

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(SECOND SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER
TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2025**

No. 150

12.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has conducted investigations into an alleged assault at Admiralty Secondary School on 7 January 2025; (b) if so, whether results of the investigations can be released; (c) whether any investigations have also been conducted on the suicide of an ex-student of Admiralty Secondary School in 2023, in particular, allegations that school leaders and the school principal dismissed the student's complaints about being bullied; and (d) whether any actions have been taken against perpetrators or school leaders involved in each case.
- *2. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is the outcome of Police investigations into an alleged assault at Admiralty Secondary School that took place on 7 January 2025.
- *3. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether Singapore will be (i) providing more humanitarian aid to Gaza in light of the recent ceasefire and (ii) facilitating the raising of funds from local residents to further support the re-building of Gaza.
- *4. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the Ministry's assessment of the employment landscape for polytechnic graduates in 2025 in view of the results of the latest Graduate Employment Survey 2024 which showed that fewer graduates secured full-time permanent jobs.
- *5. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the recent flash floods in Singapore caused by the monsoon surges in recent months (a) whether the Ministry will consider conducting additional in-depth reviews on the adequacy of our drainage systems to deal with such monsoon surges; and (b) whether the current investments by the Government to improve drainage infrastructure are sufficient.
- *6. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the monsoon surges in January 2025 (a) how many different areas reported flooding of (i) up to 0.5 metre (ii) between 0.5 and 1 metre and (iii) more than 1 metre above ground level; (b) out of these areas, how many have reported previous incidents of flooding in the past five years; and (c) what is the Ministry's strategy to prevent and respond to flooding situations going forward.
- *7. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether an assessment of Singapore-US bilateral ties under the Biden administration can be given; (b) what are the key achievements of Singapore-US relations during the tenure of the Biden government; (c) how will Singapore continue building on ties with the US under President Trump; (d) why does US engagement in the Asia-Pacific remain critical for the region's prosperity, security and growth; and (e) how does Singapore envisage US-China ties under the new Trump administration.

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- *8. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what assistance has been provided to the victims of the unauthorised home address changes performed on the ICA website; and (b) what punishment will be meted out to the perpetrators who did the changes.
- *9. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the recent cases of unauthorised change of address using ICA's e-service have affected other Government services such as the distribution of CDC vouchers and the calculation of Government benefits payable to the affected individuals.
- *10. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority will be conducting a comprehensive review of all electronic change of addresses done within the past six months through the "Others" module, which allows the change of address by a proxy, to ascertain the authenticity of the change of addresses.
- *11. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the procedure for a change of home address is being reviewed.
- *12. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will consider implementing stricter rules or guidelines to regulate the photocopying of physical NRICs to reduce the likelihood of such information being misused.
- *13. **Mr Mark Lee:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the incident involving unauthorised changes to residential addresses via ICA's online system (a) what lessons has the Government drawn about vulnerabilities in digital public services; (b) how will this incident impact the Smart Nation strategy; and (c) whether the Government will commission an independent audit or review of public sector digital platforms to identify and address cybersecurity gaps.
- *14. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with regard to the recent incidents of fraudulent address changes through unauthorised Singpass access (a) what are the lessons learnt; (b) what measures are being implemented to prevent future unauthorised access of Singpass for address change requests; (c) whether facial verification will be implemented; (d) if so, how will it incorporate liveness checks to prevent the use of still photos or other static images; and (e) how will these checks be designed to counter increasingly sophisticated deepfake technology.
- *15. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether there will be a review of all e-Government services' vulnerabilities following incidents of unauthorised changes to residential addresses via ICA's online system; and (b) whether the security evaluations of all e-Government services will include analysis of potential exploitation of workflows and processes, in addition to exploits that rely purely on cyber elements.
- *16. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information regarding the recent incidents of unauthorised changes to NRIC residential addresses (a) how extensive are the breaches; and (b) whether the Ministry will be conducting checks on other Government systems to assess similar vulnerabilities.
- *17. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in respect of ICA's temporary suspension of its electronic service for change of residential addresses (a) how does GovTech assist and support ICA in the implementation of additional security measures; (b) whether any other private and public agencies are also provided assistance; and (c) if so, how.

