

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

**ORDER PAPER
FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2025**

No. 6

11.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider allowing children under the age of 18 to access Tier 2 low-intensity services such as counselling or screening by licensed practitioners, without parental consent, while retaining the requirement for parental consent for higher-risk interventions such as medication or hospitalisation.
- *2. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update regarding the study of the requirement for parental consent for children and young people below 18 or 21 to access mental health support; (b) which stakeholders have been engaged; (c) when is the study expected to be completed; and (d) whether the findings will be made public.
- *3. Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many cases of fake bulk order scams impersonating SAF personnel have been reported since May 2025; (b) what measures are being taken to protect small businesses from such fraud; and (c) whether additional safeguards, outreach, or penalties are planned to deter impersonation scams targeting SAF's reputation.
- *4. 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.
- *5. 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.
- *6. 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.
- *7. 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.
- *8. 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.

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- *9. 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.
- *10. 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.
- *11. 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.
- *12. 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.
- *13. 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.
- *14. 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.
- *15. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there are updates in the Government's clean energy solutions from the Pulau Ubin Micro-Grid test bed; (b) whether the Government is considering additional measures to lower electricity tariff charges for Pulau Ubin residents and business owners who are mostly the elderly; and (c) whether offering the regulated SP Electricity Tariff will be an option for Pulau Ubin residents.
- *16. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many employers who reject Flexible Work Arrangement requests without adequate justification have been issued warnings and or made to attend mandatory workshops since December 2024; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider stronger enforcement measures to ensure meaningful employer consideration of such requests.
- *17. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what outcomes have the Ministry identified after the first full year from the commencement of the ComLink+ Progress Package in August 2024, including (i) the number of ComLink+ families participating in the Package out of all ComLink+ eligible families and (ii) enrolment and attendance outcomes, such as reduction in the number of absentee days per child in participating ComLink+ families.

- *18. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what has been the take-up rate of the ComLink+ employment package since its launch in December 2024.
- *19. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS requires banks to verify both account number and accountholder name when receiving or transmitting funds; and (b) if not, why not.
- *20. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether Grow Well SG will include more initiatives for infants and toddlers; (b) what support is available for first-time working parents to adopt lifestyle practices under the five focus areas of Grow Well SG; and (c) what qualitative indicators are used to assess Grow Well SG's long-term impact on children's emotional, cognitive, and physical development.
- *21. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health regarding Age Well SG (a) what measures are used to track improvements in quality of life and healthspan; (b) how social isolation is measured; and (c) what objective targets or benchmarks are used to assess progress in reducing social isolation and enhancing overall well-being among seniors.
- *22. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how public spaces in new towns such as Tengah are designed to promote outdoor activity and family bonding in line with Grow Well SG; and (b) how their effectiveness in supporting child wellbeing is evaluated.
- *23. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider (i) extending the Global Talent Ready Programme to foreign multinational corporations that do not meet the 30% local shareholding requirement or (ii) introducing another version of the programme specifically designed to support internship opportunities and workforce training with foreign firms to better prepare students for employment and provide work experience.
- *24. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will review the curricula and internship programmes of Institutes of Higher Learning, in view of recent disruptions caused by generative AI, to ensure alignment with industry needs and to provide students with relevant work experience that enhances their employability upon graduation.
- *25. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Education how does the Ministry collaborate with (i) Institutes of Higher Learning to ensure their curricula better prepare students for entry into the workforce, in light of agentic AI tools that may displace entry-level graduate roles and (ii) industry to ensure curriculum remains relevant to evolving job market needs given the pace of technological advancement.
- *26. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Singapore is on track to meet the "30-by-30" food sustainability goal in 2030 and the intermediate targets for 2026 and 2028, given prevailing supply-side issues; (b) whether the Ministry is considering any contingency plans and course corrections; and (c) whether and when any updated targets/policies will be issued.
- *27. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) which public nursing homes in Singapore currently provide in-house dialysis facilities for their residents; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider incorporating in-house dialysis facilities into more public nursing homes to enhance accessibility and convenience for residents requiring such treatment.

