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**ORDER PAPER
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the rising use of Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) schemes among young consumers (a) what regulations govern BNPL schemes to address the potential risks associated with easy access to large purchases; (b) how is appropriate credit assessment of young users ensured before approving their use of such platforms; (c) whether their outstanding BNPL payments are factored into total debt servicing ratio calculations; and (d) how are youths educated on responsible BNPL usage and financial prudence.
- *2. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has received reports about school bus attendants being required to install and use mobile apps for their duties, such as a school transport app, and not having been reimbursed for (i) mobile phone purchases or (ii) mobile data used for such duties; (b) if so, how many reports have been received; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider providing support to affected school bus attendants.
- *3. **Mr Neil Parekh Nihil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what steps has the Government taken to encourage small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to protect their intellectual property (IP) business interests for the Singapore and global markets; (b) what issues have the SMEs faced in their efforts to protect their IP business interests; and (c) what roles can trade associations and chambers of commerce play in assisting SMEs in this area.
- *4. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what percentage of financial crime cases that involve confiscated assets result in full or partial restitution to victims; (b) what proportion of seized scam proceeds in the past five years have been forfeited to the state rather than returned to victims; and (c) what measures are in place to ensure that all reasonably identifiable scam victims receive restitution before funds are transferred to the Government's Consolidated Fund.
- *5. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether vendors providing motorised mobility devices eligible for subsidy schemes such as the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund or the Assistive Technology Fund are required to maintain adequate supply chains for replacement parts such as device batteries; and (b) whether such vendors are subject to responsiveness standards for device repairs including parts replacements.
- *6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how frequently does the Traffic Police conduct spot checks at work sites or workplaces to verify that drivers of commercial vehicles, particularly foreigners, hold valid driving licences; and (b) how many of such drivers have been found to be working without a valid driving licence in the past five years.

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- *7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether Singapore has taken a position on the unilateral proposals for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that involve the forced displacement of Palestinians in Gaza; and (b) if so, what are the key principles underpinning this position.
- *8. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what programmes are available to help promote and nurture young golfing talent in Singapore considering that access to public golf facilities and courses is now limited due to the reallocation and closure of such public facilities.
- *9. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) over the past three years, what is the yearly number of Magistrate's Complaints filed; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a public awareness education programme or campaign on the use of Magistrate's Complaints which may be used to aid criminal investigations by the Singapore Police Force.
- *10. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the outcome or progress of MRT renewal works for the North East Line (NEL) that are scheduled from 2019 to 2024; (b) how will the renewal works enhance the NEL; and (c) how long will the renewal works further sustain the NEL in the coming years before further renewal works may be required.
- *11. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Government will act as a financial backstop if sponsorships for hosting the 2025 World Aquatics Championships in Singapore fall short of the intended amount; (b) whether the Government has set a sponsorship target for the organisers; and (c) how are the organisers held accountable for securing sponsorships to minimise public expenditure.
- *12. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government regulates telecommunications companies' (telcos) transactions of "pay later" contracts with retail customers; (b) whether any feedback has been received regarding telcos immediately imposing heavy penalties when a customer defaults on a payment without notification; and (c) if so, how many cases of such feedback have been received since 2023.
- *13. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how does the Ministry collaborate with the Traffic Police to check the work permit status of foreign delivery drivers when their driving licences are being inspected; and (b) whether the Minister can provide data on the number of foreign delivery drivers found working without a valid work permit, from January to December 2024.

* 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 (18 February 2025) (3rd Allotted Day) –

“That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.”. – (Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 32 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (1st Allotted Day).

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the underlying factors that may have contributed to the six-percentage-point decrease in the average overall anti-corruption disclosure score for Singapore-listed companies between 2022 and 2024, as reported in the biennial study conducted by the Centre for Governance and Sustainability at the National University of Singapore; and (b) what measures are being considered to reverse this trend and enhance corporate transparency.
- 2. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for the years 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020 and 2024, what proportion of stamp duties collected are from the sale of (i) HDB flats (ii) private non-landed residential properties (iii) landed residential properties and (iv) non-residential properties, respectively.
- 3. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Department of Statistics accounts for the effect of shrinkflation in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), considering that some of the goods and services tracked in the CPI may not be sold based on standardised weights or sizes and, if so, how.
- 4. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) since 2022, what is the proportion and extent of utilisation of SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit across (i) sectors and (ii) size of enterprises; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to increase the utilisation of credits by employers from (i) sectors with higher density of lower-skilled and/or lower-wage local and foreign workforce and (ii) sectors with higher incidence of retrenchment.
- 5. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Defence for each year of 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020 and 2024, what is the percentage of National Service enlistees who are identified by the Military Security Department as individuals who may pose security threats and are not placed into positions to acquire soldiering skills or gain access to equipment that pose a threat.
- 6. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the significant increase in road accidents since 2020 (a) how many accidents in the past year can be attributed to lane hogging; (b) whether penalties will be increased for lane hogging and for heavy vehicles not keeping to the left lane; (c) whether there has been an increase in rear-end collisions occurring near red-light cameras due to sudden braking by speeding vehicles; and (d) what measures are being taken to address such collisions.

7. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education in the past five years, what is the rate of repeated bullying by students who had previously bullied or assaulted others.
8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year in the past three years, what is the change in the average and median nurse-to-patient ratio for (i) general wards and (ii) intensive care units of the public acute hospitals.
9. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health as of 2024, what is the median waiting time between a referral from a primary healthcare provider and a new specialist outpatient appointment at public hospitals by specialties for (i) subsidised patients and (ii) private-paying patients, respectively.
10. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how have the recent changes made by insurers to their Integrated Shield Plans (IPs) affected the out-of-pocket expenses and access to healthcare services for policyholders; (b) what measures are being taken to ensure that the interests of policyholders are adequately safeguarded amidst these changes; and (c) whether any further measures are being explored to mitigate issues related to the affordability and accessibility of coverage under IPs.
11. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many reports of online falsehoods have been received by the POFMA Office via the online form for reporting potential falsehoods since the availability of this form; and (b) of these reports, how many resulted in Correction Directions being issued.
12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year since 2019, what is the breakdown of the cause of death for dogs reported to have died at (i) dog farms and (ii) pet shops.
13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider working with other Government agencies to introduce services for the reset of SingPass accounts at the migrant workers recreation centres.
14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each year for the past five years (a) how many cases have the Employment Claims Tribunal referred to the Ministry for further investigations; and (b) what are the top three categories of cases referred.
15. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether performing artistes on work permits currently undergo the Settling-in-Programme that is conducted for migrant domestic workers and non-Malaysian work permit holders in the construction, manufacturing, marine shipyard, and process sectors; and (b) if not, why not.
16. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in 2024 (a) how many cases of employers alleged to have received kickbacks from migrant workers are investigated by the Ministry; (b) how many employers have been prosecuted; (c) what is the average number of migrant workers affected per employer; and (d) what is the average amount of kickbacks paid.
17. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on assessments by commercial operators in Singapore and Malaysia of the commercial viability of a potential new ferry service between Puteri Harbour and Tuas.
18. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for each year in the last 10 years, what is the number of injuries and deaths faced by workers on Work Permits or S Passes who have been transported on lorries; and (b) if the data is not available, whether the Ministry will start collecting such data.

- 19. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide disaggregated data with a breakdown by the size of company on how much it will cost companies currently using lorries to transport workers to switch to safer modes of transport.
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