- *18. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government has studied the impact on the voting rights of Singaporeans arising from scams involving changes of NRIC-registered addresses.
- *19. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the projected economic and job creation benefits and which sectors will benefit from the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ); (b) whether the Government is concerned that some sectors will be adversely affected and certain investments and firms will relocate to JS-SEZ; and (c) whether there are Government incentive schemes such as productivity grants or investment incentives that can be extended to Singapore companies investing in the JS-SEZ.
- *20. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for each year in the past five years, how many fires in HDB flats are a result of excessive hoarding; (b) whether this number been increasing over the past five years; and (c) whether there are plans to enhance the existing inter-agency efforts between SCDF and HDB to mitigate fire hazards associated with hoarding in HDB flats.
- *21. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) since October 2022, what feedback has LTA received from users of the Caring SG Commuter lanyard and card for commuters with invisible medical conditions and disabilities; (b) whether the Ministry tracks if these commuters experienced acts of kindness while on public transport in the past two years; (c) if not, how is the Ministry tracking the effectiveness of this initiative; and (d) how will the Ministry allocate resources to raise awareness and encourage building a kinder public transport culture.
- *22. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in each year since 2021, what is the median and average percentage of places at secondary schools with affiliated primary schools taken up by affiliated pupils; (b) what is the median and average cut-off point difference between affiliated pupils and non-affiliated pupils for these schools; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the disparity for affiliated schools pupils to gain entrance into the affiliated secondary school.
- *23. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Singapore is on track to meet the targets under the Singapore Green Plan 2030 to (i) reduce the amount of waste to landfill per capita per day by 20% by 2026 and (ii) reach 1.5 gigawatt-peak of solar energy deployment to meet 2 per cent of 2025 projected electricity demands; and (b) what is the current amount of (i) waste to landfill per capita per day and (ii) electricity demands met by solar energy deployment.
- *24. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government can strengthen bus connectivity within industrial estates or partially subsidise local business associations to offer loop services in industrial estates during peak periods.
- *25. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are any dedicated programmes for sending teachers for teaching stints in overseas schools or institutions; (b) if so, where will the teachers typically be sent to; (c) how long is the average length of each teaching stint; and (d) how many teachers in terms of absolute number and percentage have undergone such overseas teaching stints.
- *26. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many teachers have had professional corporate working experience outside of the teaching profession; (b) what is the average number of years of professional corporate experience that these teachers have; (c) whether the Ministry has any dedicated programmes to send teachers who have not worked outside of the teaching profession for professional corporate industry attachments; and (d) if so, how many teachers in terms of absolute numbers and percentage have undergone such industry attachment programmes.

- *27. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider making (i) subsidies (ii) co-funding or (iii) MediSave available for egg freezing.
- *28. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government has assessed the potential impact of a foreign-based social media platform with significant local presence manipulating its algorithms with the effect of privileging or disadvantaging the social media reach of a particular candidate or group of candidates during a general election period or the run-up period thereof; (b) whether this constitutes foreign interference under existing laws; and (c) whether existing laws such as the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 and Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021 are adequate to address this.
- *29. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the measurable outcomes from the Overseas Markets Immersion Programme over the next five years; (b) how will its success be assessed against the \$16 million budget; (c) what are the safeguards against firms using the programme to subsidise routine business costs instead of employee development; (d) how will Workforce Singapore ensure that the submitted career plans lead to meaningful outcomes; (e) how can smaller firms with limited resources access the programme; and (f) what share of the budget will benefit SMEs.
- *30. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider according priority to owners of segmented HDB units that do not have direct access to lifts on the same level and where Lift Upgrading Programme is not feasible, when they apply for BTO flats with direct lift access, especially when they have household members with mobility issues.
- *31. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to hospitalisation insurance plans' coverage for upgrades (a) what measures are in place to ensure that policyholders are provided with sufficient time to be informed of the changes in coverage payments; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that insurance companies explain the changes clearly to their policyholders.
- *32. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of recent changes to Integrated Shield Plans (IPs) by insurers, particularly in the adjustments to coverage for Class A and B1 policyholders (a) what measures are in place to ensure that insurers provide clear, timely and comprehensive communication regarding policy adjustments; and (b) how does the Ministry hold insurers accountable for lapses in informing policyholders adequately.
- *33. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in respect of the oil leak from the oil processing unit at the Shell Energy and Chemical Park on Bukom on 27 December 2024 (a) what products were leaked; (b) what was the cause of the leak; (c) how long has the leak occurred before it was discovered and how soon did Shell notify the authorities; and (d) what actions have been taken to ensure that such leaks can be prevented or minimised in future.
- *34. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government can install seats within long underground tunnels in MRT stations to provide respite to seniors and vulnerable individuals with mobility challenges.
- *35. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Singapore Land Authority has uncovered any glitches or errors on the OneMap School Query service including inaccurately reflecting the distance between a place of residence and the 1km or 1-2km radius of any school; and (b) what recourse do parents have when they rely on incorrect information from such glitches or errors, if any, to make choices related to their choice of preferred school for the Primary 1 admission exercise.

