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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the ban on formaldehyde in paints used for application on interior surfaces of buildings can be brought forward from 1 January 2026 and, if not, why not; (b) what penalties will be meted out for firms found to have used interior paint products with formaldehyde content exceeding the limit of 0.01 per cent of the paint weight; and (c) how many households have filed complaints in the last two years regarding formaldehyde levels arising from renovation works.
- \*2. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what measures are in place to ensure that imported wooden furniture that have been chemically treated and contain formaldehyde are safe for indoor use; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider implementing stricter import regulations or mandatory testing measures on imported wooden furniture to protect consumers from potential health hazards.
- \*3. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in the past five years, how many complaints has NEA received regarding high levels of formaldehyde in new furniture; and (b) whether NEA will consider regulating formaldehyde as a hazardous substance under the Environmental Protection and Management Act given that exposure to high levels of formaldehyde can lead to cancer.
- \*4. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry conducts checks on companies selling building products to ensure that the products offered do not contain or emit formaldehyde; (b) whether the Ministry will consider requiring renovation contractors to show proof that indoor formaldehyde concentration levels are within limit when renovations are completed; and (c) what support can be given to owners of non-air-conditioned places such as residential homes to ensure that the concentration level of unwanted chemicals in the vicinity are within safe limits.
- \*5. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what steps are being taken to address health concerns related to formaldehyde emissions from wooden furniture in homes; (b) how is the Ministry monitoring and regulating the levels of formaldehyde in residential environments to ensure that they are within safe limits; and (c) whether there are plans to review and update existing regulations on indoor air quality and furniture safety standards to better protect public health.

- \*6. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government has a standard protocol of consulting the authorities of the intended receiving countries before proceeding with the deportations of foreigners convicted of offences in Singapore; and (b) in the case of a money laundering convict who was deported from Singapore to Cambodia in June 2024 and subsequently expelled by Cambodia after one month, what consultations did the Government undertake with the Cambodian authorities before deporting him there.
- \*7. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether NTUC Enterprise's sale of its 51 per cent stake in Income Insurance Ltd to a foreign insurance company will impact affordability and availability of essential insurance products to the broad mass consumers and small enterprise segment in the long term; and (b) whether there is social value for NTUC Enterprise to retain its controlling stake in Income Insurance Ltd so that the provision of insurance services remains inclusive and accessible.
- \*8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with the proposed majority stake acquisition of Income Insurance Ltd by Allianz, how will the Government continue to support the cooperative movement in providing Singaporeans with affordable essential goods and services in the future.
- \*9. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth regarding the potential acquisition of a majority stake in Income Insurance Ltd by Allianz, whether the Government will work with the National Trades Union Congress to assess the potential impact on (i) insurance coverage for lower-income groups and workers and (ii) Income Insurance Ltd's original social mission if it is acquired by a foreign-listed profit-driven commercial entity.
- \*10. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether MAS can provide an update on the sale of Income Insurance Ltd to Allianz, a foreign for-profit insurer; (b) what steps can MAS take to ensure that Income Insurance Ltd continues to provide accessible insurance products to Singapore citizens; and (c) whether companies set up with a social purpose and has performed a critical role in keeping prices affordable for Singaporeans should be designated by legislation as critical entities which require approval from the Government for ownership or control changes.
- \*11. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS will be working with the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore to scrutinise the planned purchase by Allianz Insurance of a 51% stake in Income Insurance Ltd; and (b) whether MAS will take into consideration of the ability for Income Insurance Ltd to continue fulfilling the social mission of providing affordable insurance plans to Singaporeans after the acquisition by Allianz Insurance as one of criteria for approving the acquisition.
- \*12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS is aware of the key considerations behind the planned acquisition of Income Insurance Ltd by Allianz Insurance; (b) if so, what are they; (c) what is MAS' assessment of the impact of the acquisition on (i) the availability of existing and future insurance products that were designed for social good and (ii) the options available to Singaporean consumers and SMEs; and (d) whether MAS is aware if Income Insurance Ltd's mission as a social enterprise will be preserved post-acquisition.

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- \*13. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is MAS' assessment of the impact of the planned acquisition of Income Insurance Ltd by Allianz Insurance on the social mission of Income Insurance Ltd in providing affordable and well-structured insurance products for Singaporeans; and (b) what avenues and measures are available for Income Insurance Ltd policyholders to allay their concerns about the balance of interests shifting in favour of the new potential shareholder.
- \*14. **Mr Mark Lee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the sale of a majority stake in Income Insurance Ltd to Allianz aligns with the Government's strategy to build national champions that can compete globally; (b) if so, how; and (c) what measures will be implemented to ensure that Singapore (i) retains control over strategic national assets in the insurance sector (ii) safeguards the interests of local policyholders and stakeholders and (iii) balances the benefits of foreign investment with the need to develop and support homegrown companies.
- \*15. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the impact of the escalating tensions in the Middle East arising from intensified fighting along Lebanon's southern border and Hezbollah's increasing use of reconnaissance drones over northern Israel, for Singapore.
- \*16. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider (i) publishing information on Integrated Shield Plan (IP) insurers' extent of IP panel doctor representation across the respective medical specialties including the proportion of specialists empanelled and the extent of panel turnover in each year respectively and (ii) establishing a platform for policyholders to share their experiences of IP insurers so that prospective new policyholders and customers can make better considered choices.
- \*17. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to Integrated Shield Plans (a) what are the considerations on whether to expand claim rules to include more medical specialties and diagnostic tests for common conditions; (b) whether the Ministry will mandate a minimum co-payment for new private insurance policies to moderate healthcare costs; and (c) what measures will be taken to safeguard policyholders' access to necessary care and ensure insurance companies do not wield excessive influence in deciding what tests and procedures are claimable.
- \*18. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to expand the scope of the Claims Management Office (CMO) as well as the Clinical Claims Resolution Process (CCRP) to handle claims on private insurance policies; and (b) in light of concerns regarding insurance companies delaying or cancelling payouts after policyholders make claims, what avenues of recourse do policyholders currently have; and (b) what penalties will be imposed on insurance companies engaging in such practices to ensure fairness and timely resolution for policyholders.
- \*19. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will continue to publish updated information and comparison of Integrated Shield Plan insurers' premiums and coverage regularly; and (b) if so, at what frequency.
- \*20. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Health whether measures will be in place to ensure that any increases to premiums for Integrated Shield Plans (IP) are fair and sustainable for policyholders, given that the two-year period where premiums for IPs remained unchanged to support policyholders amid implementation of the Cancer Drug List will end on 31 August 2024.
- \*21. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education whether individuals who are involved in the selection process for the Direct School Admission (DSA) exercise in schools are required to (i) make a conflict of interest (COI) declaration or (ii) abstain from the selection process should there be a COI or close affiliation with the DSA candidate, prior to each DSA exercise.

