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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether an individual's NRIC number is considered confidential requiring privacy protection; (b) if not, how does the Personal Data Protection Act reconcile with this; and (c) what measures are put in place by the Government to protect sensitive or personal identifiable information (PII) data.
- *2. Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information how does the Ministry intend for its new standards regarding the appropriate handling of National Registration Identity Card numbers to be applied across different sectors including public agencies, private enterprises, and non-profit organisations.
- *3. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether NRIC, being data from which an individual can be identified as defined under the Personal Data Protection Act, shall be expressly excluded from the Act; (b) to date, how many complaints have been made to the Personal Data Protection Commission that is related to NRIC data being used or collected wrongfully and what actions are taken; and (c) what are the measures taken to mitigate against the risks of identity theft and scams from the use of NRIC which will be publicly available.
- *4. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government's move to unmask NRIC numbers can pose a risk in the rise of NRIC-related scams especially among elderly; and (b) how will the Ministry proactively combat NRIC-related scams, considering that public education takes time to be effective.
- *5. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) how will the Ministry update and strengthen guidance for private organisations on their authentication and verification processes to safeguard against identity theft in light of new policies to unmask NRIC numbers; (b) what additional measures will be introduced to reassure the public and mitigate heightened concerns about susceptibility to scams and identity theft; and (c) how will the Ministry enhance public education efforts and promote best practices in personal data protection amidst the evolving digital landscape.
- *6. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information how will the Government ensure that Singaporeans are not exposed to the risks of scams and identity thefts arising from the unmasking of NRIC numbers.
- *7. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what was the process by which the internal circular that was issued by MDDI, instructing Government agencies to stop using unmasked NRIC numbers in new business processes and services, was drafted and circulated; (b) when was it circulated; and (c) whether full text of the circular can be made public.

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- *8. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry will take into consideration Singaporean's concerns about their NRIC number being publicly available before making any further decision on the unmasking of the full NRIC number; and (b) whether the Ministry will respond to concerns from cyber security experts that NRIC numbers can be used by bad actors to trick victims into believing they are authority figures or to commit crime.
- *9. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry was closely involved in the new ACRA Bizfile project conceptualisation and implementation; (b) whether the Ministry had raised any concerns regarding data protection and privacy prior to the project go-live; and (c) whether the Ministry can share its plans for any upcoming projects or initiatives where the unmasking of NRIC numbers is being considered.
- *10. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the timeline for the Government's public education efforts about the purpose and safe handling of NRIC numbers; (b) how is the Government supporting healthcare and financial institutions in the shift away from NRIC numbers as a method of authentication; and (c) what additional steps can be taken to protect potential scam victims during this transition period.
- *11. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry can provide the details of the circular issued to agencies to cease further planned use of masked NRIC numbers in new business processes and services; (b) whether sufficient clarity has been given to agencies to implement this new move; and (c) whether the circular addresses the readiness of the public to treat NRIC numbers as non-private unique identifiers.
- *12. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the rationale for phasing out the use of masked NRIC numbers; (b) whether the full availability of NRIC numbers to the public will pose security risks or individual privacy issues; and (c) whether private sector practices on the use of NRIC numbers are aligned with the Government's latest policy position.
- *13. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what is the compressed timeline for (i) consultation with the private sector and updating of guidelines on the appropriate use of masked NRIC numbers and (ii) public education on the use of full NRIC numbers as a unique identifier.
- *14. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what steps will be taken by the Government to ensure that the private sector will move away from using NRIC numbers as a means of authentication.
- *15. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Government will consider (i) stepping up enforcement actions (ii) encouraging or mandating entities to adopt other measures such as conducting audits and (iii) enhancing punitive actions against entities in the private sector for the non-compliance and improper use of NRIC numbers as a form of authentication.
- *16. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) why has the public service accepted and promulgated the masking of NRIC numbers in past years; (b) what has caused the change in thinking; and (c) whether all Government services will be reviewed for the possible use of other identifiers in lieu of unmasked NRIC numbers going forward, given the latest position that not using masked NRIC numbers does not mean unmasking all currently masked NRIC numbers.

- *17. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether, prior to 9 December 2024, the Personal Data Protection Commission had issued any directives to organisations against the use of NRIC numbers to authenticate an individual's identity or as default passwords; (b) if such directives were issued, how did the Ministry ensure their enforcement and compliance during this period; and (c) how many organisations, including banks and large insurers, continued using NRIC numbers for authentication or default passwords despite these directives.
- *18. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information as NRIC numbers are being used by many organisations including financial institutions to authenticate identity (a) what measures will be taken to ensure that security enhancement of Government systems are made before discontinuing with the masking of NRIC numbers; and (b) what measures will be taken to reassure and address Singaporeans' concerns about the cybersecurity risks associated with the unmasking of NRIC numbers within the Government.
- *19. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether any sanctions will be imposed on the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) or its officers for the exposure of Singaporeans' NRIC numbers through its Bizfile portal in December 2024; and (b) whether the continued exemption of Government agencies from the obligations of the Personal Data Protection Act needs to be reviewed.
- *20. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the proposed change in policy to treat NRIC numbers as equivalent to the full names of individuals is justifiable.
- *21. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in respect of the decision to unmask NRIC numbers (a) whether the Government has considered the data security implications of full NRIC numbers being made readily available; and (b) what is the Government's assessment of the risk of NRIC numbers being potentially used to unlock large amounts of information relating to the individual.
- *22. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what inter-Ministerial consultations were conducted prior to the decision to unmask NRIC numbers; (b) when was the decision taken to unmask NRIC numbers; (c) how does this policy align with international best practices on personal data protection; and (d) what measures are being taken to ensure that other personal identifiers can remain secure.
- *23. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with the move to unmask NRIC numbers (a) how will services such as telecommunication providers and banks be required to authenticate the identity of legitimate consumers moving forward; and (b) what is the timeline for updating the Personal Data Protection Commission's 2018 guidelines that govern the collection and protection of NRIC numbers.
- *24. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with regard to the Government's intention to change the practice of masking NRIC numbers, (a) how can citizens understand the implications if their NRIC numbers were to be utilised by bad actors; and (b) why was the use of NRIC as an identifier versus authenticator in the private sector not considered earlier as a requirement to amend, given the strong push towards a digital-first society.