- *36. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has looked into the need to increase the nursing support staff to nurse ratio in the public healthcare institutions of around 1:11; (b) if yes, what are the findings; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will look into increasing the ratio.
- *37. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of external water seepage incidents that occur in HDB flats during the recent continuous monsoon raining season; (b) how many seepage cases are reported in 2024; and (c) whether the HDB has any sustainable response plan to help rectify and reduce the number of seepage cases that occur in HDB flats.
- *38. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each year over the last five years, what is the breakdown in the number and value of primary sale and secondary sale transactions in the private residential market that is for the purpose of owner-occupied property versus investment property; and (b) whether the Government has observed any changes in the composition of owner-occupied and investment properties in the private residential market in the last five years.
- *39. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the safe use and design of zebra crossings with the increasing number of cyclists and personal mobility device users; and (b) whether there is a need to redesign or adapt zebra crossings to meet the current and future safety needs of all road users.
- *40. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the September 2024 Domestic Violence Trends Report, what school-based programmes are in place to train school staff about the importance of routinely asking children and young people about their safety and well-being, in addition to children and young people self-reporting such concerns.
- *41. Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health with the rise of flu-like human metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases in China (a) how does the Government ensure that cross-border transmission of HMPV will not pose public health concerns in Singapore; (b) whether the subsidised flu vaccination under Healthier SG is sufficient for the prevention of the spread of HMPV to seniors; and (c) what is being done to protect children, especially those aged 14 and below who are amongst those most affected by HMPV.
- *42. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each year of the past five years, how many cases have been reported to the police on tech repair shops performing unauthorised access or cloning of data on personal devices sent for repair; (b) how many of these cases are prosecuted; (c) what is the range of sentences meted out for such criminal offences; and (d) whether such punishment needs to be enhanced.
- *43. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the take-up rate of the Overseas Networks & Expertise Pass (One Pass) since 2 January 2024; (b) which sectors are these One Pass holders employed in; (c) how many of these One Pass holders are new entrants to Singapore and granted the One Pass not from a conversion of an existing employment pass; and (d) what are some of the key improvements that the Ministry is considering to better utilise One Pass and improve employment for Singaporeans.
- *44. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has been receiving feedback from Marsiling and Woodgrove residents, especially those residing on higher levels, on rain entering their homes causing furniture damage or risk of slipping; and (b) whether HDB has been receiving applications to install mitigation measures such as external blinds and, if so, have these been approved.

- *45. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the September 2024 Domestic Violence Trends Report, whether the Ministry will consider a community awareness campaign informing parents about (i) the potential negative impacts of physically disciplining their children and (ii) less harmful alternatives to physically disciplining their children.
- *46. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will consider implementing the enhanced provisions for Government-paid paternity leave with immediate effect to encourage familial bonding for parents with infants born over the last few months of 2024.
- *47. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether arrangements can be made to implement the new shared parental leave scheme earlier, for parents of children born after the National Day Rally 2024 but before 1 April 2025, in situations where (i) both parents and their respective employers are all mutually agreeable to proceed or (ii) both parents are serving in the public service; and (b) if not possible, why not and what are the reasons and/or technical hurdles.
- *48. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the findings from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Survey of Adult Skills 2023 (a) what age and culturally appropriate programmes are in place to support older Singaporeans improve their literacy, numeracy and adaptive problem-solving skills; and (b) what mechanisms are in place to track the success of these programmes.
- *49. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the recent OECD report indicating that Singapore's adult literacy proficiency in English is below the OECD average (a) whether the Ministry will consider introducing a standardised English proficiency test at the national level as an entry requirement to local universities; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to enhance literacy proficiency through modules in Continuing Education and Training programmes to support lifelong learning.
- *50. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry can consider providing incentives to lorry owners who install the mandatory speed limiters early to boost the take-up rate.
- *51. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many companies are authorised by the Traffic Police to install speed limiters in lorries and how many installations can these companies handle each month; and (b) whether the Minister will consider offering incentives to businesses that own lorries to come forward to install the speed limiters so as to help with their business costs and accelerate the adoption rate.
- *52. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how frequently does the Ministry conduct checks for incidents of illegal overtime, where the number of overtime hours exceed 72 hours in a month; (b) how many cases has the Ministry enforced in the past five years; and (c) whether there is an increasing trend of illegal overtime incidents in specific sectors.
- *53. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) from 2021 to 2024, what is the total number of HDB flats purchased via housing loans; (b) what percentage of these loans are taken with a commercial bank instead of HDB; (c) during this period, how many appeals have HDB received to allow existing HDB homeowners to refinance their loan from a commercial bank to HDB; and (d) whether the HDB can consider reviewing their policy to allow HDB homeowners to refinance their housing loan from a commercial bank to HDB.