- \*22. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will examine if the findings by AWWA that unconditional cash aid can help lower-income families have better job outcomes and mental health, can be applied to national social assistance programmes; and (b) whether the Ministry will support more of such trials at selected constituencies so as to examine the effectiveness of unconditional cash aid.
- \*23. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of five social media platforms directed to block a network of 95 accounts (a) what were the reach of the posts containing videos on the leadership transition in Singapore; (b) whether any of the three accounts that belonged to Himalaya Singapore were operated by residents or foreigners stationed in Singapore; (c) whether there were additional posts initiated by the said 95 accounts after 10 May 2024 on Singapore's leadership transition; and (d) what were the lessons learnt from this episode.
- \*24. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) where does the funding for the free shuttle bus service in Marine Parade GRC, MacPherson SMC and Mountbatten SMC come from; (b) what is the cost for funding such service for a year; (c) what is the justification for limiting the service to only residents of those constituencies; and (d) whether such funding can be also made available to other constituencies, and, if so, how.
- \*25. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the public bus services in Marine Parade GRC, MacPherson SMC and Mountbatten SMC are adequate to meet the residents' needs; and (b) whether the free shuttle bus service which began on 8 July 2024 for these constituencies have met the financial prudence criteria for provision of public transport.
- \*26. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the specific inputs and assessment of LTA on the provision of a community-specific shuttle bus service through the South East Community Development Council and People's Association, in Marine Parade GRC, which is an additional service outside the public transport system; and (b) whether LTA assesses a potential need for similar supplementary services in other parts of Singapore to improve last-mile connectivity.
- \*27. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the total cost of the cluster-wide community shuttle bus service covering Marine Parade GRC, MacPherson SMC and Mountbatten SMC as announced by the South East Community Development Council and the People's Association on 30 June 2024; and (b) how much of the expenditure for this one-year pilot is attributed to (i) public funds (ii) donations or (iii) other sources, respectively.
- \*28. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry can provide resources to Community Development Councils to launch free shuttle bus services to other areas such as Tengah New Town and Bukit Batok West Extension; and (b) what are the considerations for doing and for not doing so.
- \*29. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) since the start of the Marine Parade Cluster shuttle bus service, what has been (i) the average daily ridership and (ii) the average load factor of the service; (b) what is the total amount budgeted for the service; and (c) why is the People's Association and South East Community Development Council providing public transport services directly and only for those residents instead of working with LTA to improve public transport services for all commuters in the area.

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- \*30. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Education what measures are being implemented in schools to address and mitigate the risks of social media addiction among students, particularly on short video social media platforms.
- \*31. **Mr Neil Parekh Nihil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the key considerations that have led to the renaming of the Ministry to Ministry of Digital Development and Information; (b) in what ways will the renaming of the Ministry give urgency to the national effort towards digital development; and (c) whether the Ministry will engage with chambers of commerce and trade associations on how they can contribute towards achieving the objectives behind the Ministry's name change.
- \*32. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the top reasons for the rejection of the Home Protection Scheme (HPS) Insurance applications; (b) whether there is an exclusion list of pre-existing medical conditions for such applications; and (c) if so, whether a review of the list can be considered.
- \*33. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Lease Agreements for Retail Premises Act covers offices in commercial buildings which provide legal, accounting or valuation services; and (b) whether tenancy agreements for such offices are subject to the Code of Conduct for the Leasing of Retail Premises.
- \*34. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what follow-up actions are taken by the Ministry when a child does not register for Primary 1 in a national primary school; and (b) whether the Ministry is reviewing and strengthening these follow-up actions.
- \*35. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will set aside more completed flats to be sold under the Sale of Balance Flats exercise to cater to residents who need flats urgently but cannot afford the resale prices.
- \*36. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government has any plans to increase the childcare leave entitlement for parents of second or more children as an additional incentive to promote fertility.
- \*37. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the increased number of electric vehicles (EVs) registered in Singapore (a) whether the current provision of public EV charging points is sufficient; (b) what is the Ministry's ramp-up rate for the provision of charging points; and (c) whether more fast-charging points are being requested especially in HDB estates.
- \*38. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the contingency plans and dispersal measures by Sports Hub Pte Ltd for proper crowd control whenever there are major concerts or sports activities to ensure the safety of all participants; and (b) what measures have been taken by Sports Hub Pte Ltd to ensure that participants do not park indiscriminately around the Sports Hub area.
- \*39. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education what whole-of-school initiatives are in place across primary and secondary schools to cultivate creativity, collaboration, and a lifelong love of learning.