- *25. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) when was the Ministry's circular that sought to change the practice of masking NRIC numbers dated and communicated to Government agencies; (b) when did the Ministry determine that such a change was necessary and begin planning for it; (c) whether any whole-of-Government discussions took place before and after the issuance of the circular; and (d) how many other agencies, apart from the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA), misread or misunderstood the circular.
- *26. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what were the specific incidents that led the Government to form its view that masking NRIC numbers gives one a false sense of security; (b) how long ago did the Government adopt this stance; and (c) what will the Government do to restore public trust from the pre-emptive move by ACRA's Bizfile ahead of a full and proper public consultation.
- *27. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the loss of individuals' identification numbers through the actions of private organisations is still considered a data breach under regulation 3(1)(a) of the Personal Data Protection (Notification of Data Breaches) Regulations; and (b) if so, whether such private organisations will be penalised according to regulations before the unmasking of NRIC numbers by ACRA took place.
- *28. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) in the last 12 years, how many organisations have been investigated and fined under the PDPA for disclosing NRIC numbers; (b) what is the total quantum of fines collected; (c) whether there is any public concern about the fines previously levied and, if so, what is the Government's response to such concerns; and (d) what is the projected cost of the public re-education campaign to desensitise citizens to information that organisations were previously punished for disclosing.
- *29. Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) when is the policy to discontinue the use of masked NRIC numbers in new business processes and Government services planned to be implemented; (b) what plans does the Ministry have on educating the public regarding the policy change and the rationale behind the change; (c) whether public concerns on the policy change will expedite the initial public education plans; and (d) how will the Ministry address concerns regarding the potential misuse and abuse of unmasked NRIC numbers by scam syndicates.
- *30. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the Government's and statutory boards' obligations in relation to citizens' personal data under the Public Sector Governance Act and their own internal rules; (b) whether ACRA's release of unmasked NRIC numbers between 9 and 14 December 2024 breached any of these obligations; (c) what recourse does an affected individual have if there is a breach; and (d) what other actions will be taken to hold those involved in the release of the unmasked NRIC numbers accountable.
- *31. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) for what period has ACRA's Bizfile online portal allowed searches to readily access an individual person's NRIC number; (b) whether the Government has assessed the additional risks of identity theft and scams when NRIC numbers are readily searchable digitally such as via the Bizfile online portal; and (c) how is Bizfile's public access, ease and rapidity of search considered against the whole-of-Government approach towards the handling of NRIC numbers as personal data.

- *32. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the reasons for allowing ACRA's Bizfile platform to display full NRIC numbers of individuals searchable by name; (b) how does this align with Singapore's data protection policies under the Personal Data Protection Act; and (c) how will the Ministry ensure that Government platforms do not prematurely launch features that may lead to privacy and cybersecurity concerns without adequate public and industry consultation.
- *33. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the reasons for ACRA's decision to implement a feature that allows public access to full NRIC numbers despite established guidelines on data protection and privacy risk considerations; (b) how does the Government reconcile ACRA's approach in treating NRIC numbers as a public identifier with Singaporeans' expectations of privacy and the risks of identity theft; and (c) whether the Ministry will conduct a comprehensive review of all Government portals to ensure compliance with data protection best practices.
- *34. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether there are processes and checks in place for inter-agency coordination before a new initiative, like the refreshed ACRA Bizfile portal, is rolled out; and (b) whether the Ministry has considered that a publicly searchable database of all Singaporeans' names and their NRICs can pose a risk or cause distress to people.
- *35. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether ACRA has taken into consideration the likely public concerns and reactions with regard to NRIC numbers being searchable on the Bizfile portal when deciding to allow the unmasking of NRIC numbers on the portal; and (b) whether ACRA is aware of the prevailing public understanding that NRIC numbers should be treated as private and confidential.
- *36. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for Singaporeans whose NRIC were unmasked on ACRA's Bizfile portal between 9 December 2024 and 13 December 2024 (a) what is the Government's assessment of the likely risks and exposure that any of their NRIC numbers may have actually been accessed and downloaded by malicious actors for scams or onward sale during that period; and (b) if so, whether the Government is prepared to provide suitable compensation or remedy to such individuals.
- *37. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the exact number of unique NRIC numbers that were available to be viewed publicly on the ACRA Bizfile portal between 9 and 13 December 2024; (b) how many distinct users have conducted searches that returned these numbers; and (c) whether ACRA will contact individuals who have had their NRIC numbers returned in the results to inform them that their details have been disclosed and to educate them about the potential misuse and heightened scam risks.
- *38. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how will the \$900 million Bus Connectivity Enhancement Programme improve public bus connectivity for residents in newer housing precincts along Keat Hong Close, Choa Chu Kang Avenue 7, and Keat Hong Link; and (b) whether direct bus connectivity will be provided to key towns such as Teck Whye and Jurong East Central in particular.
- *39. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in light of the number of workplace fatalities in 2024 and the implementation of the safety time-out in November 2024, how effective has this measure been in raising safety awareness within the industry; and (b) what additional steps can the Ministry take to further enhance safety awareness and ensure compliance with workplace safety regulations.