- *28. Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower how does the Ministry plan to increase public awareness of (i) measures in place to support Singaporeans re-entering the workforce, particularly older jobseekers, those requiring part-time or flexible work, and those seeking inclusive employers and (ii) programmes available to guide such jobseekers in interview preparation, networking, and employer engagement.
- *29. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how Tengah's eight-lane roads and lack of bike paths is compatible with its vision to be a 'car-lite' district; (b) whether more can be done to ensure that green modes of transport are prioritised in Tengah and other new towns; and (c) if so, when will these actions be taken.
- *30. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether SportSG will consider (i) exploring the possibility of enabling ActiveSG credits to be used for school facility bookings under the Dual-Use Scheme (ii) standardising inclusive payment options such as PayNow, debit and cash-counter for families without credit cards seeking to book sports facilities and (iii) introducing a simple concession for lower-income households.
- *31. Mr Jackson Lam:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many complaints about pickleball-related noise in residential estates has the Government received in 2024 to 2025; (b) what measures are Town Councils and agencies taking to balance recreation with residents' rest; and (c) whether the Government will be introducing nationwide guidelines or infrastructure adjustments, such as quieter equipment or designated indoor courts.
- *32. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry provides guidelines to public educational institutions on appropriate use of artificial intelligence in academic settings.
- *33. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry provides any guidelines for due process in alleged cases of academic misconduct that are submitted to academic integrity officers in autonomous universities; (b) if so, what are the guidelines; and (b) whether the Ministry provides recourse beyond institutional appeals boards for such cases.
- *34. Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the eligibility and selection criteria for participating host organisations under the GRaduate Industry Traineeships (GRIT) Programme; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider if a prospective host organisation has engaged in a recent retrenchment exercise when determining its eligibility to participate in the programme.
- *35. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has any plan to audit employers which use Government traineeship grants to displace employees or serially replace former trainees rather than create new roles; (b) if so, what are the planned audit mechanisms; and (c) whether the Ministry has any plan to establish a public debarment list of errant companies to protect jobseekers from exploitative firms.
- *36. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how does the Ministry ensure that Global Talent Ready Programme employers provide meaningful and structured training aimed at equipping trainees for full employment; and (b) what measures are in place to monitor and evaluate the quality of the traineeship experience to support trainees' successful transition into the workforce.

- *37. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether seniors residing in group homes who may lack individual registered residential addresses excluded from receiving per capita benefits such as CDC vouchers; (b) if so, what is the rationale for this policy; and (c) how will the Ministry ensure that these seniors can access their due welfare and benefits to support their self-sufficiency.
- *38. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Government is considering imposing a limit to credit facilities and capping the fees and effective interest rates charged by platform operators to platform workers under their financing programme.
- *39. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport under the Road Traffic (Quota System - Exemption) Order (a) how many vehicles are currently approved for registration under voluntary welfare organisations; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider including specialised vehicles used by social service agencies to transport vulnerable persons such as seniors or persons with disabilities.
- *40. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the key performance indicators set for fund managers under MAS's Equity Market Development Programme; (b) whether they include returns performance and the level of third-party capital that will be crowded in; and (c) what is the timeline over which their performance will be evaluated.
- *41. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how does the Ministry measure the success of the SGSecure movement since its launch in 2016; (b) what does the Ministry intend to do to address the safety perception gap highlighted by the social experiments that tested the public's response to simulated bombs in June 2025; and (c) how does the Ministry heighten Singaporeans' terror awareness without causing undue alarm.
- *42. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted research on the impact of the shift to newer HDB town designs, particularly with the changes to void deck designs, on the levels of social interaction in neighbourhoods; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry can share details of any findings.
- *43. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the reported abuses of the Training Employment Pass scheme (a) how many employers have been put under investigation since the beginning of 2023; and (b) how many foreign students and trainees have been involved in relation to these investigations.
- *44. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the considerations that SFA takes into account when establishing fish production quotas for fish farms, specifically offshore fish farms or kelongs; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider measures to help struggling kelongs; and (c) if so, what measures can be implemented to aid them.
- *45. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Government has any plans to establish a national-level AI task force to create solutions useful for our industries and to make a global impact.
- *46. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what are the key learning points from the two Bukit Panjang LRT disruptions in July 2025; and (b) whether the issues point to an upstream design flaw or a shortage of a specific type of engineering expertise.

