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(FIRST SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER  
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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\***

- \*1. Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health given the rising incidence of cancer detection in Singapore, whether there are plans to increase the availability and uptake of screening for common types of cancer in Singapore, such as lung, liver and prostate cancer.
- \*2. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will coordinate with the Ministry of Transport to increase enforcement efforts against cyclists and e-bike users riding on roads without helmets, front and rear lights for night rides, or riding against the flow traffic in fairness to motorists who may face severe penalties, including imprisonment if found liable for accidents involving cyclists or e-bike riders.
- \*3. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in light of global competition and rising domestic demand for healthcare manpower (a) how Singapore is strengthening long-term workforce sustainability while maintaining care standards; and (b) whether workforce planning assumptions are being reviewed to ensure resilience amid tightening regional labour markets.
- \*4. Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether giving out CDC vouchers to every Singaporean household regardless of socioeconomic status result in worsening cost-of-living due to demand-pull inflation.
- \*5. Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry will review the CDC Vouchers eligibility framework to consider caregiving arrangements where related but distinct family nuclei reside at the same registered address, such as married children living with parents for caregiving purposes; and (b) whether alternative criteria may be used to recognise them as separate households.
- \*6. Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the percentage of households with utility bill arrears has increased over the past five years; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that lower-income households with utility arrears are well supported so that their electricity and water supplies are not disrupted.
- \*7. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has studied ways to encourage a shift towards more outcome-based work arrangements, rather than structured time-based models, where appropriate; and (b) what measures are in place to support employers and employees in adopting such practices while safeguarding productivity and employee well-being.

- \*8. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) how does the Ministry define the intended role of community mental health services within Singapore's care continuum; (b) whether community mental health services are primarily designed as (i) first-contact services (ii) post-hospital step-down care or (iii) both; and (c) how does this inform service design and resourcing.
- \*9. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Minister can share what structured relationship-based support is in place to help seniors rebuild daily routines and social connections; and (b) how does the Government ensure that initiatives such as Active Ageing Centres and Age Well Neighbourhoods provide meaningful engagement for seniors, especially those with complex conditions such as dementia and depression.
- \*10. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what more community support services are being developed to address gaming disorder among young adults; (b) whether the Ministry has studied jurisdictions that implemented playtime limits or identity verification to curb problematic gaming; and (c) beyond public education, what direct measures are taken to ensure the gaming industry embeds responsible features in digital products.
- \*11. **Ms Hazlina Abdul Halim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how the Ministry tracks user satisfaction with ComLink+, including families' experience with family coaches; and (b) how the Ministry ensures consistent service quality and responsiveness of family coaches across all regions.
- \*12. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the standard protocol for ComLink+ family coaches to contact disengaged households before they are deemed uncontactable; (b) as at December 2025, how many families remained uncontactable after three, six, nine, and 12 months; and (c) what measures do Social Service Offices and community partners implement to monitor the wellbeing of vulnerable children in these persistently uncontactable households.
- \*13. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what trends have schools observed regarding social media usage among students; and (b) whether excessive use affects learning outcomes, attention span or social development.
- \*14. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how schools determine eligibility for Mother Tongue Language exemption or replacement options for students with conditions such as autism spectrum disorder or dyslexia; and (b) whether existing processes ensure timely access to relevant developmental information with parental consent, so parents have early clarity on potential eligibility.
- \*15. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many locations received three or more police callouts for recurring public nuisance in the past year; (b) what is the average number of callouts to such locations before the nuisance is resolved; and (c) whether the current approach of responding to individual callouts is effective for locations with established patterns of recurring disturbances.
- \*16. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government will consider allowing retrenched individuals under the age of 40 to receive an early top-up of their mid-career SkillsFuture support.