- *40. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the spike in workplace fatalities in the construction section in the second half of 2024 (a) how many active construction sites participated in the Safety Time-Out called by the Ministry in November 2024; (b) whether the Ministry has analysed if there were any specific reasons behind the sharp rise in workplace fatalities; and (c) how does the Ministry intend to address this concerning trend.
- *41. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) of the 15 construction workplace deaths in the second half of 2024, how many have involved companies that have been allowed to resume work after only completing general safety reviews following earlier serious incidents; (b) whether the Ministry will automatically require external safety audits and specific structural changes to be implemented before work can resume at sites with fatalities given this stricter approach have successfully reduced deaths during the 2022 heightened safety period; and (c) if not, why not.
- *42. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the addition of another two ride-hailing operators in 2025 (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact on the availability of private hire cars on the road and ride fares; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact on the availability of Certificates of Entitlement.
- *43. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry is aware of any manual manipulation of delivery status codes for any parcel deliveries within Singapore; (b) what further actions, investigations or audits have the Ministry or the Info-communications Media Development Authority ordered SingPost to conduct; and (c) considering the important role that postal delivery plays for the service of legal notices and court papers, how can trust be preserved in the reliability of postal services.
- *44. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many instances of non-compliance of telemedicine guidelines have been reported to or identified by the Ministry in the past year given the recent findings of potential lapses in telehealth consultations; (b) what are the primary reasons for these lapses; (c) what steps have been taken to minimise such lapses; and (d) whether there is a protocol for patients to seek support and advice if they have concerns and wish to report a telehealth consultation.
- *45. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in light of the revocation of MaNaDr Clinic's licence to provide outpatient medical services, whether the Ministry has observed any similar trends of unethical telemedicine practices by licensed providers of outpatient medical services, particularly of short consultations; (b) whether there is any evidence of misuse in the dispensation of drugs in this case; and (c) what other penalties or disciplinary actions have been imposed on the licensed medical practitioners associated with the clinic.
- *46. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the last year, how many medical clinics providing teleconsultations have been audited or investigated for irregularities; (b) of these, how many clinics have been issued warnings or subject to more severe penalties; and (c) what are the common irregularities committed by such clinics.
- *47. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the Government's assessment regarding the risk of vaping devices and equipment being repurposed for the distribution and administration of substances prohibited under the Misuse of Drugs Act; and (b) whether there can be upfront closer collaboration between agencies to address issues arising from vaping devices.

- *48. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has studied (i) the relation of vaping with the increased risk of progressing to drug abuse and (ii) the risk of vapes as an apparatus for delivery mechanism for the consumption of a controlled drug; and (b) whether the Ministry will classify vapes as an apparatus or other article under section 9 of the Misuse of Drugs Act given the risk of vapes being misused for drug abuse.
- *49. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will consider categorising vapes containing controlled drugs and their associated paraphernalia under the same legal framework as the drugs themselves, imposing similar penalties for trafficking and consumption; and (b) what specific measures are being taken to raise public awareness, particularly among young people, about the dangers of consuming etomidate and other drugs through vapes.
- *50. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how will the Ministry staff the additional 40,000 infant care and childcare places announced to be open over the next five years; and (b) how will other related sectors that are short of manpower be not negatively impacted.
- *51. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in view of the plan by the Early Childhood Development Agency to add 40,000 new infant care and childcare places by 2029 (a) whether the operators will face challenges in recruiting and training qualified early childhood educators; (b) if so, how does the Ministry plan to work with industry stakeholders to address this issue; and (c) whether the Ministry will put in place measures to ensure that the expansion does not compromise the quality of care and education provided.
- *52. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the assessment of recent reported incidents of knife crime incidents where individuals use knives to harm others; (b) whether there has been an up-trend and, if so, what are the assessed reasons; and (c) what is being done to ensure that Singaporeans continue to have a safe and secure living environment.
- *53. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent knife attack at a place of worship, what is being done beyond higher frequency in Police patrols to provide personal safety assurance at places of worship.
- *54. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the Australian government's recent move to ban social media access for individuals under the age of 16 through legislation (a) what is the Government's current assessment of the effectiveness of such bans in protecting young users from online harms; and (b) whether the Government has plans to consider similar measures, or alternative regulatory approaches, to further safeguard children and teenagers on social media platforms in Singapore.
- *55. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what has been the take-up rates and usage patterns for the recently announced \$4,000 SkillsFuture Credit (SKC) top-up for Singaporeans aged 40 and above; and (b) beyond the existing measures, what new initiatives is SkillsFuture Singapore planning to implement to ensure that the course offerings remain relevant to emerging economic trends and industry needs, and to boost the usage of SKC.
- *56. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many individuals have benefited from the SkillsFuture Credit (Mid-Career) top-up under the new SkillsFuture Level-Up Programme since its commencement on 1 May 2024; and (b) what is the breakdown of the types of courses or disciplines pursued by beneficiaries under this programme since its inception.