- *47. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what timeline and process governs the Ministry's regular review of school counsellor allocation adequacy; (b) what specific indicators will prompt expansion; and (c) how does the Ministry ensure equitable access across schools with different demographic profiles.
- *48. Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of the current ecosystem comprising trained counsellors, flexi-adjunct counsellors, teacher-counsellors and peer support networks in meeting students' mental health needs; and (b) what measures are being taken to understand barriers to access and improve help-seeking behaviour among students.
- *49. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development in the planning of new towns and HDB's BTO launches, what specific protocols and metrics are used to ensure HDB's housing plans are synchronised with LTA's timelines for rail and bus network expansion to prevent transport infrastructure from lagging behind population growth and the expansion of public housing supply.
- *50. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Education how is the Ministry ensuring that training initiatives, including SkillsFuture, are adequately aligned with emerging skill needs in the Fourth Industrial Revolution which is transforming sectors through the integration of digital, physical, and biological technologies.
- *51. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in respect of the closure of Jetstar Asia operations at Changi Airport reportedly due to the high costs increases for its Singapore base (a) whether costs increases are a concern for airlines operating in Changi Airport; and (b) if so, whether any measures have been or will be taken to mitigate costs increases for airlines operating in Changi Airport.
- *52. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness of the Single Room Shared Facilities Scheme (SRSF) in supporting homeless individuals compared to the Joint Singles Scheme Operator-Run Pilot; and (b) whether SRSF will be expanded to accommodate more applicants.
- *53. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry can provide data on the school bus fares for primary school children over the past five years; (b) what measures are currently implemented to help make school bus fares more affordable; and (c) whether the Ministry is considering introducing additional measures to further reduce or manage school bus fares in the future.
- *54. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given the rising demand for home hospice services (a) how is the Ministry assessing the financial resilience of current providers and planning for future cost escalations; (b) what long-term funding models are being considered to ensure the sustainability of these services; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider increasing direct grants to support charitable hospice providers.
- *55. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the average age of HDB flats with reported ceiling seepage in 2025; (b) of these reported cases, how many did HDB agree to bear rectification costs fully; and (c) whether HDB will consider bearing more ceiling leak repair costs under the Goodwill Repair Assistance scheme, especially for flat owners who are retired seniors with limited funds.

- *56. Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many cases of complex water seepage has HDB handled so far in 2025; (b) how does this number of cases compare (i) year-on-year and (ii) against the 859 cases recorded in 2024; and (c) what measures is HDB taking to ensure repairs are expedited, especially during the monsoon season.
- *57. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether promotional material with photos of grassroots advisers and their initiatives that are maintained during the 2025 General Elections campaign period contravenes rules on traditional election advertisements (TEA) if the grassroots advisers are also running as candidates; and (b) if no, why not.
- *58. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether, in light of rising average daily temperatures due to climate change, the Ministry is reviewing its policy on non-air-conditioned Class B2 and Class C wards in public hospitals; and (b) whether it will consider installing air-conditioning in these wards.
- *59. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the Government's assessment of ASEAN's capacity to resolve conflicts among members without external intervention; (b) what lessons has Singapore drawn from the recent Cambodia-Thailand ceasefire brokered by Malaysia; and (c) whether Singapore will propose establishing a permanent ASEAN-led body for mediation and dispute verification to strengthen autonomy and effectiveness.
- *60. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of Singapore's public statements that Israel's denial of humanitarian aid to Gaza constitutes a violation of international humanitarian law, what specific international mechanisms, including sanctions, judicial referrals or coordinated actions within the United Nations, ASEAN or the Commonwealth, are available to Singapore to pursue accountability beyond diplomatic statements.
- *61. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider a tiered approach to MediSave withdrawal limits as an enhancement to the MediSave 500/700 scheme by taking into account factors such as age and the number of chronic conditions under the Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDMP).
- *62. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how has the usage and engagement of Mindline.sg evolved since 2022; (b) what user demographics are observed; and (c) how does the Ministry assess the platform's effectiveness in linking users to appropriate care beyond digital engagement.
- *63. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the total amount of public funding committed to healthcare research in the past five years; (b) what proportion of this funding has been allocated to research on chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stroke, and cancer; and (c) whether the Ministry tracks funding distribution across other key areas including mental health, rehabilitation, and ageing-related conditions.
- *64. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of the new licensing regime for lift and escalator certification firms from 2027 (a) how will the Ministry address the expected cost increases from Fixed Installation plan submissions, certifications, and annual inspections; and (b) what support will be provided to Town Councils to manage the impact on their budgets.