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- \*17. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the accident risk for (i) taxi and private hire car drivers (ii) delivery riders based on exposure metrics such as distance travelled; and (b) how fatigue awareness and management are incorporated into vocational licensing and rider training frameworks to support their safety and wellbeing.
- \*18. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the steady increase in Private Hire Car Driver's Vocational Licence is a sustainable trend; and (b) whether there are there plans to manage the number of private hire car drivers.
- \*19. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the extent of quota circumvention through phantom worker arrangements; (b) whether the Ministry will consider abolishing nationality-based quotas in favour of a flat per-worker tax channelled towards local upskilling; and (c) what evidence demonstrates that the quota system has preserved local employment in sectors where locals do not take up positions.
- \*20. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will expand the myResponder app's scope beyond minor fires to include alerts for all HDB residential fires; and (b) whether a dedicated "First Responder (Evacuation)" tier will be introduced to specifically alert and mobilise responders to assist elderly and mobility-impaired neighbours in evacuating buildings during high-intensity incidents, such as personal mobility aids and lithium-ion battery fires.
- \*21. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in light of the increase in the number of vegetation fires since 2022 as well as the increase in Singapore's annual average temperature over the years, whether the SCDF is taking precautionary steps aimed at reducing vegetation fires.
- \*22. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each of the last five years, what percentage of HDB BTO homeowners have reported defects that require rectification after collecting their keys; and (b) what steps is HDB taking to reduce the rate of defects or to ensure that more defects are rectified during the quality control process before the handing over of keys.
- \*23. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs in view of the plan to regulate blind boxes for gambling inducement risks (a) whether the Ministry will consider proposing explicit age-based restrictions or marketing limits targeting children; and (b) how does the Ministry assess the potential impact on minors' consumption behaviour.
- \*24. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what specific structural barriers between the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower necessitated the 2016 separation of the Workforce Development Agency (WDA) into two agencies, SkillsFuture Singapore and Workforce Singapore; (b) why the Ministry assesses that these barriers can now be managed; and (c) what new efficiencies will be achieved that were not possible under the original unified structure under WDA.
- \*25. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what was the total financial expenditure incurred during the 2016 restructuring of the Workforce Development Agency into two separate statutory boards; (b) what is the projected cost of the current re-merger, including IT systems migration and rebranding; and (c) what specific annual savings are expected to justify this reversal.

- \*26. **Ms Gho Sze Kee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the risk that the lower levy for Training Work Permit holders may incentivise employers to deploy such permit holders in roles not genuinely intended for training purposes; and (b) what safeguards are in place to prevent abuse of the scheme.
- \*27. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance given the rise in cashless-only stores (a) whether the Ministry will consider mandating that businesses continue to accept cash as a payment option; (b) how does the Ministry ensure that seniors who are not digitally savvy and youths without bank accounts are not left behind due to digital payment requirements; and (c) how does the Ministry ensure universal access to basic payment instruments.
- \*28. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA can require all contractors carrying out different works on roads provide early warning notices of at least 200 metres before work sites to allow motorists sufficient time and distance to safely change lanes ahead of lane closures for works, improving traffic efficiency and road safety.
- \*29. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in the past two years (a) how many cancer drug claims for (i) Cancer Drug List (CDL) and (ii) non-CDL drugs, respectively, required additional documentation beyond the national claims processing system; (b) what is the average processing time for such claims; and (c) whether the Ministry is reviewing measures to streamline documentation requirements imposed by insurers.
- \*30. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Government has set any upper limit on Singapore's total data centre capacity, in megawatts, by 2030, beyond the previously announced Green Data Centre Roadmap plan to add at least 300 megawatts of additional data centre capacity in the near term.
- \*31. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how does the SME Pro-Enterprise Office (PEO) differ in mandate, staffing, and accountability from the existing Pro-Enterprise Panel (PEP); (b) what specific outcomes has PEO delivered since its establishment; and (c) whether the creation of a new office alongside an existing panel risks adding bureaucratic layers rather than reducing regulatory friction for businesses.
- \*32. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the recent rise in complaints against the beauty industry, whether the Ministry will consider mandating businesses that collect client monies through prepayment packages to place such monies in segregated accounts separate from their operating funds.
- \*33. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry is aware of commercial landlords imposing surcharges on utilities passed through to tenants beyond base rent and Gross Turnover (GTO) rent; (b) what is the estimated prevalence of such surcharges in Food and Beverage (F&B); and (c) whether the Ministry will consider requiring landlords to pass through utilities at cost.
- \*34. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry regarding the low-carbon electricity imports approved by the Energy Market Authority (a) how is the delivery likelihood of each approved project assessed; (b) what are the assessed proportion of approved projects that will materialise and the expected timelines; and (c) what are the contingency measures to address any delay or non-realisation of a significant share of announced imports.