- *57. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many individuals have tapped on the SkillsFuture Credit (Mid-Career) top-up under the SkillsFuture Level-Up Programme since its commencement on 1 May 2024; and (b) what is the breakdown of the types of courses and training providers of the courses enrolled in by the applicants since the inception of the programme.
- *58. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what measures are in place to ensure the rapid deployment of public health interventions, such as vaccination or containment measures in response to the potential spread of emerging diseases to Singapore such as H5N1 or the recent outbreak of an unidentified flu-like disease in the Democratic Republic of Congo; and (b) what support and resources are being provided to healthcare workers to protect them from high-risk diseases.
- *59. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in respect of the new Guidelines on Healthy Family Boundaries (a) what social trends were observed that prompted the Ministry to detail delineating acceptable behaviours in child caregiving practices; and (b) how will families with financial challenges and living in tight spaces be able to uphold the practices recommended in the guidelines.
- *60. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what was the process for formulating the Guidelines on Healthy Family Boundaries on caregiving boundaries between parents and children; (b) which groups and individuals were consulted to determine these guidelines; (c) whether these guidelines take into account different social and cultural norms within Singapore's multi-racial and multi-religious society; and (d) how do these guidelines address the challenges of single parents with children of the opposite sex, or large families living in small spaces.
- *61. 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.
- *62. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of an incident involving an attack on police officers using improvised flamethrower in November 2024, what is being done to equip and protect police officers to deter targeted attacks on them.
- *63. Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) since the introduction of the Primary Care Plan (PCP) in 2022, how many migrant workers have benefited from access to primary care services under this programme; (b) what metrics has the Ministry used to measure the success of the PCP; and (c) whether any financial benefits have been reported by employers as a result of migrant workers' access to the PCP, particularly in terms of reducing healthcare-related absences and maintaining productivity.
- *64. 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.
- *65. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance how can the services and information on the Government Disbursement Schemes website, www.govbenefits.gov.sg, be also made accessible to residents who are illiterate or not digitally able.

- *66. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether there is any update on the Ministry's plan to issue tripartite guidelines on the inclusion of restraint of trade clauses in employment contracts.
- *67. **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.
- *68. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Government assesses that there are more advantages as opposed to disadvantages in legislating for an age-limit on the use of social media access by young children and teenagers; and (b) if not, why not.
- *69. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there has been any study on the effects of Mother Tongue Language (MTL) options on stress levels for students who have been offered MTL options; (b) whether this practice has led to an emphasis on textbook competency over functional literacy; and (c) whether this practice significantly disadvantages children who may have weaker disposition toward languages, despite being gifted in other academic areas.
- *70. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs since the legalisation of the use of cannabis in Thailand, how many Singapore residents who have been caught for consumption of cannabis or cannabis food products claimed to have consumed them ignorantly or unwittingly.
- *71. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many public rental flat tenants experienced rent increases in the past year due to income increases; (b) what was the average percentage increase in such cases; (c) whether the Ministry has conducted studies into the extent to which rent increases may disincentivise work or income progression among tenants; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider further refining the current rent adjustment model to better support tenants' efforts towards financial independence.
- *72. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government has conducted an assessment of the potential impact on retail businesses in Singapore with the commencement of the Singapore-Johor Bahru Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link in 2026.
- *73. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) whether the Ministry has considered creating dedicated workspaces in camps for NSmen during In-Camp Training (ICT) to handle urgent work without disrupting training; (b) what measures are in place to ensure employers do not interrupt NSmen's ICT obligations with work-related demands, particularly in roles requiring continuous availability; and (c) whether the Ministry will review policies to better balance ICT obligations with professional duties and ensure that NS obligations do not disadvantage Singaporean men in career progression compared to female and foreign counterparts.
- *74. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the whistleblowing report received by Singapore Post relating to its international e-commerce logistics parcels business which was also sent to the IMDA, whether the Government will (i) conduct further comprehensive reviews of the company to identify any non-compliance matters, including with IMDA's Universal Service Obligations and Quality of Service standards for postal service and (ii) relook its fundamental review of the postal sector.

- *75. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the typical nature of youth offences under the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act; (b) whether the Ministry is aware of any key factors leading to the rise of such offences between 2019 and 2023; and (c) if not, whether there are plans to study this trend to come up with mitigation measures.
- *76. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will review the lifetime funding cap of the Assistive Technology Fund in light of the rising costs of assistive technology products and services.
- *77. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are URA's development plans for the Marsiling and Woodgrove Divisions; and (b) what are the timelines for these plans.
- *78. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the planned Sembawang and Woodlands housing developments on sites with endangered species (a) what criteria will be used when evaluating the recommended mitigation measures in the Environmental Impact Assessment report for these developments; (b) how will the Ministry oversee the implementation and monitoring of these mitigation measures during and after the construction works; and (c) whether independent ecological experts and community volunteers will be involved in this monitoring process to ensure accountability.
- *79. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the People's Association's plans for the Eunos Community Club (CC); (b) why has the CC remained hoarded up and closed to Eunos residents for many years; and (c) when does the Ministry intend for it to be reopened for resident and community use.
- *80. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what safeguards and regulations will MAS be implementing in order to address public concerns about the potential misuse of personal data, including NRIC numbers, under the Personal Data Protection Commission's advisory guidelines to be updated to align with the Government's new policy intent; and (b) what steps will be taken to reassure banking clients that the risk of thefts of identities will be eliminated, particularly in light of increasing cybersecurity threats.
- *81. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether banks and financial institutions will be required to enhance account authentication requirements for access to services and information, beyond requesting for NRIC numbers, phone numbers or full names; and (b) if so, how will the roll-out be timed with the discontinuation of the use of masked NRIC numbers within the Government.
- *82. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to improve public recognition of mental health conditions such as obsessive-compulsive disorder and schizophrenia which, based on a recent study by the Institute of Mental Health, remain less recognised by the respondents of the study despite overall improvements in mental health literacy.
- *83. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the last five years, how many motorists have been caught for making illegal left-, right- and U-turns; (b) how many injuries and deaths have been caused by such violations; (c) how many of these injuries and deaths have occurred near or within Silver Zones and School Zones; and (d) what measures are in place to strengthen compliance and enforcement of traffic laws and rules.