- *65. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, how many (i) Active Mobility Device (AMD)-related fires occurred in HDB flats; (ii) individuals were penalised for using non-compliant AMDs or batteries; (b) what other proactive measures, such as targeted education, can the Ministry take to prevent such fires; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to expand penalties to deter unsafe charging practices.
- *66. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has any plans to trial on-road cycling lanes in more residential neighbourhoods as successfully implemented in major cities like Paris at low cost; and (b) if not, why not.
- *67. Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the goal to build a 'Singapore Made for All Families' (a) what is the policy rationale for maintaining distinctions in access to housing and housing grants, tax reliefs, and other support schemes between single-parent unwed households and married couples; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that these distinctions do not inadvertently penalise children and compromise their developmental outcomes.
- *68. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what is the update on Changi Airport's efforts to address the business impact of Jetstar Asia's relocation from Changi Airport; and (b) whether there are plans to improve connectivity between Terminal 4 and other terminals in Changi Airport so as to improve its attractiveness among airlines vis-à-vis other terminals.
- *69. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Government will publish current eligibility criteria for "heartland merchants" eligible to accept CDC vouchers; and (b) how many applications have been received from merchants to qualify as "heartland merchants" for 2024 to 2025; and (c) how many applications are accepted for the same period.
- *70. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry monitors commercial-vacancy durations and concentration by landlords; (b) whether prolonged vacancies reflect landlords asking high rents to protect valuations; (c) what is the Ministry's assessment on the impact on (i) rental affordability and (ii) feasibility of a commercial vacancy tax; and (d) whether public disclosure of median rents and vacancy rates by building will be mandated.
- *71. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has any plans to review and improve existing poor-quality cycling paths that are disjointed, blocked, or too narrow, to enhance the safety and viability of cycling, especially in respect of cycling paths that run parallel to footpaths.
- *72. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many zebra crossings in HDB estates have been converted to courtesy crossings in the last three years; (b) what is the policy rationale for converting a zebra crossing to a courtesy crossing; and (c) whether the Ministry is concerned that this trend may create confusion and compromise pedestrian safety.
- *73. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the increasing prevalence of larger and heavier commercial and passenger vehicles (a) whether HDB has assessed the continued relevance of the 2,000 kg weight limit for season parking for commercial vehicles only; and (b) if still relevant, whether HDB multi-storey car parks are able to withstand the higher vehicular weights.

- *74. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can work with its Malaysian counterpart to consider extending the operating hours of the Johor-Singapore Rapid Transit System (RTS) beyond 6am to 12am for the convenience of cross-border commuters; and (b) if not, why not.
- *75. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what oversight ensures (i) commercial rents by landlords such as JTC and HDB remain affordable for SME tenants and (ii) that tenant-mix diversity by gross-floor-area includes a substantial share of SMEs or local brands; and (b) if not, how does the Government reconcile SME support with allowing purely commercial operations.
- *76. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) for the local sea-based fish farm sector, whether there is information on the (i) average age of local farmers and (ii) proportion of workforce who are Singaporeans; (b) if so, what are they; (c) what strategies are there to attract and train local farmers; and (d) what efforts are made to mitigate environmental risks that open cage farms face.
- *77. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the Government's response to findings by researchers from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy that Singapore is the most expensive city in Asia for both locals and expatriates; and (b) what are the Government's plans to continue helping Singaporeans to cope with the costs of living.
- *78. 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.
- *79. 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.
- *80. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether historical accounts in official records and school textbooks will be updated in light of recently declassified documents on Singapore's independence from Malaysia; (b) if so, which are the historical accounts; (c) how will the Government ensure a more nuanced understanding of this period in the national narrative; and (d) whether a timeline for these updates can be provided.
- *81. Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has commissioned studies on public perceptions of wakes and after-death arrangements; and (b) if so, whether and when insights will be publicly communicated to encourage conversations and shape community attitudes toward wakes in neighbourhoods.
- *82. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) how is LTA ensuring that bus-stop shelters provide adequate roof coverage during heavy rain; and (b) whether older bus stops in busy or high-traffic areas will be assessed or retrofitted to reduce commuter exposure to downpours.

- *83. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will improved weather forecasting being developed by the Climate and Weather Research Alliance be used in the military, aviation and maritime sectors which are highly affected by weather conditions; and (b) when are these early and accurate weather forecast and warning capabilities expected to be ready.
- *84. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government will consider working with hawker associations to provide high chairs for children at NEA-run hawker centres and, if not, why.

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

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bill

1. Acting Minister for Transport:

Transport Sector (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. PRESIDENT'S SPEECH (ADDRESS OF THANKS): *Resumption of Debate on Question (22 September 2025) (5th 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).