- \*40. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether details on the assisted living Government sandbox initiative can be shared, including its key objectives and measures of success; (b) what are the projected scalability prospects of this assisted living model; and (c) what are the anticipated manpower needs to ensure that caregivers with the right skills can be hired quickly to support this model.
- \*41. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how is the Ministry working with ticket providers and event organisers to develop equitable ticketing policies to enhance accessibility of arts performances and concerts for wheelchair users and persons with disabilities.
- \*42. **Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the heightened numbers relating to dengue infections in 2024 (a) what are the steps taken to ameliorate the dengue infection rate for the year and beyond; and (b) what has been the progress of previous initiatives to arrest dengue infection trends and whether they continue to be effective.
- \*43. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of NEA's Q2 2024 Dengue Surveillance Data published on 24 July 2024, whether the NEA will review its dengue prevention strategies to further improve their efficacy.
- \*44. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Minister will consider measures to mandate or incentivise the installation of grab bars and other senior-friendly features in the toilets of privately-owned coffeeshops to cater to the senior citizens.
- \*45. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the Ministry's recent Labour Market Report 1Q 2024 which indicated that the rate of re-entry for retrenched workers has dipped, (a) what are the causes of this trend; (b) whether more can be done to help retrenched Singaporeans find jobs sooner; and (c) whether there is risk of higher structural unemployment.
- \*46. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the Earned Income Relief granted to persons with disabilities (PWDs) to encourage more PWDs to work and aspire towards higher wages; and (b) whether expenses incurred by PWDs for the acquisition and maintenance of assistive technology can be included as a tax-deductible expense.
- \*47. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Ministry will consider requiring (i) firms that have been awarded creative projects by Ministries and Government agencies to endeavour towards engaging Singapore-registered sub-contractors and local talents, crew, and facilities for their projects and (ii) these firms to dedicate a reasonable portion of their budget in engaging local talents and crew, so as to boost the capabilities of the Singapore creative workforce and growth of a creative economy.
- \*48. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the breaking of the HDB resale price record three times in the past three months is a concern that the Ministry is looking into; (b) whether the Prime Location Public Housing (PLH) model is driving up the resale prices of non-PLH flats in choicer locations; and (c) whether the Ministry is considering imposing a cap on HDB transaction prices so that HDB flats remain fair and accessible to all Singaporeans.
- \*49. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what immediate tasks are expected of the nine designated entities under the Significant Investments Review Act 2024 (SIRA); and (b) what steps will the Ministry take to ensure that these nine designated entities will implement the necessary protective measures within the expected timeframe as required under SIRA.

- \*50. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the current process for coordinating technical takedown, legal assistance and victim support across the Ministries for deepfake-related crimes; (b) how does the response time and inter-agency coordination for deepfake incidents compare to those handled by the Anti-Scam Centre (ASC); and (c) given the unique technical challenges of deepfakes, what considerations have been given to centralising the response to such incidents, similar to the ASC model.
- \*51. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can provide an update on the steps taken to increase the participation rates for the pre-implantation genetic screening (PGS) pilot programme; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider reducing the current age criteria for PGS.
- \*52. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last 12 months, how many applicants for Build-To-Order or Sale of Balance flats have received more than one HDB invitation to book flats in different projects; and (b) why does HDB disallow the applicants from selecting a flat in a project with a later booking date in such situations.
- \*53. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there is scope for HDB to improve its processing time for BTO applications in order to prevent a situation where, on receipt of an unfavourable ballot number, an applicant proceeds to apply for a flat in a subsequent BTO exercise and receives a favourable number, only to have the latter cancelled when HDB informs him that a flat has been belatedly allocated for selection from his earlier BTO flat application.
- \*54. Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there is evidence of splinter groups from the dissolution of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) getting organised; (b) how close is the transboundary collaboration between the respective intelligence agencies in this region on sharing such intelligence; and (c) what is the security threat assessment to Singapore post-dissolution of JI.
- \*55. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider amending the Animals and Birds Act to include a section allowing an enforcement officer to be accompanied or assisted by persons necessary for the exercise of his powers, similar to section 11C of the Wildlife Act.
- \*56. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment regarding the Climate Friendly Households Programme, whether vouchers or subsidies for purchasing climate-friendly appliances may also be extended to households in private properties.
- \*57. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether there are Government regulations that require telcos, social media platform, and app service providers to restrict and disallow the use of their platforms by unlicensed money lenders including that for advertisements.
- \*58. Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any recent reviews or assessments of the pricing structure at hospital canteens, specifically those operated by third-party vendors; (b) if so, whether data on the price differences between hospital canteens and comparable dining establishments in the local market over the past year can be shared; and (c) how does the Ministry ensure that prices at hospital canteens are competitive as compared to those in the local market.
- \*59. Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what systems and processes does the Government have to ensure that Singaporeans who have multiple businesses and investments in other countries are liable for all appropriate taxes as stipulated under Singapore's taxation laws.