- *84. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many cases of infringement or nuisance have been reported since the temporary relaxation of the occupancy cap to allow larger private residential properties to house up to eight unrelated persons from 22 January 2024; and (b) what enforcement actions have been taken for such cases.
- *85. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the recent results of the Survey of Adult Skills under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's (OECD) Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) which indicate a decline in English literacy skills amongst older workers in Singapore, whether the Ministry has any initiatives in place to help Singaporeans maintain literacy levels as they age.
- *86. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are new or additional plans to address the findings of the latest survey results released by the PIAAC, conducted by OECD which indicate a decline and below-average performance in adult literacy after the age of 35; and (b) what do these findings mean for the competitiveness of our Singaporean workers and workforce, given that we depend on our human capital for our country's survival and prosperity.
- *87. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how has the SkillsFuture movement supported the skills development and upgrading of different cohorts of Singaporeans aged (i) 25-39 (ii) 40-54 (iii) 55 and above; and (b) how does the performance of these cohorts compare with their international peers in terms of skills development and skills currency.
- *88. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the results of International Assessment of Adult Competencies which is a global test of adult skills conducted by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (a) what targeted initiatives are being implemented to address the decline in literacy skills among adults over 35 years old; and (b) how does the Ministry support individuals in multilingual work environments to maintain and enhance their English literacy skills.
- *89. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding the recent report on the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) (a) whether Singapore's SkillsFuture programme have objectives that measure outcomes in a similar way to PIAAC in terms of (i) social and economic impact and (ii) performance of education and training system; and (b) whether specific areas of skills to be improved can be drawn from this report to enhance the SkillsFuture programme.
- *90. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the results of the PIAAC released by OECD which have indicated that Singapore scored at the average for adaptive problem-solving and flagged a significant decline in literacy after age of 35 (a) whether this affects the employability of workers within this age group as businesses adapt to rapid changes; and (b) whether there will be measures to work with employers and institutions to support and enhance the literacy skills of mid-career workers.
- *91. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the current support quanta across all Government assistance schemes for low and medium-income workers can be further revised to enable them to stay above the increased cost of living resulting from cyclical and non-cyclical inflation.

- *92. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what progress has been made in developing new technical solutions to address current constraints in detecting high-rise littering; and (b) how will these advancements support NEA's efforts in investigating and resolving cases where conventional surveillance methods are unsuitable.
- *93. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many cases of credit card fraud have been reported over the past three years; (b) what is the quantum of losses; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider a framework similar to that of the Shared Responsibility Framework to set out the responsibilities of banks in credit card fraud, especially in clarifying what constitutes an act of gross negligence by the cardholder and the reasonable timeframe for notification of credit card fraud.
- *94. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what has been the overall response rate of operationally-ready NSmen to the both silent and open mobilisation exercises; (b) how have these mobilisation exercises been useful in preparing the NSmen to be mobilised under the Ministry's scenario planning drills related to the on-going developments in the Middle East and Europe; and (c) to what extent is realism injected in the deployment exercises in these mobilisation exercises.
- *95. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the employer's obligation to ensure that a foreign worker has access to food when the worker is a resident of a dormitory includes an obligation to ensure that the food is not only safe but also nutritious.
- *96. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the number of passengers arriving at Changi Airport in 2024; (b) what are the maximum capacity utilization rates of Changi Airport Terminals 1 to 4 respectively in 2024; and (c) whether an update can be provided on the construction of Terminal 5 in view of the capacity utilization rates of the other terminals.
- *97. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether his Ministry has conducted a study on the need for and effectiveness of the provision of childcare sick leave to civil servants.
- *98. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the causes for the recent spate of telecommunications disruptions that Singaporeans have had to face, the latest being a disruption to Singtel services on 24 October 2024; and (b) what steps are being taken by the telecommunications service providers and the Government agencies to address the root causes of these disruptions.
- *99. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the amount and percentage of the total available (i) Qualifying Child Relief and (ii) Parenthood Tax Rebate, that effectively went unutilised in the Year of Assessment for 2024, because parents had sub-optimally left the relief or rebate to be allocated equally between them; and (b) whether IRAS will consider providing a simple tool for parents to provisionally calculate their taxable income and available reliefs before official assessment.
- *100. Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks the rate of miscarriages from pregnancies through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) in public hospitals; (b) whether this rate of miscarriages is higher than that of normal pregnancies in the last three years; and (c) whether there are Government-funded clinical studies on measures that can reduce the risks of miscarriages from pregnancies through IVF.