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Leader of the House:

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION: That this Parliament, in accordance with Standing Order 100(1), appoints the following Members of Parliament as Members of the Committee of Selection:

Ms Gan Siow Huang
Ms Indranee Rajah
Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry
Mr Masagos Zulkifli
Mr Ng Chee Meng
Mr Ong Ye Kung
Mr Pritam Singh

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many Institute of Technical Education (ITE) students have benefitted from the Public Service-ITE Internship Programme since its launch in 2023; and (b) whether the Public Service Division has plans to continue the programme.
2. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many complaints were received on the contravention of traditional elections advertising (TEA) rules during the 2025 General Elections; (b) how many investigations of such complaints were conducted by the Elections Department; (c) how many rectification notifications were issued; and (d) how many election advertising were removed, each broken down by political party.
3. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider enhancing the annual disbursement of LifeSG credits under the Large Families Scheme to eligible children in large families aged seven to 12.
4. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government will consider making national Earth-observation data from Singapore's satellites readily accessible to Singapore-based researchers, similar to the 2008 Landsat free-data policy and the European Copernicus Programme; and (b) if not, why not.
5. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry over the past five years, what is the respective breakdown of (i) degree (ii) diploma and (iii) NITEC or Higher NITEC students who have benefitted from the Global Ready Talent Programme (GRTP).
6. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the current proportion of (i) private landed residential (ii) non-landed residential (iii) commercial and (iv) industrial properties that have solar panel installations on its rooftops; and (b) in each of the last five years, what is the number and capacity of solar installations at such private properties.
7. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) in each of the last five years, what was the average carbon tax rate paid by taxable facilities; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an explanation of how allowances provided to defray carbon tax in the last few years has supported reduction in carbon emissions at facilities that benefited from the allowances.
8. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs since the commencement of the Debt Collection Act on 1 December 2023 (a) whether the Ministry has received complaints regarding the conduct or professionalism of debt collection agencies; (b) how such complaints are resolved; (c) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against these agencies for misconduct; and (d) how many of such agencies are engaged by public hospitals.
9. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs with the recent increase in fire outbreaks, how will SCDF strengthen its capabilities in emergency response and enhance community engagement by introducing some basic fire fighting devices within the community.

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10. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the progress of investigations of recent cases involving the alleged impersonation of SAF personnel making fraudulent bulk orders with small businesses; and (b) what are the Police's plans to engage small businesses with advice on taking the necessary precautions to avoid falling victim in such situations.
 11. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) to date in 2025, what is the number of cases of vehicle fires including cases where the vehicle was stationary and not in operation; and (b) what are the causes of these fires.
 12. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of recent large bulk order scams perpetrated upon hawkers and small retailers, what measures will the Ministry take to (i) enhance awareness of such scams (ii) strengthen the safeguards and verification mechanisms to protect hawkers and retailers from fraudulent bulk order scams and (iii) provide timely support and recourse for affected victims.
 13. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs with regard to foreign-registered vehicles (a) how many have been denied entry into Singapore in each of the last three years due to outstanding fines or traffic, parking and emission-related offences; (b) what percentage of fines remain unpaid; and (c) what enforcement actions are taken when such vehicles violate regulations.
 14. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry is aware that the visits cap for CHAS may render patient follow-up care at Specialist Outpatient Clinics cheaper than GP clinics even for stable chronic and mental-health cases; and (b) whether the Ministry has reviewed and quantified the differential in subsidies and considered parity subsidies for the two types of outpatient care to support right-siting.
 15. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider (i) refreshing and scaling public education on end-of-life conversations in light of an increasingly ageing population and (ii) working with other agencies to incorporate post-death matters, including funeral wake localities, crematorial ash management and burial options, into such public education efforts.
 16. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the current average waiting time for late-stage cancer patients to commence chemotherapy treatment in public hospitals; (b) whether there have been instances where chemotherapy for late-stage cancer patients had to be denied or significantly delayed specifically due to resource constraints; and (c) if so, how are these situations managed.
 17. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will explore simplifying access to the Home Caregiving Grant (HCG) by enabling medical social workers or general practitioners (GPs) to initiate applications for eligible caregivers during healthcare encounters; with subsequent back-end verification; and (b) what outreach strategies will be taken to ensure all eligible caregivers can access the HCG and similar support.

