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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of vaping cases referred to the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) by the Police; (b) if so, what are the number such cases in 2023 and 2024 respectively; (c) how many of such cases arise from parents referring their own children to the Police; (d) what is the approach by HSA to such referrals; and (e) what help is available to parents who are worried that their children are vaping.
- *2. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the correlation between PSLE results and socio-economic status has strengthened or weakened in the past three years; and (b) what further plans does the Ministry have to reduce this correlation.
- *3. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of each of the Social Service Offices (SSOs) (a) how many Singaporeans and Permanent Residents (PRs) who come under their geographical purviews respectively are recipients of ComCare Short-to-Medium Term Assistance and Long-Term Assistance, respectively, as of 31 December 2024; and (b) what is the total population of Singaporeans and PRs that each of the SSOs oversee for their respective geographical areas.
- *4. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government is considering restrictions on the use of DeepSeek by public officers, similar to bans imposed by some other countries on its use on Government devices; (b) if not, what factors justify a different approach in Singapore; and (c) how does the Government determine which AI models are deemed secure enough for public sector use.
- *5. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has any strategies to revitalise Singapore's nightlife offerings and businesses as part of the overall tourism product; and (b) how will these strategies also encourage local spendings in this sector.
- *6. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the circumstances that led to the unintended release of the information on the new mandatory three-year lock-in period for vehicles registered as business-owned private-hire cars, (b) whether an investigation will be conducted into this incident, and (c) whether any steps will be taken to prevent its recurrence.
- *7. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the justification for treating essential occupiers of HDB flats similar to HDB owners with respect to having to fulfil the minimum occupation period for purchase of private property, while treating such essential occupiers as non-owners for liability for Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider harmonising the treatment of essential occupiers in both cases.

- *8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider increasing the quantum of rebates provided under the Electric Vehicle Early Adoption Incentive scheme and extending the scheme to the end of 2026.
- *9. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the considerations that JTC Corporation (JTC) takes into account in determining the terms for rental contracts for its industrial facilities; and (b) whether JTC will consider medium-term leases beyond the current one to three years.
- *10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in each of the past five years, how many couples who have received co-funding from the Government for Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) to conceive their first child are attempting to have a second child through ART; and (b) what is the mean and median number of remaining ART treatment cycles that are eligible for co-funding from the Government for these couples.
- *11. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Community Improvement Projects Committee (CIPC) (i) provides guidelines to the Town Councils (TCs) and Citizens' Consultative Committees (CCCs) to deprioritize proposals for funding Designated Smoking Points (DSPs) and (ii) requests TCs and CCCs to conduct surveys of residents who have requested DSPs, as to whether they are smokers or not, before such community-led initiatives are funded.
- *12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider reinstating late-night bus routes and services like the NightRider and Nite Owl to provide more late-night transport options beyond ride-hailing services to support the recovery and accessibility of Singapore's nightlife scene.
- *13. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the total amount of Government subsidies, grants and other financial support provided to Ubisoft Singapore from 2008 to 2024; (b) what specific key performance indicators and conditions are attached to the support provided in terms of local talent development, leadership roles for Singaporeans, and knowledge transfer; and (c) what mechanisms exist to claw back subsidies if companies fail to meet these conditions.
- *14. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what percentage of pedestrian crossings have bollards of crash test standards such as the International Workshop Agreement (IWA) 14-1 or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) F2656; (b) of these, what percentage withstands the equivalent of (i) ASTM F2656 K4 (6,800 kg at 48 km/h) (ii) K8 (6,800 kg at 64 km/h) and (iii) K12 (6,800 kg at 80 km/h) respectively; and (c) what other specific quantitative standards are applied.
- *15. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether there are any plans to abolish the Nominated Member of Parliament scheme.
- *16. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the total value of CDC vouchers donated to charity since the scheme's inception; and (b) whether a breakdown can be provided of the donations by type of recipient charities including those charities serving social welfare, healthcare, disability support, art, sports and education initiatives.

- *17. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the authorities have tightened the requirements for obtaining entertainment licences for bars in recent years; (b) if so, what are the specific reasons for doing so; (c) whether URA will review the current policies regarding bars and entertainment licences to support the recovery of Singapore's nightlife sector; and (d) whether URA will consider easing the requirements for classifying establishments as bars or granting entertainment licences to allow food and beverage establishments more flexibility and longer opening hours.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 33 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 32 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 28 February 2025) (*2nd 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. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Elections Department (ELD) has completed studies on where and how the postal voting system can be improved after the 2023 Presidential Election; and (b) if so, whether ELD will be implementing any changes to the postal voting system in the upcoming General Election with a view to increase the percentage of postal ballots received that are accepted for counting.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how are condominiums' management corporations held accountable for adhering to proper safety procedures for condominium swimming pools, including regulations related to water quality and chemical usage; (b) how is compliance monitored and enforced; and (c) in the event that pool users experience health problems due to inappropriate chemical levels or other safety breaches in a condominium pool, what recourse does the Ministry provide to affected residents.
3. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the number and percentage of primary schools in 2023 that have had their intakes reduced as compared to 2003 and 2013 respectively.
4. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in each year since the launch of the Pre-school Search Portal in 2019, what have been the average and median waiting times for Early Childhood Development Agency-approved infant care places for parents who have indicated their interest in the portal; and (b) what are the districts in Singapore with the longest waiting times for infant care places.

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5. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in 2024, what is the number of seniors who participated in Project Silver Screen which provides functional screening of the eyes, ears and oral health for Singaporeans aged 60 and above; (b) whether seniors are referred to specialists if there are any eyes, ears and oral health issues detected during the screening; and (c) if so, how many referrals are made in 2024.
 6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider allowing anonymous testing for other sexually transmitted infections apart from HIV; and (b) if not, why not.
 7. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether any rent is being charged by HDB for the placement of the People's Action Party Marine Parade Branch CARE Fridge at a HDB void deck; and (b) what is HDB's policy regarding the setting up of such facilities at HDB void decks.
 8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how many different printed newsletters for residents are being produced by the People's Association and its subsidiary organisations such as the Community Development Councils; (b) what is the total cost of publishing and distributing these newsletters; and (c) whether residents who prefer digital subscriptions or are not interested can opt out of receiving these newsletters.
 9. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of cases of kickbacks paid by migrant workers, in the last five years, how many victims have recovered their monies (i) in full (ii) partially and (iii) not at all, respectively.
 10. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each of the last five years (a) how many cases under the Work Injury Compensation Act (WICA) have taken more than a year to process; and (b) what percentage of all WICA cases do they represent.
 11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in each of the past five years, how many salary claims have been filed by work permit holders at the employment claims tribunal; (b) how many of these salary claims have also included complaints that employers (i) have not provided itemised payslips and (ii) have not paid employees electronically; and (c) if such data is unavailable, whether the Ministry will start collecting such data.
 12. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has information on how many Flexible Work Arrangement (FWA) requests have been rejected since 1 April 2024; (b) if so, how many rejected requests have come from caregivers, including parents; and (c) how many employees have approached TAFEP or NTUC for recourse in situations where employers did not consider their FWA request.
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