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- *101. **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.
- *102. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether NEA has any plans to upgrade and expand the Marsiling Lane Market and Cooked Food Centre to cater to an increasing resident population in the vicinity with more BTO projects to be completed in the future.
- *103. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what measures has ICA taken to provide non-digital access to applications, particularly in relation to applications for Singapore Citizenship, Permanent Residence or Long-Term Visit Pass by residents who are illiterate or not digitally able.
- *104. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the rezoning of the plot of land at Amber Road (MK25-06273M) from “Reserved” to “Residential”, particularly whether the roads in the precinct will be able to support the additional traffic with the increase in the density of the residential homes in the area; and (b) whether the Government will consider the creation of more public parks and recreational spaces for residents in the Amber Road area.
- *105. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the expected increase in peak-hour train frequency on the North-East Line (NEL) with the progressive addition of six new trains since July 2023 and the recent opening of the Punggol Coast MRT Station; (b) when will the increased frequency be implemented; and (c) what is the (i) maximum number of trains that can be operating on the NEL and (ii) minimum interval between trains based on current technical constraints of the NEL.
- *106. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many complaints have been received in the past year regarding persons suspected of misusing an address or failing to report a change of residential address within 28 days of moving; and (b) what measures are in place to remove such persons’ names and rectify the official records to prevent affecting the access to various Government schemes by households at these residential addresses.
- *107. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the accident at Tuas South on 15 December 2024 involving a lorry transporting workers, which resulted in one fatality and two injuries (a) whether the cause of the passenger’s death was due to the concurrent transportation of an improperly secured item in the rear deck area; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the review to further improve the safety of transporting workers and prevent future accidents from occurring.
- *108. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what current percentage of lorries that are required to be installed with speed limiters have complied with the requirement.
- *109. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider providing a dedicated feeder bus service between the Woodlands Checkpoint and Woodlands Bus Interchange for travellers journeying to and from Johor Bahru so as to ease the congestion that especially affects residents who are commuting during peak hours.

* 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.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Home Affairs:

Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.

2. Minister for Home Affairs:

Maintenance of Racial Harmony Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 45/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

2. Protection from Scams Bill [Bill No. 43/2024] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

3. Electronic Gazette and Legislation Bill [Bill No. 47/2024] – (Minister for Digital Development and Information) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

4. Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 44/2024] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

5. Communicable Diseases Agency Bill [Bill No. 46/2024] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

6. Workplace Fairness Bill [Bill No. 50/2024] – (Minister for Manpower) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

7. Food Safety and Security Bill [Bill No. 49/2024] – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

8. Customs (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 48/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 24 dated 7 January 2025.]

MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Hazel Poa : A More Equitable Certificate of Entitlement (COE) System.
(Non-Constituency Member)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Public Service Division will consider allowing retired civil servants to continue accessing their Learn.gov.sg accounts in the spirit of lifelong learning and continuing education.
- 2. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Monetary Authority of Singapore has any directives or regulatory requirements that compel banks to close joint accounts upon being notified of the death of a joint account holder; and (b) if not, whether it can consider allowing banks to let surviving joint account holders, especially the elderly, retain bank account numbers after the death of a joint account holder.
- 3. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance during the period that ACRA's updated Bizfile portal was made publicly accessible (a) how many online searches for individuals have been performed; (b) how many of these searches are by NRIC; and (c) how many of such searches are from internet IP addresses (i) within Singapore and (ii) outside Singapore.
- 4. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many unmasked NRIC numbers have been exposed on the new ACRA's Bizfile before the search function is disabled; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider targeted communications to affected individuals to give them assurance on how they may protect themselves despite the exposure of their NRIC numbers.
- 5. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry's review of the incident involving the new ACRA's Bizfile will include (i) the time taken to reach the decision to eventually disable the search function and (ii) how the decision time could have been shortened; and (b) whether the findings and conclusions from the review will be made public.
- 6. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in respect of ACRA's new Bizfile portal before the search function was disabled (a) whether NRIC numbers of individuals who are non-office holders or business owners in Singapore were made available; (b) what is the number of days the new Bizfile portal was online; (c) what is the number of individuals whose NRIC numbers were disclosed in searches before the search function was disabled; and (d) whether these individuals will be notified of the disclosure.
- 7. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) has or intends to contact those persons whose unmasked NRIC numbers were obtained from ACRA's Bizfile portal to allay any concerns they may have.
- 8. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the fee-based access policy for information from ACRA's Bizfile+ portal will be extended to more personal data; (b) if so, what will these be; (c) whether the public will be informed ahead of time; and (d) how will individuals' privacy concerns be balanced with corporate transparency.

9. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the state of economic cooperation and bilateral trade relations between Singapore and the United States in the past five years; and (b) what are the particular areas in which the Government will like to grow economic and trade ties further under the new Trump administration.
10. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) in the past five years, how many enforcement actions has the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore conducted against errant businesses that flout the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act (CPFTA); and (b) whether the Ministry can provide a breakdown in accordance with the list of specific unfair practices as specified in the Second Schedule of the CPFTA.
11. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what percentage of total electricity consumption are data centres forecasted to contribute when capacities increase by at least a third in the coming years; and (b) whether this increase remains in line with our aim for greenhouse gas emissions to peak in 2028.
12. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the Malaysian Parliament's debate on the Royal Commission of Inquiry report on the affairs of Pedra Branca (a) whether its deliberations on the report will have any impact on the International Court of Justice's decision on the bilateral dispute between Singapore and Malaysia on Pedra Branca; (b) what is the current state of bilateral matters surrounding Pedra Branca; and (c) whether there are any outstanding issues which the Ministry has to resolve with its Malaysian counterparts.
13. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) with a breakdown by gender, what is the number of citizenships granted to those between the age of (i) 21 to 30 years old and (ii) 31 to 40 years old, respectively in 2024; and (b) of these, how many are married to Singaporeans.
14. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with the expansion of video recording of interviews (VRIs) to all non-capital cases involving vulnerable suspects (a) whether footage taken via body-worn cameras by police officers can be considered as part of VRIs and, if so, under what certain circumstances; and (b) what are the measures taken to preserve the chain of evidence of such footage and protect our Police and investigating officers against allegations of editing or tampering of the video footage especially given the prevalence of technological tools like deepfake.
15. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the storage capacity needed for data including but not limited to footage and audio for Police body cameras and other existing Police cameras; (b) what is the cost for such storage; and (c) what additional storage requirements and costs are estimated for including recorded video Police interviews.
16. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government keeps track of the presence of persons in Singapore who have become the subject of Interpol Red Notices; (b) how many of such person currently are (i) Singapore Citizens and (ii) Permanent Residents (PRs); and (c) in the case of such PRs, what is the Government's approach towards their PR status.
17. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there are individuals who are currently wanted persons on Interpol's Red Notice residing in Singapore and, if so, what is the number of such individuals; (b) what levels of monitoring or investigations are imposed on such persons; and (c) whether the requesting member countries or the individuals' country of citizenship are notified of their presence in Singapore.

18. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority conducts checks against the various Interpol notices, including Red Notices, as part of the routine process for assessing citizenship, permanent residency and work permit applications; and (b) what action is taken if a match is found.
19. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent anti-drink driving operations along the Central Expressway which have caused significant congestion on the expressway, how will the Traffic Police balance the need to enforce robustly against drink-driving against traffic congestion which impacts the accessibility of emergency vehicles and livelihoods of private-hire drivers.
20. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each of the past five years, how many Police advisories against individuals have been issued at the conclusion of Police investigations; and (b) what are the types of cases that warrant the issuance of such advisory notes.
21. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the recent knife attack incident in a place of worship, whether there are any increased safety measures to be taken and awareness or training on emergency or crisis response, for staff and volunteers of all places of worship with regard to such emergency situations.
22. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) what assistance is available to help seniors who live alone and have no family members or friends to draw up and formalise their wills; and (b) how can these seniors be sure that their wills will be accessed and executed accordingly after their death.
23. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what regulations are in place to hold accountable and support fish farmers who exit the industry so as to prevent marine debris and dumping.
24. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment regarding the 70 passengers and crew members who fell ill on the Coral Princess cruise that departed Singapore on 17 October 2024 (a) whether the source of contamination has been traced to supplies loaded in Singapore; and (b) if so, what corrective and preventive measures will be taken for food supplies loaded into cruises departing from Singapore.
25. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding OECD's Survey of Adult Skills 2023 which found that the average score of the literacy component for Singapore adults aged 16 to 65 fell below OECD's average (a) which sectors recorded a score that is below the Singapore average; (b) what are the whole-of-Government plans to improve the literacy of those in these sectors; and (c) what are the strategies to ensure that they can overcome literacy challenges to develop the skills needed to leverage on AI's potential fully.
26. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what evidence-based approaches and interventions in other parts of the world are being studied by the Ministry to improve on home ownership and school attendance trends in lower-income families.
27. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the latest report on Supporting Lower-Income Household Trends dated November 2024, whether the Ministry plans to conduct deeper studies on the practical, psychological and social reasons why (i) 93% of the ComLink+ families who are home-ownership ready have yet to buy a flat and move out of public rental housing and (ii) only 26% of ComLink+ families with preschool-aged children in Anchor Operator preschools were attending school regularly in 2023.

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28. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) for each year in the past five years, how many cases of child abuse and child neglect have been reported to the National Anti-Violence and Sexual Harassment Helpline, respectively; and (b) what are the types of follow-up actions taken after a case is reported.
29. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how is the Ministry addressing the higher levels of stigma towards mental health conditions observed in specific demographics, such as in older adults or individuals with lower education levels; and (b) what targeted interventions are planned to support such groups.
30. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how is the effectiveness of existing initiatives aimed at reducing stigma against individuals with mental health conditions being evaluated; and (b) what plans are in place to sustain the reduction of mental health stigma over the next five years.
31. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of Singaporeans who are on long-term anti-depressant medication; (b) if so, what are the current figures; (c) how will the Ministry raise public awareness about the potential impact of inappropriate consumption and the long-term effects of anti-depressant use, given its accessibility from alternative sources; and (d) how is the Ministry addressing the root causes of young people's reliance on anti-depressants as a primary coping mechanism.
32. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what ethical considerations does the Ministry have regarding the prescription of puberty blockers to individuals who are experiencing gender dysphoria and under the age of 18; (b) what are the known and potential medical risks associated with the use of puberty blockers in minors; and (c) what safeguards are in place to protect minors from undergoing such medical interventions without their full and informed consent, even if guardians or parents have given their consent.
33. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry is reviewing or increasing the MediSave usage limits for baby delivery expenses in light of the Government promoting parenthood and childbirth.
34. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether outpatient clinics in private hospitals can opt out of sharing patient health records with the National Electronic Health Record (NEHR); (b) whether patients treated at private hospitals can opt out of contributing their health records to the NEHR; (c) if opting out is not possible, whether patients can restrict access to their NEHR records by other healthcare practitioners; and (d) how can patients be guaranteed that their health data in the NEHR system cannot be accessed by insurance companies.
35. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's timeline for developing guidelines on Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) for treating cancer; (b) whether studies have been conducted on its potential as a screening tool and its cost-effectiveness and included lessons learnt from other countries' experiences; (c) whether there are plans for wider NGS implementation as a diagnostic and treatment tool; and (d) if so, whether Medisave will eventually cover NGS.
36. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry has plans to commission local studies to (i) examine how it can improve efforts to encourage our ageing and stay-alone seniors to stay connected with the community and (ii) consider the usefulness and practicality of tracking the number of senior citizens who pass away alone and undetected at home.

