricing, (a) why has the Ministry maintained the planned trajectory of \$50 to \$80 per tonne by 2030 instead of linking increases explicitly to technology readiness or regional carbon price alignment; and (b) what specific indicators will justify moderating the pace of increase in carbon tax to safeguard jobs while sustaining climate ambition.

- *34. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current number and percentage of Advanced Practice Nurses in the workforce; (b) what targets have been set for their development over the next ten years; and (c) whether new clinical specialties and roles are being considered for Advanced Practice Nurse certification.
- *35. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of LTA being on track to replace 50 percent of our public bus fleet with electric buses by 2030, whether LTA will regulate the electric vehicle training curriculum for bus captains and mandate a compulsory minimum number of training hours.
- *36. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry with regard to the redefinition of household income in the recently published Key Household Income Trends report (a) what motivated the change; (b) how this definition compares with practices of major national statistical agencies internationally; and (c) whether the revised methodology was applied retrospectively to ensure time-series comparability.
- *37. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry assesses the current trend of declining job creation per dollar of investment to persist over the next five years; (b) if so, why or if not, why not; and (c) whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown of how many of the 15,700 jobs expected over the next five years are entry-level roles versus senior management roles.
- *38. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry plans to work with autonomous universities to introduce a locally offered degree in veterinary science in Singapore, in view of a growing demand for veterinary services, animal welfare needs, and the current reliance on overseas-trained veterinarians.
- *39. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the scope of the Technical Reference 76 (TR76) on Guidelines for electronic commerce transactions extend to social commerce transactions; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry plans to amend TR76 or create a new Technical Reference for social commerce transactions.
- *40. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many Lasting Power of Attorney Form 1 applications were aborted or unsuccessful due to issues with the Office of the Public Guardian's online portal or SingPass; and (b) what measures have been or will be implemented to ensure such issues do not prevent applications before the fee waiver expires on 31 March 2026.
- *41. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the increasing adoption of electric vehicles, which are generally heavier than comparable internal combustion engine vehicles, whether HDB has assessed the structural load capacity of existing multi-storey car parks in public housing estates to ensure that they can safely accommodate a higher proportion of heavier electric vehicles.
- *42. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the design live load standards applied to HDB car parks; (b) whether these standards provide sufficient safety margins for current and projected vehicle weight trends; and (c) whether older HDB multi-storey car parks constructed under earlier design codes differ in load capacity from newer ones.

-
- *43. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what direct assistance does the Ministry provide to employees affected by sudden business closures to properly register as creditors to recover owed salaries; and (b) whether the Ministry's investigative process determine if a parent company is the true employer of employees hired by its subsidiary company and to hold the parent company liable for unpaid wages.
- *44. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what are the government's plans to strengthen hub-and-spoke models for mental health triaging in hospitals, including clearer protocols for routing patients from emergency departments and specialist outpatient clinics to appropriate community-based or primary care services, so that patients with varying levels of need can receive timely and stepped-up support without over-straining acute hospital resources.
- *45. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what are the considerations for the Government's recent open announcement of the cyberattacks by UNC3886.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT:

Resumption of Debate on Question (12 February 2026) (3rd Allotted Day) –

“That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.”. – (Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 (Paper Cmd. 4 of 2026) – Committee of Supply (*1st Allotted Day*).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in respect of the Ministry's Occasional Paper on Income Growth, Inequality and Social Mobility Trends (a) why the Ministry did not publish a decomposition of wealth inequality by asset class; and (b) whether the Ministry will provide such a breakdown by age cohort.
2. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry over the next decade (a) what strategic role Singapore intends to play in the global space economy beyond domestic launch capability and how it will leverage Singapore's comparative advantages; (b) what specific space-related activities Singapore expects to develop as core growth areas; and (c) what are the expected economic value-add and skilled jobs for Singaporeans.

3. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what steps will be taken to develop a local talent pipeline for the space sector, including university programmes, mid-career pathways, and opportunities for Singaporeans to gain hands-on experience in space systems and satellite operations.
4. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry how Singapore intends to position itself in international and ASEAN space cooperation, including whether Singapore aims to play a role as a neutral convenor for space data sharing, standards-setting, or dispute resolution.
5. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has received public complaints about unfair festive surcharges by retail and food establishments; and (b) what are the number of such complaints for each year over the past five years.
6. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry based on the current carbon tax trajectory and the Ministry's engagement with local power producers (a) when will it be cost-competitive for Singapore's first hydrogen-ready power plants to begin adopting hydrogen as a fuel for electricity production; and (b) what is the anticipated impact to consumers, in particular, the projected impact on average household and business electricity tariffs.
7. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many Restriction Orders have been issued since the Protection from Scams Act took effect on 1 July 2025; (b) how many Restriction Orders resulted in positive outcomes; and (c) what is the status of the Ministry's review on whether the scope of Restriction Orders will be expanded to entities such as (i) cryptocurrency exchanges (ii) remittance companies or (iii) e-wallet providers.
8. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given that the financial results of the public healthcare clusters are no longer made public since the early 2010s (a) whether the Ministry will work with the clusters to again publish revenue and expenditure details in their annual reports; and (b) how the public can currently verify the Ministry's position that public healthcare institutions operate on a non-profit basis.
9. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether stringent academic criteria for nursing diplomas have resulted in otherwise qualified Singaporeans with strong interest in nursing being denied places; and (b) whether the Ministry will review these criteria and provide alternative pathways, such as bridging programmes, to meet healthcare needs.
10. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's latest assessment of the rise in measles cases in Singapore, including possible undetected local transmission; and (b) what additional measures are being taken to protect vulnerable groups such as infants too young for vaccination from the serious health complications posed by measles.
11. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health what steps is the Government taking to ensure high measles vaccination coverage continues to be maintained in Singapore, including outreach to those not fully vaccinated and making catch-up vaccination efforts in light of the health risk posed by measles.

12. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current distribution of subsidised dialysis centres by planning area; (b) what are the planning parameters or population thresholds used by the Ministry to determine the distribution of subsidised kidney dialysis centres in HDB estates; and (c) if no such parameters exist, whether the Ministry will consider developing them.
13. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of lab-grown seafood firm Avant Protein and other lab-cultured meat companies winding up (a) how much funding from the Government has been invested into this sector; and (b) what is the Government's updated strategy for this sector, if any.
14. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with key industrial decarbonisation technologies still maturing (a) why has the Ministry retained the 5% limit on the use of international carbon credits rather than allowing time-limited flexibility; and (b) how does the Ministry balance environmental integrity concerns against the risk of firms relocating before viable domestic abatement solutions scale up.
15. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the ongoing review to better address bullying in schools, whether the Ministry plans to provide teachers and school staff with formal training in restorative practices.
16. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education what percentage of students admitted through the Direct School Admission (DSA) scheme come from (i) bottom 20% (B20) (ii) bottom 40% (B40) and (iii) bottom 60% (B60) families, respectively, in term of household income.
17. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what considerations determine the significantly more stringent eligibility thresholds for Japanese, French, German and Spanish as Third Languages offered to Secondary One students, compared to Chinese, Malay and Bahasa Indonesia; and (b) whether this differential is due to resource constraints, curriculum intensity, or a deliberate policy decision.
18. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what has been the average acceptance rate, by decade, for applicants to the National Institute of Education's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science programmes; (b) whether current selection criteria adequately balance teaching quality and teacher supply; and (c) what safeguards exist to prevent subject-specific teacher shortages.
19. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what assessment the Government has made of rising concerns over job losses in the labour market amid rising AI-driven automation across a range of sectors, and what plans are being considered to preserve jobs and livelihoods in the long-run for Singaporeans.
20. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the last five years (a) what is the percentage of work permits that have been cancelled before their expiry dates, as a proportion of total work permits issued or valid in that year; and (b) of these premature cancellations, what are the percentages of premature cancellations as broken down by six-month bands before expiry.
21. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has studied the extent of discriminatory practices in the private residential rental market, including cases where Singaporeans are excluded; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider stronger legislative or regulatory measures to address such discrimination.

-
22. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) whether MUIS provides direct or indirect funding support to Muslim student societies in Institutes of Higher Learning; and (b) whether MUIS supports such societies in the development of their (i) leadership capabilities (ii) student outreach and (iii) welfare initiatives.
 23. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) how does MUIS currently work with Indian Muslim Organisations (IMOs) to facilitate Islamic legacy planning workshops tailored to the Indian Muslim community; and (b) whether MUIS plans to collaborate with IMOs to organise Indian Muslim community-specific editions of the Islamic Legacy Planning Village.
 24. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what has been the total amount of Vehicle Entry Permit and Goods Vehicle Permit fees collected in 2025; and (b) what is the estimated annual amount that will be collected after the increase in these fees from 1 January 2027.
 25. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view of the recent disruption to the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) system, whether the LTA will be using the lessons learnt from the disruption to prevent system failures to other critical systems in our public transport infrastructure.
 26. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of the recent digital system glitch affecting the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) system in January 2026 (a) whether any data used prior to compute average bus waiting times and bus occupancy rates are affected; and (b) if so, whether any rectification has been done on retrospective data in order to re-assess the strategic planning of bus services.
 27. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of the recent traffic tragedy in Chinatown, whether the Ministry is considering implementing additional measures to enhance road safety, particularly in areas with high pedestrian footfall.
-