- \*60. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether there will be actions taken to strengthen the response and recovery of essential services dependent on digital platforms to minimise the impact of outages or disruptions of services in view of the outage caused by the cyber-security firm CrowdStrike's software update on 19 July 2024; and (b) whether there will be further requirements for organisations and businesses that provide essential services to have robust business continuity plans and to test them regularly.
- \*61. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many websites or phone applications of Government and statutory boards were affected by the recent outage on 19 July 2024 that was caused by a software update; (b) how long did the affected websites or phone applications took to restore it back to normalcy; and (c) what are the lessons learnt from the said outage.
- \*62. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how many Government agencies were affected by the software update from cyber-security firm CrowdStrike which caused a major technological outage globally on 19 July 2024; and (b) whether the Singapore Government subscribes to CrowdStrike's services.
- \*63. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact to Singapore due to the tech outage caused by the cyber-security firm CrowdStrike's software update on 19 July 2024; (b) whether any Government agencies or critical public services have been affected by the outage; and (c) what is the Ministry's contingency plans for such global tech outages that may impact Singapore's socio-economic security.
- \*64. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the key learning points for Singapore's cybersecurity strategy from the CrowdStrike outage on 19 July 2024; and (b) how are key public service systems protected from risks of outage from such single point of failure.
- \*65. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the learning points from the global outage of IT systems related to Microsoft Azure and CrowdStrike on 19 July 2024; (b) how does the Ministry support companies in Singapore whose services to the public are affected by the outage; and (c) whether guidelines or legislation will be considered to safeguard against hidden technological dependencies on a small handful of technology companies.
- \*66. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is Singapore's approach to ensure economic continuity to address the risk arising from integration of third-party software into our critical digital infrastructure; (b) how much coordination with the relevant Government agencies is required of third-party software suppliers when they make independent changes to their software which may affect the overall system; and (c) whether the Ministry will require key digital suppliers to conduct regular drills simulating different incident scenarios and test the joint response plans towards these incidents.
- \*67. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with regard to the recent IT outage caused by CrowdStrike (a) whether the Cybersecurity Agency of Singapore (CSA) has updated its threat and risk assessment protocols to cover supply chain risks of this nature; (b) if so, whether these updated protocols will be implemented across all critical information infrastructure (CII); and (c) what new strategies are being considered to enhance the resilience of CIIs against systemic propagated shocks that are not directly linked to cybersecurity threats.

- \*68. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the global disruption of systems related to CrowdStrike on 19 July 2024 (a) how does the Ministry ensure that critical infrastructure in Singapore is not overly dependent on a small group of providers; and (b) how has the Ministry strengthened resilience in the technology infrastructure in Singapore.
- \*69. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what measures are in place to protect Singapore's critical business and aviation infrastructure from cyber outages, such as the recent incidents affecting the banks and Changi Airport; (b) what contingency plans and support systems are available during such outages, and how are these made known to the affected stakeholders; and (c) how can the Ministry work with international partners and cybersecurity firms to mitigate the risks of such outages.
- \*70. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with regard to the global IT outage that occurred on 19 July 2024 (a) whether the Ministry has conducted an overall local impact assessment; and (b) if so, what are the Ministry's findings and whether any measures have been implemented to prevent such a recurrence.
- \*71. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport as a result of the massive global IT crash triggered by CrowdStrike (a) how many flights arriving and departing Changi Airport were (i) cancelled (ii) delayed or (iii) otherwise affected; (b) what are the key lessons learnt from external feedback as well as internal reviews; and (c) how can Singapore further enhance the resilience of our world-leading air hub.
- \*72. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether an update can be provided on the foreign direct investment commitments that the Singapore Economic Development Board has received in the first six months of 2024; (b) whether Singapore is on track for its investment targets for 2024; and (c) what will be some of the important and special factors for Singapore to uphold to ensure that the country remains an attractive investment destination and good jobs are created in the future economy.
- \*73. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are plans to subsidise or give blanket approval for residents in HDB rental flats to install cost-efficient and energy-saving air conditioning units.
- \*74. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of the lapses identified in the Auditor-General's Office report for FY 2023/24 regarding grants disbursement (a) what is the estimated amount of loss of public funds as a result of these lapses and overpayments; and (b) how can Government agencies enhance their capabilities to improve their oversight of disbursements so as to detect anomalies and suspicious claims.
- \*75. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of AGO's audit finding where ineligible grant claims submitted by seven operators of childcare centres were approved for disbursement (a) whether the Early Childhood Development Agency has conducted a comprehensive review of all grant claims to determine the extent of over-disbursement; (b) whether the over-disbursements have been fully clawed back; and (c) what measures have been implemented to prevent the recurrence of such errors in future.

- \*76. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether all staff employed by Student Care Centres are required to have any mandatory qualifications related to the care and supervision of children; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider requiring all Student Care Centres to develop individualised policies, procedures and practices to guide the implementation of safeguarding obligations, including those contained in the Children and Young Persons Act 1993.
- \*77. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can provide an assessment of the status and prospects of the Lao PDR-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project to import hydropower from Laos.
- \*78. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government has a role in determining the prerequisites for companies tapping on the Anchor Fund @ 65 and Growth IPO Funds; (b) if so, whether an eventual local public listing is a prerequisite for companies tapping on these funds; (c) what have been the total dollar investments tapped from such funds to date; (d) whether there are any target fund life for such funds; and (e) whether there are any exit timeline for the current portfolio of companies.
- \*79. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) why are parents who are buying over their child's HDB flat ineligible for housing grants, such as the CPF Housing Grants for Resale Flats and the Proximity Housing Grant; and (b) what other grants are available to such buyers.
- \*80. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the state of occupancy at the Changi Business Park (CBP); (b) whether vacancies at CBP will increase with upcoming new supply of office space such as the Punggol Digital District; and (c) whether the overall offerings and the attractiveness of the business parks need to be improved to bring in new demand.
- \*81. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the recent mid-air incident on Singapore Airlines (SIA) flight SQ321 on 21 May 2024, whether the Ministry is working with SIA on implementing measures to support the mental well-being of SIA's staff and passengers affected by the incident.
- \*82. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of e-commerce scams reported for each month since the E-Commerce Marketplace Transaction Safety Ratings (TSR) was launched in May 2022; (b) if so, what is the number; and (c) what is the assessment on the effectiveness of TSR in tackling e-commerce scams since its implementation.
- \*83. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year from 2019 to 2023 (a) what is the number of patients diagnosed with suicide ideation; and (b) what are the top three circumstances or conditions leading to thoughts about suicide.
- \*84. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has information on those identified with suicide ideation; (b) if so, for each year from 2019 to 2023, what is the percentage for (i) children and youth and (ii) seniors respectively; and (c) whether there have been discernible trends for both groups.
- \*85. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the facts relating to the maritime accident involving the Singapore-flagged tanker Hafnia Nile on 19 July 2024; and (b) whether there has been any environmental impact due to the accident.