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- \*35. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what efforts have been undertaken to alleviate traffic congestion during peak hours along Loyang Avenue and its adjacent roads; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider adding new bus services or increasing service frequency to reduce road congestion during the ongoing construction of the Loyang Viaduct.
- \*36. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport on the recommendation by the Rail Reliability Taskforce to bring forward the North East Line power supply system renewal to 2026 (a) how much earlier is renewal ahead of the original end of life schedule; and (b) what is the impact on the line's availability due to the replacement works.
- \*37. Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current utilisation rate of school-based Student Care Centres (SCCs) and school-based holiday programmes at the primary and secondary levels, respectively; (b) how many primary students are currently on waitlists for SCC places; and (c) what specific measures are being taken to expand capacity in high-demand estates to ensure that children from low-income families have priority access.
- \*38. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the 2026 committee reviewing political office holders' salaries will solicit feedback from the public and Members of Parliament similar to the 2011 committee; and (b) whether its remit will include reviewing the allowances of legislative assistants and secretarial assistants hired by MPs which were last updated in 2007.
- \*39. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the closure of Little Professors Learning student care centres (a) whether affected schools have relied on existing staff and teachers to support student care services; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider engaging camp vendors or other experienced providers instead, to avoid overburdening teachers.
- \*40. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each ethnic group in the year 2025 (a) what is the number of appeals related to the Ethnic Integration Policy received by HDB; (b) how many appeals have been acceded to; and (c) of the appeals acceded to, how many have been assisted through the buyback assistance measure.
- \*41. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development as of 31 December 2025, how many HDB flat units that have been compulsorily acquired by HDB or bought back via the Ethnic Integration Policy buyback assistance measure remain under HDB's ownership.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027 (Paper Cmd. 4 of 2026) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 2 March 2026) (4<sup>th</sup> *Allotted Day*).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (2 March 2026)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head K of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Darryl David).

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

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**MEMORANDUM**

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat : Reforming CCA Access in Our Schools.  
(Aljunied)

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in relation to the roles currently filled by S Pass and Employment Pass holders across Statutory Boards and Government agencies (a) whether the Ministry has identified the most common skill gaps that exist among Singaporeans; (b) if so, what are these skills; and (c) what steps has the Ministry taken to address the skills gap among Singaporeans.
2. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS tracks the size and proportion of Singapore banks’ total revenue from Visa and Mastercard interchange fees, network incentives and co-branding arrangements in each of the last four years; (b) if not, whether such data should be tracked given systemic risks from payment network fragmentation; and (c) whether MAS has assessed risks faced by banks from contractual obligations with such networks.
3. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) after decades of investment in A\*STAR, what globally recognised deep-tech successes or scientific breakthroughs can be directly attributed to its efforts beyond general GDP contributions; and (b) what reforms to A\*STAR’s operational model, IP policies, and mandate will ensure R&D spending translates into world-leading innovation rather than high expenditure with limited high-value IPOs.
4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is Singapore’s projected domestic demand for critical minerals; (b) what strategies ensure a steady supply given global market developments; (c) whether there are plans to develop local processing capabilities; and (d) how Singapore can further facilitate global trade flows as a connector for these resources.
5. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the average time taken by the Police to locate a missing person; (b) in 2024 and 2025, what proportion of these cases were resolved through public information prompted by social media appeals; and (c) in what proportion of the cases have the Police engaged online service providers to track digital footprints for activity or locations to assist in recovery.

6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry monitors the consolidation of independent clinics into corporate chains due to cumulative regulatory burdens and its impact on personalised care accessibility; and (b) whether support measures for the compliance requirements under the Health Information Bill will include turnkey IT solutions and dedicated implementation assistance to ensure the continued viability of small practices.
7. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of the Tripartite Framework for the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment in Healthcare (a) how many cases have been reported via (i) police and (ii) internal reporting forms, broken down by severity level and sector; and (b) what trends in reporting rates have been observed since its implementation.
8. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of the Tripartite Framework for the Prevention of Abuse and Harassment in Healthcare (a) what is the median response time for (i) police investigation route and (ii) internally reported cases; and (b) of the cases reported internally, how many resulted in (i) mediation, (ii) warnings or access restrictions, (iii) escalation to police or (iv) no further action.
9. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry evaluates patient care outcomes across different tiers of the community mental health model, including (i) functional recovery (ii) service utilisation or (iii) escalation to hospital care; and (b) how do such outcomes inform the ongoing refinement of Community Outreach Teams (CREST) and Community Intervention Team (COMIT) services.
10. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the number and percentage of children's books in English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil in the National Library Board's borrowing collection; and (b) of the children's books in the Malay collection, what is the number and percentage of books published in Bahasa Indonesia.
11. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many GCE A-level students in the Tamil Language Elective Programme have participated in the Teaching Internship Programme in the past five years; and (b) what proportion of these students subsequently enrol for training at the National Institute of Education to become qualified Tamil Language teachers.
12. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the typical timelines and documentation requirements for students with special educational needs to obtain examination access arrangements; and (b) whether the Ministry has studied how to streamline information-sharing, with appropriate consent safeguards, so parents need not repeatedly submit similar assessments across schooling stages.
13. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current aggregate balance in Edusave and Post-Secondary Education Accounts (PSEA); and (b) in the past ten years, what is the (i) proportion of Edusave balances that have been utilised prior to transfer to PSEA (ii) average and median transfer amounts (iii) percentage of Edusave accounts with zero balance at transfer and (iv) proportion of PSEA balances unspent at closure.

14. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry plans to review the vetting process for vendors providing student and kindergarten care services in primary schools and MOE Kindergartens, including financial safeguards and monitoring mechanisms, to ensure that systematic weaknesses that enabled sudden operational disruptions by such vendors do not recur.
15. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how does the Ministry evaluate work-related accident risks in platform delivery; (b) whether the Code of Practice for Platform Services will regulate cumulative, time-based incentives that encourage risky riding; and (c) whether the Ministry will mandate Safety Time-Outs on these platforms after the occurrence of accidents to ensure that operators prioritise rider safety over delivery speed and volume.
16. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower given the finding in the Ministry's Migrant Worker Experience and Employer Survey 2024 that over 31% of Work Permit holders do not keep their own passport, (a) how is the Ministry working to ensure that offences under Passports Act are not committed; and (b) whether an update can be provided on the Ministry's efforts to support enforcement and compliance.
17. **Mr Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in 2025, how many SMEs employed (i) fewer than 25 workers (ii) 25 to 49 workers (iii) 50 to 99 workers (iv) 100 to 149 workers and (v) 150 to 199 workers.
18. **Dr Hamid Razak:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the last five years (a) how many work permit holders have been terminated by their employers within six months of commencement of employment, with a breakdown by sector and primary reason for termination; and (b) whether the Ministry tracks patterns indicative of premature attrition.
19. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to date, what proportion of HDB blocks in Singapore have solar panels installed under the SolarNova programme; and (b) whether this proportion will be increased in future.
20. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) of the Government expenditure on migrant worker safety funded from consolidated revenue including Foreign Worker Levies, what amount was directed to safer transport for workers travelling to and from worksites in each of the past three years; and (b) if none, whether the Ministry will consider doing so given known risks of current practices.
21. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view of international cities such as Helsinki that have significantly reduced road fatalities through "Vision Zero" approaches, how Singapore studies and adapts relevant urban design measures such as lower-speed environments and traffic-calming infrastructure to further strengthen road safety outcomes and progressively move towards zero fatalities.
22. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport prior to the detection of inaccuracies of bus arrival timings in January 2026 (a) whether there were any risk assessments carried out on the system; (b) whether there were any vulnerabilities identified and if so, what were they; and (c) how often were independent system audits and stress tests on the system conducted.

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23. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what are the parameters used by the Ministry to determine the implementation timeline of distance-based charging under ERP 2.0; and (b) whether the Ministry will give periodic public updates on how close these parameters are to being met.
24. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) notwithstanding roadside signages and on-board unit alerts, whether any research has assessed how removing physical ERP gantries may reduce motorists' responsiveness to charges and willingness to divert from priced roads; (b) whether this may necessitate higher rates for equivalent congestion-reduction outcomes; and (c) whether comparative data between both systems will be published.
25. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in view of the prolonged inaccuracies in bus arrival timings (a) what were the factors preventing announcing a firm date for full restoration; (b) whether there were any service-level agreements breaches and penalties imposed; and (c) whether the Ministry can provided an update on when the Bus Fleet Management System upgrade first started in 2024 will be completed.
26. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) since LTA began requiring operators to submit maintenance schedule waiver requests for review, how many have been submitted; (b) how many were approved or rejected; and (c) what criteria guide LTA's assessment of such requests.
27. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what proportion of Singaporeans have utilised their SG60 Vouchers in digital or physical format with a breakdown by age group; and (b) beyond grassroots outreach, what additional measures can be implemented to encourage greater utilisation among those who have not used their SG60 Vouchers.
28. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there are plans to review or loosen the eligibility criteria for the SG Heritage Business Scheme; and (b) what is the total amount of funding disbursed by the Government to support businesses under this scheme since its launch.
29. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the average time taken to onboard new programmes and providers onto the Culture Pass platform since December 2025; and (b) whether there is a price review mechanism for events prior to onboarding onto the Culture Pass platform to ensure that prices remain fair and reflective of market norms, and are not inflated as a result of the scheme.
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