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18. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what lessons have the Ministry learnt from the Hawker Centres Transformation Programme that will be incorporated into the Hawker Centres Upgrading Programme 2.0 (HUP 2.0); (b) what are the selection criteria for eligible hawker centres under HUP 2.0; and (c) whether Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres will be eligible.
19. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) regarding the closure of 24.5% of sea-based fish farms in 2024, how many of these farms have received Government grants prior to their closure; (b) what is the aggregate value of the grants received by them; and (b) what are the ongoing efforts to reduce the closures of open net cage fish farms.
20. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the current recycling rate for glass waste; (b) what percentage of recycled glass waste comprises laminated glass from end-of-life vehicles and construction and demolition waste.
21. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how are functions of ComLink Family Coaches differentiated from Family Service Centre social workers in supporting low-income families; and (b) what systems are in place to (i) prevent duplication (ii) streamline referrals and (iii) ensure coordinated case management.
22. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information concerning the goal of accelerating AI adoption in SMEs (a) what percentage of support disbursed under existing schemes has gone to micro and small enterprises versus medium enterprises; and (b) what specific measures are being developed to ensure that these schemes are accessible to traditional, non-tech heartland businesses to prevent a widening digital divide among our local enterprises.
23. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry tracks the (i) employment outcomes (ii) job transitions and (iii) promotions of individuals who have completed SkillsFuture funded training; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider publishing data on post-training job outcomes such as wage progression and career mobility.
24. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students in local universities have been offered structured internships in 2024 which transition into full-time employment; (b) what proportion of these offers come from the private versus public sector; and (c) whether the Ministry is working with the industry to expand pathways into first jobs from internships.
25. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Ministry can consider expanding or introducing new legal support schemes specifically for citizens who do not qualify for existing pro bono legal services but face potential financial difficulties in obtaining legal representation for civil or family related matters.
26. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) how many individuals involved in severe hoarding cases have been issued (i) mandatory treatment orders and (ii) compliance bonds requiring psychiatric treatment since the Community Disputes Resolution (Amendment) Act 2024 came into operation on 24 March 2025; and (b) what proportion have complied with these orders.

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27. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many individuals received Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme (SIRS) payouts but were later deemed ineligible; (b) how many were asked only after 2023 to return the payouts; (c) where were the reasons for the delays in refund demands; and (d) whether the cash flow impact on affected individuals was considered when making these demands.
28. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many Flexible Work Arrangement (FWA) requests have been rejected since December 2024; (b) what are the grounds for rejection; and (c) what is the number of complaints received on the improper handling of FWA requests.
29. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government has any plans to further educate seafood suppliers and consumers on the negative impact of selling and consuming endangered stingray species such as the whitespotted whipray and sharpnose whipray; and (b) if not, why not.
30. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what criteria are considered in appeals for waiver of the Minimum Occupation Period (MOP) for HDB flat sales; and (b) whether the remaining MOP duration is among them.
31. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry has any plans to promote the implementation or adoption of advanced technologies and software solutions in construction sites, particularly for small and medium enterprises, to specifically boost productivity in the construction sector.
32. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to managing rising crow populations (a) what further measures is NParks considering in housing estates where residents are facing daily disturbances and trapping is not feasible; and (b) whether trials such as the use of effigies have proven effective enough to be scaled up.
33. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what policy framework guides the evaluation of the success of the Pulau Tekong polder project; (b) how does that framework specifically assess the method's suitability for high-density residential, commercial, and/or industrial uses on the mainland; and (c) how are long-term climate adaptation and maintenance costs being weighed against initial sand savings.
34. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government has set down procedures to guide bus captains on smooth braking at stops when passengers are standing or moving towards the exit; (b) if yes, what are they; and (c) whether protocols require bus captains to wait for passengers, especially elderly and pregnant, who stand and move only after a complete stop, before driving off.
35. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether standards can be established to set out the maximum duration between the start of delays caused by a train disruption and the public announcement of such delays; and (b) if not, why not.
36. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has considered more robust policy action, including legal stipulations, to ensure priority seating for the elderly and disabled on public transport; and (b) if not, what are the impediments.

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37. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether leasing a high-traffic site at Yio Chu Kang Stadium to a major fast-food business aligns with SportSG's mission to promote healthy living; (b) what health and nutritional criteria guided the tenancy evaluation; and (c) what is the Ministry's assessment of making fast-food a convenient post-exercise option at Yio Chu Kang Stadium.
38. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry provides any guidelines to organisations or entities that wish to establish religious prayer rooms; and (b) if not, whether there are plans for the Ministry to do so in order to help create a respectable environment for worship and prayers.
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