- \*86. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to wrong recipient names being sent out on the first operational day of the single sender “gov.sg” SMSes (a) how many messages have been sent with the wrong recipient names; (b) what has been the specific administrative error that led to this; and (c) what steps have been or will be taken to prevent their recurrence.
- \*87. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the current level of greenhouse gas emissions attributable to Pulau Bukom and Jurong Island; (b) what is the projected reduction in emissions from Shell's sale of its oil and chemicals facilities in Singapore; and (c) whether the Government will be working with the buyers of Shell's facilities to reduce emissions and to convert the production to more sustainable products.
- \*88. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) annually from 2019 to date, how many employers in the Progressive Wage Model (PWM) sectors have hired workers with special needs/disabilities and what is the number of such workers hired; (b) whether the Ministry has observed any challenges faced by employers in the PWM sectors when hiring individuals with special needs/disabilities, despite exemptions from PWM requirements for persons with disabilities; and (c) whether there are measures to alleviate the administrative burden on these employers who request for exemptions from PWM requirements.
- \*89. Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment following a series of delays, failures or re-configurations of high-tech farms (a) whether the goal of producing 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs locally by 2030 is a realistic one; and (b) whether there are plans to delay the implementation of the Lim Chu Kang Masterplan.
- \*90. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will the "30 by 30" plan on local food production be revised to move the local farming sector back on track; and (b) how will the Government better assist business operators to cope with business costs challenges such as land leasing and energy costs so that business operators can continue to support the "30 by 30" goal that aims to produce 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs by 2030.
- \*91. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs for each year since 2020 (a) what is the amount of funds granted by the Government to Yayasan MENDAKI (MENDAKI) for the Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy (TTFS) scheme; (b) what percentage of the funds granted to MENDAKI are not disbursed; (c) what percentage of Malay students in tertiary institutions have benefited from the TTFS scheme; and (d) what is the median percentage of tuition fees waived for each student.
- \*92. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment regarding the increase in carbon tax to \$25 per tonne of emission in 2024 (a) how much revenue is anticipated to be collected from the increase in carbon tax; (b) what key decarbonisation efforts have taken place as a result of the increase in carbon tax; and (c) whether the current plan to increase the carbon tax to \$45 per tonne of emission remains set for 2026.
- \*93. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the recent \$3 billion money laundering case in Singapore, whether the authorities have started investigations into individuals such as bankers and property agents who facilitated the property transactions on behalf of the convicted persons and who have failed to comply with requirements for money laundering background checks and suspicious transactions reporting.

- \*94. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how may taxi and private hire vehicle drivers report vaping in their vehicles by passengers; and (b) what workplace protection will the Ministry avail to such drivers in order to alleviate worries about negative repercussion or penalty on their livelihoods.
- \*95. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether political parties or candidates that pay digital content creators, either directly or indirectly, to post content either before or during election campaigns will be required to disclose these payments; (b) whether the said content creators are also required to declare the nature of their partnership with political parties or candidates within their posts; and (c) what are the disclosure requirements.
- \*96. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how does the jurisdiction of LTA enforcement officers differ from that of the Traffic Police (TP); and (b) whether LTA enforcement officers on motorcycles are given the same training as TP officers on motorcycles especially with regard to the pursuit of errant motorists.
- \*97. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the progress of NEA's Toilet Improvement Programme since its launch in 2020; (b) how many privately-owned coffee shops are on board this initiative; (c) what support is available to these coffee shop owners to ensure that they have adequate resources and manpower for maintaining toilet cleanliness; and (d) how can the public give feedback on these coffee shops' toilets to ensure compliance with cleanliness standards.
- \*98. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many junior doctors of House Officer or Medical Officer grade served at the public healthcare institutions (PHIs) during the COVID-19 pandemic; (b) of these, how many have been rotated between different PHIs; (c) of those who later left the PHIs amidst the pandemic to serve full-time national service commitments, how many have been then deployed as SAF Medical Officers; and (d) how many of such doctors did not receive the COVID-19 Resilience Medal and what are the reasons.
- \*99. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for public sector employees that have reached the prevailing Minimum Retirement Age, and have been re-employed by the Public Service, whether their full tenure will be considered for long service benefits, as provided for in clause 29 of the Tripartite Guidelines on the Re-employment of Older Employees.
- \*100. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted studies to determine the cost of CCTV installations in preschools; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider subsidy support to assist preschools in the mandatory installation of CCTVs.
- \*101. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has assessed the road design at the Jalan Lempeng and Faber Drive unsignalised cross junction near a school in the context of the four accidents in six weeks reported on a media outlet; (b) whether LTA has sought to ascertain how many other unreported accidents and near misses have occurred at this cross junction; and (c) whether the traffic impact assessments and junction designs have kept pace with the increased residential dwellings and vehicle traffic nearby.
- \*102. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the average waiting time for patients referred by medical social workers to medical service providers, such as doctors or specialists, to obtain appointments; and (b) whether this matching process is triaged in any way for urgent cases.