- *54. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Government will explain how its upcoming Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) submission to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is aligned with the country's net-zero emissions trajectory.
- *55. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider releasing guidelines on the minimum monthly allowance for students undergoing full-time internships, given the rise in the number of interns from both public and private Institutes of Higher Learning.
- *56. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development given the monsoon surge from 10 to 13 January 2025 (a) whether the Ministry will conduct a review with Town Councils and provide resources for those that performed emergency repairs caused by excessive water ingress into motor rooms of lifts located in older HDB flats where the original drainage was not designed for such intense rainfall; and (b) what measures will be undertaken to pre-empt damage of such nature to minimise inconvenience to residents.
- *57. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether applicants who have been unsuccessful in applying for both a non-mature flat under the pre-October 2024 mature and non-mature BTO flat classification framework and a Standard flat under the new BTO flat classification framework are entitled to an additional ballot for their second and subsequent Standard flat applications; and (b) whether the new BTO flat classification framework assures applicants of a high chance to choose a flat by the second or third Standard flat application.
- *58. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what measures are being taken to improve support for passengers who are affected by flight disruptions as a result of the recent severe weather conditions; and (b) how is the Ministry coordinating with airlines and regional airport authorities to manage weather-related disruptions.
- *59. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has advised autonomous universities (AUs) on implementing any administrative formalities assessment framework for evaluating speakers at campus events; (b) if so, how does the Ministry ensure such frameworks do not undermine academic freedom, including in politically sensitive contexts; and (c) whether these frameworks align with global academic freedom standards.
- *60. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there is an estimated timeline for the Ministry's evaluation and approval of stem cell therapy as a mainstream clinical treatment for cartilage repair; (b) if so, what is the timeline; and (c) what are the factors that contribute to the cautious approach towards regulatory approval of such treatments.
- *61. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will consider enacting enhanced penalties for offences committed through scams.
- *62. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the disclosure of the ultimate beneficial owners (UBO) to SLA or other Government agency is needed for all residential property transactions; (b) whether UBO information is available to the public; (c) if so, how can this be accessed by potential end-buyers or their lawyers; and (d) under what circumstances and to whom can such information be disclosed.