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37. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what steps is the Ministry taking to improve digital literacy among elderly citizens to reduce feelings of isolation; (b) whether the Ministry has assessed the success of existing digital literacy programmes, and what metrics are used to measure their impact on elderly well-being and connectivity; and (c) what policies or programmes are in place to facilitate in-person social connections for elderly residents who may not be able to engage digitally.
38. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the National Library Board has implemented any public lending rights schemes in respect of literary works written or published by local authors or publishers that may address potential related issues such as the loss of sales of these works when they are borrowed from libraries instead of being purchased; and (b) if not, why not.
39. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the rationale for the Government's intention to stop the practice of partially masking NRIC numbers and why at the present time; and (b) whether the era of artificial intelligence and machine learning has accelerated the likelihood of organisations reverse engineering significant portions of the NRIC database through scraping and collating existing personal data collections, including lucky draw registrants and customer lists from the pre-PDPA era.
40. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in respect of the Government's new policy intent to stop the masking of NRIC numbers, what measures will be rolled out to (i) protect less savvy members of the public from fraud that may arise and (ii) guide businesses on how to interpret and translate the new policy intent with existing Personal Data Protection Commission's guidelines on the collection and use of full or partial NRIC numbers into business operations.
41. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the privacy risks of the current NRIC number structure; (b) whether measures will be considered to transition to a structure that excludes identifiable information such as the year of birth and mitigates reverse-engineering risks through improved cryptographic safeguards or an alternative checksum system; and (c) whether individuals may apply for an NRIC number change in cases of privacy breaches causing severe misuse or financial loss.
42. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a separate unique identifier for Singapore residents for use in digital and administrative systems, distinct from the NRIC number; (b) if so, whether such an identifier can be designed to allow updates or changes following data breaches or leaks; and (c) whether any feasibility studies have been conducted on such implementation.
43. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what are the Ministry's plans to conduct public education and communications on the wider use of NRIC numbers as unique identifiers and to move away from masked NRIC numbers.
44. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Singapore Police Force has received any reports from complainants who received suspected scam calls by persons who cited their full NRIC numbers, possibly by obtaining their unmasked NRIC numbers from the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority's Bizfile portal when the search function was available.

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45. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) why the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)'s private residential property transactions e-Service does not show details of transactions where caveats are not lodged; and (b) whether the e-Service can be modified to include details of transactions where caveats are not lodged.
46. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB has studied the feasibility of introducing non-smoking HDB blocks where smoking is not allowed even inside the homes, to give non-smokers the option of living amongst non-smoking neighbours.
47. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there have been past instances whereby funds from the Co-operative Societies Liquidation Account (CSLA) were used under section 88 of the Co-operative Societies Act to support the co-operative movement; (b) whether there are future plans to use the CSLA funds to support the co-operative societies in Singapore; and (c) if so, what are they.
48. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry has any updates on the new uses planned for the former St Joseph's Institution building on Bras Basah Road and former Catholic High School building on Queen Street.
49. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in light of the planned developments for the Greater Southern Waterfront project, whether there are any relocation plans in place for the Singapore Art Museum at Tanjong Pagar Distripark.
50. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Government has plans to observe the 10th anniversary of Mr Lee Kuan Yew's death on 23 March 2025.
51. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in view of the state of the sports and community facilities at Petal Gardens in the Eunos ward of Aljunied GRC (a) when does the People's Association (PA) plan to renovate and modernise the futsal court and other facilities there; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider returning this area to the Town Council for management for community use as it was prior to the year 2011.
52. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can consider granting short-term work permits to allow households to temporarily employ an additional migrant domestic worker (MDW) over an interim period when their current MDW returns to their home country for an extended period of time.
53. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the annual percentage of S Pass holders who had completed the Cultural Orientation Programme (COP) since the pilot started in 2023; and (b) whether the Ministry is planning to expand the reach of such programmes, namely (i) implementing the COP after the pilot expires in 2025 and (ii) extending the mandatory settling-in programme for non-Malaysian work permit holders to those in services sectors.
54. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to errant company owners who fail to comply with orders made by the Small Claims Tribunal or Employment Claims Tribunal in favour of freelancers and workers (a) which are the sectors that currently have higher percentages of firms that do not comply with such orders; (b) whether steps are taken by the Ministry and the relevant public sector agencies to stem the proliferation of such non-compliances; and (c) if so, what are they.

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55. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests (a) other than referring the non-compliance by employers to the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices or their respective unions, what other actions may be taken to encourage compliance by employers; (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any studies from other jurisdictions on effective measures to encourage flexible work arrangements; and (c) what are the plans to monitor utilisation and compliance with such Guidelines.
56. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) since 2022, what is the annual number of foreign workers who have applied for and are granted permission to work under the Temporary Job Scheme while under investigation by the authorities; and (b) what are the main reasons for applications that are unsuccessful.
57. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry is aware of any abuse of the in-principle approval (IPA) system by employers to prevent migrant workers from seeking other employment in Singapore; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry intends to review the IPA system.
58. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the proposed service pattern along the Circle Line once Stage 6, which will close the loop between HarbourFront and Marina Bay MRT stations, is completed in 2026; (b) whether the existence of the Dhoby Ghaut to Promenade branch of the Circle Line is expected to impact service frequencies on the rest of the Line once Stage 6 is completed; (c) if so, where might the issue arise; and (d) how might it be mitigated.
59. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the ageing profile of local bus drivers and a lack of young entrants into the bus driving industry, how will the Ministry ensure that both public and private bus services remain sustainable and reliable over the next 10 years.
60. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many projects on connecting covered linkways to MRT stations are still outstanding; and (b) whether LTA can better resource the LTA construction team in order to expedite the works so that residents can have access to sheltered linkways as soon as possible.
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