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- \*103. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry collects data on the causal links between academic stress and increased mental health issues, including anxiety and depression, among children in both primary and secondary schools.
- \*104. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry monitors the earnings of point-to-point (P2P) taxi and private hire car drivers; (b) if so, what is the average trip fare earned by such drivers in the second quarter of 2024; and (c) how does this compare to previous quarters in 2023.
- \*105. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what has been the take-up rate for breast cancer screening in Singapore in the past two years; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the Health Promotion Board's Screen for Life programme to enhance its access by easing the eligibility for free or subsidised breast cancer screening.
- \*106. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of flights in and out of Changi Airport that are delayed or cancelled in the last three years; and (b) whether such delays and cancellations are above pre-COVID-19 levels.

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**  
**Introduction of Government Bills**

1. **Minister for National Development:**  
Building Control (Amendment) Bill.
  2. **Second Minister for Trade and Industry:**  
Energy Transition Measures and Other Amendments Bill.  
*(President's recommendation signified).*
  3. **Second Minister for Home Affairs:**  
Casino Control (Amendment) Bill.
  4. **Minister for Manpower:**  
Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.
  5. **Minister for Manpower:**  
Platform Workers Bill.  
*(President's recommendation signified).*
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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Land Surveyors (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 21/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
  2. Anti-Money Laundering and Other Matters Bill [Bill No. 20/2024] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
  3. Good Samaritan Food Donation Bill [Bill No. 22/2024] – (Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang, Member for Nee Soon) – Second Reading.
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### NOTICE OF MOTION

1. **Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member):**  
**Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member):**

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES: That this House calls on the Government to review the process by which electoral boundaries are determined in order to increase the transparency and fairness of the electoral boundary review process for all political parties.

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### MEMORANDUM

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

Dr Tan Wu Meng : Improving Access to Fertility Preservation for Young Cancer Patients.  
(Jurong)

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will consider increasing the current allocation of six days of childcare leave per calendar year, in light of the Government's efforts to support parents and encourage higher birth rates.
2. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) for each year over the last five years, what is the number of ex-offenders who have been hired for positions in (i) banks and (ii) other financial services firms respectively; (b) whether MAS reviews the grounds on which relevant persons have been rejected on the fit and proper criteria; and (c) what is the recourse for ex-offenders, who have not been issued prohibition orders under any Act administered by MAS, should they experience discrimination in the hiring process.
3. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the Government's assessment on how NTUC Enterprise Co-operative's proposed divestment of its majority stake in Income Insurance Ltd to Allianz Insurance Singapore Pte Ltd will impact upon the competitiveness of the insurance industry; and (b) whether this development will adversely affect Singaporean's accessibility to affordable insurance policies.

4. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many financial institutions in Singapore were affected by the recent outage on 19 July 2024 that was caused by a software update; (b) how were the account holders of the respective financial institutions affected by the outage; (c) how long did the financial institutions take to restore their operations back to normalcy; and (d) what are the lessons learnt from the said outage.
5. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the number of Single Family Offices (SFOs) that have applied to benefit from the Philanthropy Tax Incentive Scheme (PTIS) since its launch; (b) what is the total amount of philanthropic donations made by SFOs through this scheme to date, both domestically and overseas; and (c) whether any feedback on PTIS has been received and, if so, what are the plans to refine PTIS to enhance philanthropic giving.
6. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many Permanent Secretaries are currently appointed to the boards of directors of private sector businesses; (b) which businesses or business sectors currently have boards of directors that include a Permanent Secretary; and (c) how are potential conflicts of interest managed in such situations.
7. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry what is the estimated impact of the 56% rise in Malaysia's diesel price in June 2024 on the rate of inflation in Singapore, especially on the price of food.
8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry given reports that foreign companies are leaving Changi Business Park (a) whether there is an observable trend of MNCs moving their back-end operations to more cost-effective countries; (b) what are the factors leading to a perceived decline in Singapore's business appeal and what are the strategies being implemented to counteract this trend; and (c) beyond financial grants, what other proactive measures are being adopted to ensure that businesses continue to view Singapore as a conducive environment for growth and innovation.
9. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry to ensure that Income Insurance Ltd continues to serve the national social interest when it was first set up, whether the relevant safeguards and measures under the Significant Investments Review Act 2024 will apply to the sale of a majority stake in Income Insurance Ltd to Allianz.
10. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in respect of the recent ruling by the International Court of Justice regarding Israel's actions in the Palestinian territories (a) how does this ruling impact Singapore's diplomatic relations and policies concerning the Israel-Palestine conflict; and (b) what steps is Singapore taking to support international efforts towards a peaceful resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict.
11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has updated plans to tackle the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in our prisons; and (b) whether the Ministry can ensure that all prison inmates are vaccinated for Hepatitis B.
12. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent conviction of an auxiliary police officer who was a team leader of one of the Foreign Workers Management (FWM) patrol teams for misappropriating seized sex enhancement drugs (a) what are the supervisory measures and oversight taken by the Police over FWM teams which typically comprise contracted auxiliary police or security officers; and (b) what are the roles and powers provided to FWM teams in the execution of their duties.

13. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the last three years, how many instances of alleged criminal acts involving the possession or distribution of voyeuristic or intimate image or recording or any other alleged image-based sexual abuse have been reported to the police; (b) how many involved deepfakes or other generative-AI tools with manipulated images and videos; (c) what is the breakdown by the victim's gender; and (d) how many eventually resulted in further action being taken.
14. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many non-Singaporeans residing in Singapore have been charged with the offence under section 125 of the Penal Code since January 2023; and (b) of these cases, how many concern acts committed whilst outside Singapore, given that such actions may impact Singapore's security, reputation and social harmony.
15. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the number of cases of Singaporeans acting as money mules by giving others access to their Singpass or bank accounts has increased over the past two years; (b) if so, what are the plans to arrest this trend; and (c) what is the age profiles of such persons.
16. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, what is the average processing time for (i) hardcopy correspondences from lawyers and (ii) e-Letters, to be delivered to prison inmates respectively; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider introducing a separate e-Letters system with a shorter processing time that lawyers can use to correspond with prison inmates.
17. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the number of scams perpetuated through deepfake video and images is being tracked and, if so, what are the numbers of such reported scams to date.
18. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the Government's assessment of the impact of rising interest rates and operating costs, such as electricity and water costs, on Singapore's high-tech farming sector; and (b) whether open farm style traditional agriculture can be equally supported to meet the goal of local farms producing 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs locally by 2030.
19. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment given that latest statistics from the NEA indicate recycling rate in Singapore has declined in 2023 (a) how can waste recycling rates be increased; and (b) how can recycling resource loops be improved.
20. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether home renovation contractors will be required to provide health warnings and mitigation measures when ordering or installing wood products that contain formaldehyde or other dangerous chemicals.
21. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) to date, how many Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres (SEHCs) have charged hawkers liquidated damages for failing to open for business; (b) whether NEA-operated hawker centres impose such liquidated damages on their hawkers; (c) if not, why are SEHCs allowed to levy such charges; and (c) in each year since 2020, how many hawkers operating at SEHCs have been charged such liquidated damages.
22. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether tertiary institutions grade students according to a bell curve; and (b) if so, whether there are plans to change this.

23. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education considering the low uptake of SG Enable's Capability Development Grant and the need to enhance course accessibility for persons with disabilities (PwDs) to boost their career prospects, whether the Ministry has considered mandating that all SkillsFuture-funded training providers shall implement reasonable accommodations for PwDs who will benefit professionally from the courses they offer.
24. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) for Junior Colleges (JCs) that take in students progressing from the Integrated Programme (IP), how many and what proportion of places were reserved for GCE "O" Level holders not progressing from the IP in the years of admission 2022, 2023 and 2024 respectively; and (b) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of reduced JC places on stress levels for GCE "O" Level students seeking to enter JCs.
25. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education how will schools ensure that the use of iPads for educational purposes will not create easy access and exposure to online sexual content and predators.
26. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Government will review and update all current legislation and official Government communications by replacing outdated terms related to persons with disabilities, including removing all references to "handicap" in the tax relief schemes.
27. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the steps taken by the Ministry, including monitoring and information sharing, together with Family Service Centers, crisis shelters or other community partners or religious organisations, to strengthen the child protection system in order to ensure the well-being of vulnerable children who have suffered or witnessed domestic violence and who are returned to their families after being discharged from alternative care or foster care.
28. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what programmes and support does the Ministry or other social service agencies provide to help prison inmates improve familial ties with their young children once released back to society; and (b) if no programmes currently exist, whether the Ministry will consider developing one.
29. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health in respect of the deaths of two construction workers at the worksites of the Tengah integrated rail and bus depot and the North-South Corridor at Cavenagh Road (a) whether the Ministry is investigating if the transportation of injured workers in private vehicles complies with the requirements under the Healthcare Services Act 2020; (b) if yes, what are the findings from the Ministry's investigations; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will conduct such an investigation.
30. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has received any reports of "flesh eating bacteria" cases locally; and (b) how can the Ministry and Singaporeans safeguard Singapore against an outbreak locally.
31. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since 2019, how many clinics have been investigated for making fraudulent (i) CHAS (ii) MediSave and MediShield Life and (iii) Covid-19 related claims; (b) of which, how many clinics have been taken to task; and (c) what measures have been taken to prevent such fraudulent claims.

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32. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider conducting an education campaign to guide the public on their actual insurance needs, considering that a significant proportion of patients with the Integrated Shield Plan (IP) and rider protection opt for subsidised public healthcare despite paying for higher coverage; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider any means-testing mechanisms to encourage IP holders or those with rider protection to utilise private healthcare options, thereby potentially alleviating strain on subsidised healthcare.
33. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's plan to tackle vaping in private hire cars by passengers; and (b) how will the Government protect private hire car drivers against retaliation by passengers so that they will feel safe to report passengers for vaping.
34. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what measures are in place to protect private-hire car drivers from passengers who use vapes during their rides; (b) what recourse is available to the drivers when a passenger is caught vaping in the vehicle by law enforcement officers; and (c) whether private-hire car drivers are to report passengers who vape in their cars and, if so, how will such reports be dealt with.
35. **Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry has data on the five-year trend and current waiting times for entry into nursing homes, including stratification of the waiting times for nursing homes that are able to support patients with general care needs, psychiatric care needs and intellectual disability specifically.
36. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether IMDA has issued any directives to mobile operators to (i) remove the Signalling System 7 (SS7) and Diameter protocols from their networks to prevent cyber attackers from using SS7- and Diameter-based location and monitoring exploits and (ii) resolve vulnerabilities related to SS7- and Diameter-based location and monitoring exploits.
37. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) in each of the last five years, how many searches have been conducted by members of the public on the Factually Government website; (b) how many of such searches are related to falsehoods that are subject to directions under POFMA; and (c) what is the breakdown of views by top five topics of articles on the website.
38. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with the gradual retirement of 3G network by telecommunications companies in Singapore, whether active communication and support have been provided to 3G users, particularly seniors and those users who cannot afford to transit to 4G/5G services.
39. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year from 2019 to 2023 (a) how many buildings have not complied with the Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment; (b) how many exemptions to the requirements have been granted; and (c) what enforcement action does BCA take for non-compliance of the Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment.
40. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the assessment of the effectiveness of the Temporary Relaxation of Occupancy Cap since its implementation in addressing the mismatches in the rental demand and supply of HDB flats thus far; and (b) whether the open market rents of HDB flats have continued to rise.

41. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the usage purpose of the land parcels where the semi-permanent Quick Build Dormitories are located at 5A, 7A and 11A Choa Chu Kang Grove currently remains to be residential.
42. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many self-employed persons (SEPS) are currently paying for their HDB flats by (i) cash and (ii) CPF respectively; (b) what is the percentage of SEPS from each group who are at higher-risk of having their flats repossessed because of frequent default on instalments; and (c) whether there are plans to introduce incentives and assistance to encourage SEPs who have been paying for their flat by cash to switch to using CPF to pay instead.
43. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current occupancy rate for HDB flats on the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS); and (b) what is the take-up rate of the PPHS (Open Market) Voucher since it was officially launched on 1 July 2024.
44. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the success rate of appeals for waivers of the Minimum Occupation Period (MOP) rule for HDB flat owners who are unable to stay in their units due to genuine circumstances; (b) what criteria does HDB use to assess these waiver appeals; and (c) how does HDB support homeowners in understanding and navigating the appeal process for MOP waivers.
45. **Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) since 2019, what proportion of flats re-acquired by HDB due to regulatory infringements belonged to owners whose sole properties are the re-acquired HDB flats; and (b) what steps are taken to ensure that such owners can still find a home subsequently.
46. **Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi:** To ask the Minister for National Development given the longer duration of Minimum Occupation Period (MOP) for Prime Location Public Housing HDB flats and HDB Plus flats, what further steps are being taken by HDB to prevent regulatory infractions by owners of these flats such as purchase of private properties during the MOP, unauthorised rental and non-occupancy of such flats.
47. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether there are plans since the launch of the Community Development Council (CDC) Vouchers Scheme 2024, to encourage more food and beverage merchants to provide a minimum number of budget meal options and ensure that more merchants provide affordable services so that households may maximise the use of these vouchers.
48. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the current funding and resources allocated to support the Malay arts scene in Singapore; (b) how has the Ministry ensured that these resources are accessible to both emerging and established Malay artists; (c) what initiatives provide Malay artists with a platform to showcase their work locally and internationally; and (d) how is the Ministry promoting cultural education and engagement of the Malay arts scene among the broader Singaporean population.
49. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what financial support and grant schemes are available to heritage businesses in Singapore in addition to the Organisation Transform Grant; (b) whether the Ministry provides assistance to sustain these heritage businesses amidst rising costs and current economic challenges; (c) how does the Ministry balance between preserving the traditional aspects of heritage businesses and encouraging innovation when providing financial support and grant schemes; and (d) whether there are specific programmes that facilitate such balance.

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50. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what were the considerations in deciding to feature images of Grassroots Advisers on the buses that provide free shuttle services for the Marine Parade cluster; and (b) what is the cost of these images.
51. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current percentage of CPF members under the Home Protection Scheme (HPS) who have pre-existing health conditions that are excluded from HPS claims; (b) how does CPF Board determine the broadness of exclusions based on declared pre-existing conditions; and (c) whether CPF members who have pre-existing health conditions that are excluded from coverage can pay lower premiums.
52. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether approvals, upon appeal or application, have been granted to work permit holders and migrant domestic workers (MDWs) to continue working in Singapore beyond the age of 60; (b) if so, how many of such approvals have been granted to work permit holders and MDWs respectively in the past five years; and (c) what are some common reasons for the Ministry to allow such extensions.
53. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the latest nominal gross monthly wage, excluding employer CPF, of the bottom tenth percentile (P10) of resident full-time income earners in Singapore; and (b) what proportion of P10 and below are covered under the Progressive Wage Model and the Occupational Progressive Wages scheme.
54. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the current percentage of foreign worker dormitories that are licensed under the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act.
55. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) with the goal of preventing future occurrences of safety issues with Boeing aircraft, what additional measures has the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore implemented to address safety concerns specific to Singapore-registered Boeing aircraft, beyond existing regulatory requirements; and (b) what is the timeline for its implementation.
56. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore has explored working with the Federal Aviation Administration to enhance regulatory oversight over Boeing, with the goal of preventing future occurrences of safety issues with Boeing aircraft; and (b) if so, what specific measures have been discussed or implemented.
57. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to recalibrate the allocation of streetside parking lots to enhance pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow along roads.
58. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update and outlook on the global shipping capacity situation due to the Red Sea shipping disruptions and the demand for container space as more retailers rush to restock inventories early; and (b) whether Singapore has sufficient manpower and container handling capacity in Tuas Port should the disruptions worsen for the remainder of the year.
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