- *63. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what measures has the CPF Board taken to offer non-digital access to members who are illiterate or not digitally able to, for instance, make cash top-ups, CPF transfers and appeals on their eligibility for the Silver Support Scheme.
- *64. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the HDB can consider a new system where HDB ranks unsuccessful first-time applicants based on their number of previous attempts, and then allowing such applicants another opportunity to choose flats that remain available after the initial round of selection in that particular BTO exercise.
- *65. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of reports of nearly 100 potholes detected in the first 12 days of 2025 (a) what percentage of LTA road inspections are triggered by public complaints as compared to scheduled checks; (b) whether inspection frequency is seasonally adjusted for wear and tear due to the monsoon season; (c) how are contractors held to durability standards for pothole repairs; and (d) whether high-traffic and rainfall-prone road designs are being updated with water-resistant materials and improved construction standards.
- *66. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what are the lessons learnt by the Government from the proposed sale of a controlling stake in Income Insurance to Allianz Europe B.V. (Allianz) and the decision by Allianz in December 2024 to abort its offer.
- *67. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry has initiated any further actions within the purview of the Co-operative Societies Act since Allianz Europe BV's (Allianz) withdrawal of its offer to acquire a 51 percent stake of Income Insurance Limited (Income) on 16 December 2024; and (b) what are the lessons learnt by the Government from the proposed sale of a controlling stake in Income to Allianz and the decision by Allianz to withdraw its offer.
- *68. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the decline in clinical trial approvals from 178 in 2008 to 127 in 2023 (a) what are the reasons for the decline despite the increase in biomedical investments in Singapore; (b) whether there have been any policy changes that caused the decline; (c) if so, what are they; and (d) what is the Health Science Authority's assessment on why the decline occurred.
- *69. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks the prevalence of deliberate under-reporting of overtime hours by employers of non-domestic migrant workers; and (b) what penalties are typically meted out against employers who provide inaccurate payslips.
- *70. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the shepherding of fauna to other forested areas not affected by the development works of the upcoming Sembawang and Woodlands HDB projects respectively, (a) where are the exact locations that the fauna will be shepherded to; and (b) who will carry out the shepherding of wildlife and how will the shepherding be carried out.
- *71. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA can consider increasing the frequency of Bus Service 112 or adding another bus service for Hougang Avenue 7 to handle the additional commuter load arising from new residents who shifted into the area in the past two years.
- *72. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can consider allowing the use of MediSave for shingles vaccination.

- *73. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past five years, how many exemptions have been granted under section 41A of the Employment Act, allowing companies to exceed the overtime limit of 72 hours per month; and (b) how many of these companies have been repeat applicants that have been granted multiple exemptions.
- *74. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to feedback received by HDB from residents on suspected excessive hoarding in a neighbour's flat (a) what is the protocol for HDB officers to verify and ascertain if the excessive hoarding is true; (b) what is the existing coordination protocol between HDB and SCDF under the inter-agency Hoarding Management Core Group to mitigate fire risks associated with reported excessive hoarding in HDB flats; and (c) whether the Ministry will review and enhance both protocols.
- *75. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the plans to implement Red-Amber-Green arrows at about 200 more traffic junctions, subject to further site studies; and (b) whether such site studies can be stepped up to assess the possibility of reducing discretionary right turns to a minimum so as to reduce the risk of unforeseen accidents.
- *76. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the potential risks of predatory monetisation strategies in video games that induce vulnerable individuals to gamble, whether the Ministry has plans to review its position on regulating loot boxes in such games.
- *77. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are any updates on the Ministry's efforts to explore possible solutions to provide direct lift access to the blocks within the Keat Hong division of Chua Chu Kang Group Representation Constituency that currently lack direct lift access.
- *78. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) since 2024, how many burst pipe incidents have been reported; (b) what is the average response time for such incidents; (c) what support measures are available to help affected businesses mitigate losses and ensure continuity of operations; and (d) what steps are in place to enhance the resilience of Singapore's water and other underground infrastructure against extreme weather events.

* 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. Maintenance of Racial Harmony Bill [Bill No. 2/2025] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
 2. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 1/2025] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS**1. Second Minister for Finance:**

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION: That this Parliament, in accordance with section 4(3) of the International Development Association Act 2002, resolves that an additional subscription of Singapore to the International Development Association, of a sum not exceeding Eighty-Seven Million United States dollars (US\$ 87,000,000), be authorised for the purpose of the Twenty-First Replenishment of the International Development Association.

2. Ms Hany Soh (Marsiling-Yew Tee):**Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim (Chua Chu Kang):**

SUPPORTING SINGAPOREANS IN STARTING AND RAISING FAMILIES: That this House calls for the continued review and updating of policies to better support families, as well as the marriage and parenthood aspirations of Singaporeans, and endorses a whole of society approach to build a Singapore Made for Families.

MEMORANDUM

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

Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi : A Whole-of-Society Approach Towards Addressing Discrimination.
(Nominated Member)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many instances of non-compliance with the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) Code of Conduct by accredited BNPL providers have there been since its introduction in 2022; (b) since then, how many and what percentage of BNPL customers have hit their BNPL limit for at least one provider; and (c) what is the breakdown of these BNPL customers by age and income level.
- Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the various scholarship schemes offered by Government agencies over the past decade (a) how many scholarship recipients terminated their bonds during their course of study; and (b) how many scholarship recipients terminated their bonds during their period of service.
- Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the electoral register will be updated in 2025 to enable those turning 21 after 1 June 2024 to vote at the next General Election.
- Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view of petrol prices in Singapore not decreasing correspondingly with recent decline in crude oil prices and electricity tariffs, whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore will investigate the practice and pricing mechanisms of petrol retail operators to ensure fairness and transparency for consumers.

5. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is Singapore's strategy to continue to be relevant in the global semiconductor market; and (b) what are the key challenges in materialising this strategy.
6. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) over the next five years, what is the expected number of new skilled jobs that will be created for Singapore citizens under the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (SEZ); and (b) how does the Ministry plan to mitigate the effects of companies potentially shutting down operations in Singapore after a move to the SEZ.
7. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether there are any plans underway for Singapore arts businesses to utilise and benefit from the agreement on the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone.
8. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the new artificial intelligence diffusion policy and export controls by the United States introduced in January 2025, where Singapore is not listed as among the 18 countries granted exceptions, what is the Government's assessment of (i) the ability of Singapore-based entities to import high-end chips and technologies from the United States and (ii) Singapore's artificial intelligence competitiveness.
9. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs with the temporary ceasefire established in Gaza (a) how will Singapore assist in delivery of humanitarian efforts and aid assistance into Gaza; and (b) whether the Ministry will take any steps to explore further diplomatic relations with the Palestinian authorities and the Israeli government to promote peace and stability in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
10. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) to date, whether there are more reports of criminal cases arising from the use of gel-blasters or imitation guns as fake firearms in Singapore; (b) whether there has been an uptick of police cases and reported injuries due to the use of gel-blasters in public spaces; and (c) whether the Ministry foresees emerging concerns about gel-blasters in relation to public safety and criminal activities.
11. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government will consider reinstating the processing of change of address requests at Neighbourhood Police Centres and Neighbourhood Police Posts for the convenience of Singaporeans who are unable to or uncomfortable with doing so online; and (b) if not, why not.
12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the annual cost of providing passport services in Singapore and how is this cost currently being funded; (b) whether the Ministry assesses that there will be a decrease in the cost of passport administration with advancements such as passport-less immigration clearance; and (c) if so, whether the Ministry will conduct a review for the potential reduction or waiving of passport renewal fees and corresponding increase in the fees for replacing lost or damaged passports.
13. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs why does the Singapore Police Force allow media coverage when accused persons are brought back to the scenes of crime to assist in further investigation.

14. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update on how the Traffic Police has worked with the driving schools to prevent the use of queue-jumping bots to secure driving simulator slots; and (b) whether the actions taken have been effective in reducing the use of queue-jumping bots.
15. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) what percentage of judgments delivered in the Small Claims Tribunals, Employment Claims Tribunal, and Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre are publicly accessible; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider establishing a searchable database of tribunal decisions and widely publicise its existence to enhance transparency in dispute resolution and access to justice for individual claimants.
16. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the dwindling number of school canteen operators and with schools considering catered food for their students, what measures are in place to protect students who are much more vulnerable to food poisoning due to their weaker immune systems.
17. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what are the plans to improve drainage in areas that have shown to be prone to flooding during the recent monsoon surge.
18. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how meat purchases, specifically barbecued pork slices, bought through online platforms such as Shopee or Lazada from Malaysian sources are being screened or monitored; (b) whether the purchase restrictions for meat imports from Malaysia only refer to non-vacuum packed meat; and (c) whether the Government has plans to review related policies on meat imports from Malaysia for personal consumption.
19. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether an update can be given on the status of the Water Agreement signed between Singapore and Malaysia that is set to expire in 2061; (b) how much water per annum does Singapore continue to receive under this agreement; and (c) what further efforts has the Government undertaken to ensure that the remaining three National Taps continue to meet the water requirements of Singapore, as newer housing estates are being developed and more global companies seek investment opportunities in Singapore.
20. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether young job seekers feeling more pressure to select a fulfilling career and from the job search itself, as reported in the National Youth Council's 'The State of Youth in Singapore 2024', has contributed to the increase in unemployment rate of fresh polytechnic graduates as indicated in the Graduate Employment Survey for 2024; and (b) if so, how does the Ministry plan to help young job seekers to align their expectations with the career propositions of the job marketplace.
21. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the Graduate Employment Survey for 2024 by the five polytechnics (a) what are the likely reasons for the rise in unemployment rate of fresh polytechnic graduates by five percentage points; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to respond to this finding.
22. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the Ministry's assessment on the employment outlook of fresh polytechnic graduates; (b) what are the reasons for fewer fresh polytechnic graduates landing full-time permanent jobs in 2024 as indicated in the Graduate Employment Survey 2024 by the five polytechnics; and (c) how many fresh graduates pursue further education upon their graduation in 2024.

23. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education based on the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study 2023 (a) how does the Ministry plan to sustain and further improve the employment and further education rates of special education school graduates; and (b) and what specific initiatives are in place to support their transition into the workforce or institutions of higher education.
24. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education based on the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study 2023 (TIMSS), what initiatives are being implemented to counter the reported decline in students' interest in mathematics despite high achievement levels.
25. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education based on the findings from the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study 2023, whether the Ministry plans to support academically weaker students for Mathematics and Science who, despite performing above international averages, may require additional assistance to reach higher proficiency levels.
26. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry actively monitors the average number of (i) bullying cases (ii) students who have been diagnosed with depression or (iii) suicide cases reported per student of each school, as a measure of student well-being; (b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve student well-being at schools with higher rates of reported bullying, depression, or suicide; (c) whether there are any plans for the Ministry to monitor such statistics; and (d) if not, why not.
27. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has data on the average number of cases of bullying reported per student studying at Admiralty Secondary School in each year since 2020; (b) if so, how many; and (c) how does such number of reported bullying cases compare to those of other secondary schools.
28. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development based on the Disability Trends Report 2024, what measures are being implemented to increase the participation rate of persons with disabilities in training programmes, considering the health and commuting challenges that they face.
29. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with reference to the Disability Trends Report 2024, what additional support is being provided to caregivers of persons with disabilities in light of the reported decline in their quality of life and difficulties in accessing financial assistance and subsidies.
30. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether an update can be provided on the review on broadening the use of assistance dogs to empower persons with disabilities beyond the visually impaired.
31. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider an integrated marketing approach to proactively engage employers across industries on workplace and workforce transformation for the hiring of persons with disabilities from the outset to establish inclusive hiring as a norm in Singapore, going above and beyond the work that is currently done by SG Enable.
32. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry is on track to meet its target of having over 26,500 early childhood educators by 2025; and (b) what is the Ministry's strategies to improve recruitment and reduce attrition.

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33. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the growing trend of Singaporeans seeking medical treatment in Malaysia for reasons such as affordability and accessibility; and (b) what measures will be implemented to strengthen Singapore's healthcare hub status and ensure affordable, timely and high quality medical care domestically.
34. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what initiatives are currently in place to (i) promote awareness of sarcopenia and its associated consequences for older people (ii) encourage regular resistance training from a younger age as a preventative health approach to reducing the risk of sarcopenia; and (b) whether greater funding can be provided for the construction of exercise facilities that are safe to use and easily accessible to those at risk of sarcopenia to mitigate its effects.
35. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government is considering reviewing the use of MediShield Life and Integrated Shield Plans for overseas outpatient and inpatient medical treatment.
36. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the escaped crocodiles from Batam (a) what measures are in place to identify and recover any of these animals that may enter Singapore waters; (b) how are our agencies working with our foreign counterparts on this matter; and (c) what additional safety measures have been activated for Singapore residents visiting Batam.
37. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the potential impact on Singapore's biodiversity from the crocodiles that escaped from a farm in Batam, which may disrupt the local ecosystem by competing with or preying on native wildlife; (b) if so, what are the steps taken by NParks, together with other agencies, to protect the biodiversity of Singapore's wildlife; and (c) what are the measures to protect the farms and businesses in the Lim Chu Kang, Neo Tiew and neighbouring areas.
38. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each of the past five years, what are the (i) mean and (ii) median numbers of dogs at each facility licensed to breed puppies for sale.
39. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider allowing owners of two-room HDB flats to rent out their bedrooms if they are unable to work and are in financial difficulties.
40. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last five years, whether HDB has permitted flat owners whose marriages are annulled to sell their flats instead of surrendering them; and (b) if so, what are the factors taken into account.
41. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the transition to the Standard, Plus and Prime housing classification framework for HDB BTO flats (a) whether the scheme to provide additional ballot chances to first-timer families with two or more previous unsuccessful BTO applications in non-mature estates is still in place; and (b) what is the success rate for such applicants at their third application.
42. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether it is possible to designate certain loading and unloading bays for overnight parking between 10.30 pm and 7.00 am in estates such as Sengkang and Punggol, where uncovered parking spaces are limited.

43. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) for each of the past four years, what is the redemption or utilization of the Community Development Council (CDC) vouchers expressed in terms of percentage at (i) supermarkets and (ii) small businesses; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider issuing a higher proportion of CDC vouchers for use at supermarkets instead of other businesses.
44. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will allow eligible residents who reside in, and whose NRIC-registered addresses reflect, a non-residential premise such as farms and businesses in Lim Chu Kang, Neo Tiew estate and neighbouring areas to claim Community Development Council (CDC) vouchers.
45. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the total value of CDC Vouchers 2004 that are unclaimed on 31 December 2024; and (b) what is the breakdown of the nature of households who have these unclaimed CDC vouchers.
46. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with regard to the 2023 and 2024 CDC vouchers (a) how many appeals were received for disputes which tenants alleged that the landlord had claimed CDC vouchers that should have been allocated to them; (b) how many such cases resulted in CDC vouchers being issued to the tenants instead; (c) how many individuals were found to have made false claims for CDC vouchers; and (d) whether any penalties have been meted out to such individuals and, if so, what are the penalties.
47. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the past five years (a) what are the top three nationalities of workers issued with work permits for foreign performing artistes; and (b) how many workers of each nationality are issued with work permits for foreign performing artistes.
48. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past five years, how many claims of psychological or mental health injury claims have been made annually under the Work Injury Compensation Act 2019; and (b) how many of such claims have been successful in receiving compensation.
49. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower since the introduction of the Overseas Networks and Expertise Pass (ONE Pass) to 31 December 2024 (a) how many ONE Passes have been annually issued; (b) in which industries are these ONE Pass holders employed; (c) how many ONE Pass holders were holding an Employment Pass prior to receiving the ONE Pass; and (d) how many have had their ONE Pass revoked on the grounds of revocation.
50. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in view of the recent enactment of the Platform Workers Act, whether the Ministry intends to track the impact of the Act henceforth on (i) the daily average hours at work and (ii) the average earnings per hour at work for full-time platform ride-hail drivers and full-time platform delivery workers, respectively; and (b) if so, how often will updated versions of such data be published.
51. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) why is Bus Service 502 classified as an express bus service with higher fares when there are trunk bus services that have longer express sectors than Bus Service 502; and (b) whether the Government can consider classifying Bus Service 502 as a trunk bus service or review the need to charge higher fares for express bus services.

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52. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the EZ-Link system will be enhanced so that records of payment made from different mobile devices like watches and phones linked to the same credit card can be reconciled to aid ticket inspectors' verification of a commuter's payment; and (b) if so, when.
53. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in 2024, what percentage of same-card transfers occurred within the current 45-minute allowance period under the public transport fare system; and (b) whether there are plans to review and increase this allowance period to better support commuters' needs.
54. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport what measures are in place to ensure that all airlines and private plane operators perform adequate checks on their planes before their departures from and arrivals at Singapore's airports to ensure safety.
55. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether Changi Airport ground services allow for persons with disabilities to request for their personal wheelchairs to be brought to the aerobridge during disembarkation instead of using the airport provided ones and, if not, why.
56. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of our ports registering a new record of arriving ship traffic in 2024 (a) what percentage of ships arriving at Singapore's ports operate on zero or near-zero emissions; (b) how will the Ministry increase the uptake of training at the Maritime Energy Training Facility; and (c) whether there is a need to step up current efforts to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the maritime sector by or around 2050.
57. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what percentage of noise complaints on public transport resulted in successful enforcement action in the past three years; (b) what is the mean response time between a complaint being lodged and the arrival of enforcement officers on the scene; and (c) how many repeat offenders have been identified through the current enforcement system.
58. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether it is possible for existing bus services serving the Sengkang town currently plying Compassvale Street, such as feeder Bus Service 371, to have their routes extended slightly to loop around Compassvale Crescent, to better serve the residents, especially the elderly, of that area.
59. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the Government's mandate for all new car and taxi registrations to be of cleaner-energy models from 2030 (a) why are hybrid vehicles deemed to fall into this category; (b) what percentage of vehicle registrations from 2030 are projected to be hybrid vehicles; and (c) whether there will be any mandate for all new car and taxi vehicles registrations to be zero-emission only.
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