

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

**ORDER PAPER
THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2025**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many Police reports have been made in 2023 and 2024 regarding fraudulent or counterfeit merchandise sold on e-commerce platforms where the seller and buyer were both in Singapore; (b) what were the considerations for such cases being deemed as commercial disputes rather than instances of cheating or scams; and (c) what recourse is available for affected buyers.
- *2. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the full cost of constructing and dismantling the temporary competition venue at Carpark G near the Kallang Tennis and Football Hubs for the 2025 World Aquatics Championships; and (b) what are the outcomes of any feasibility studies looking into extending the use of the competition venue after these Championships instead of dismantling it.
- *3. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the estimated number of international visitors expected to attend the 2025 World Aquatics Championships; (b) what methodology was used to arrive at this estimate; and (c) what is the projected total tourism revenue to be generated from these visitors.
- *4. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to feedback received by HDB from residents on suspected excessive hoarding in a neighbour's flat (a) what is the protocol for HDB officers to verify and ascertain if the excessive hoarding is true; (b) what is the existing coordination protocol between HDB and SCDF under the inter-agency Hoarding Management Core Group to mitigate fire risks associated with reported excessive hoarding in HDB flats; and (c) whether the Ministry will review and enhance both protocols.
- *5. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what protections or assistance can the Ministry provide to social workers from social service organisations when they are faced with threats or harassment arising from the cases they handled, besides making reports of the threats and harassment to the Police.
- *6. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the cause of the oil leak at the Brani Regional Base of the Police Coast Guard on 5 February 2025 which has resulted in 23 tonnes of diesel being leaked into the waters south of Singapore; (b) whether there will be a formal investigation to ascertain the causes of the oil leak; and (c) if so, whether the full findings can be made known to the public.

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- *7. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether an update can be provided on Government's study on the recognition of Singapore Sign Language (SgSL) as Singapore's official sign language; and (b) what steps will the Ministry take to further enhance accessibility of Government communications and information via SgSL interpreters.
- *8. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Government will consider increasing funding support to (i) document the Singapore Sign Language (SgSL) (ii) provide more quality training for SgSL interpreters and teachers of the deaf (iii) provide more professional SgSL interpreter services and (iv) ensure SgSL interpretation is accessible in funded institutions of the Ministry of Education.
- *9. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has received reports about school bus attendants being required to install and use mobile apps for their duties, such as a school transport app, and not having been reimbursed for (i) mobile phone purchases or (ii) mobile data used for such duties; (b) if so, how many reports have been received; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider providing support to affected school bus attendants.
- *10. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health in the last five, years how many (i) incidents of postpartum depression and (ii) suicides resulting from postpartum depression have there been amongst mothers.
- *11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether an update can be provided on the further steps to be taken to enhance the Environmental Impact Assessment framework.
- *12. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the Taxi Subsidy Scheme or introducing additional measures to cap surcharges, so that motorised wheelchair users who need to travel for purposes other than to school, work or employment-related training when public transport is unavailable have more affordable travel options; and (b) whether the Ministry has studied models from cities such as New York and Dubai where wheelchair-accessible transport services operate round the clock at standard taxi or ride-hailing fares for persons with disabilities.
- *13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has plans to enhance the curriculum at the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) to provide all trainee educators with comprehensive training in supporting children with developmental needs.
- *14. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) from 2020 to 2024, what is the take-up rate for vaccines listed in the National Adult Immunisation Schedule; and (b) whether there are plans to increase Government subsidies for these vaccines to improve the overall take-up rate.
- *15. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry can ensure that childcare centres within new HDB BTO estates can already be operational at a lower scale when residents start collecting their keys to their new homes and reach full operational level within a few months after all residents have collected their keys.
- *16. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) over the past three years, what is the yearly number of Magistrate's Complaints filed; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider implementing a public awareness education programme or campaign on the use of Magistrate's Complaints which may be used to aid criminal investigations by the Singapore Police Force.

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- *17. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has plans to implement a system to enhance accountability among renovation contractors to ensure that they deliver on promised services; and (b) whether there are plans to introduce a mandatory accreditation process for all renovation contractors in Singapore.
- *18. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what programmes are available to help promote and nurture young golfing talent in Singapore considering that access to public golf facilities and courses is now limited due to the reallocation and closure of such public facilities.
- *19. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the progress and recommendations of the Public Toilets Taskforce on its plans to improve the cleanliness of public toilets; (b) to date, how many coffee shops are repeat offenders for toilet cleanliness issues and whether there are increased penalties for them; and (c) how can private coffee shops be held more accountable for toilet cleanliness.
- *20. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether vendors providing motorised mobility devices eligible for subsidy schemes such as the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund or the Assistive Technology Fund are required to maintain adequate supply chains for replacement parts such as device batteries; and (b) whether such vendors are subject to responsiveness standards for device repairs including parts replacements.
- *21. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what were the main reasons for amending the route of Bus Service 14 to no longer serve bus stops along Dover Avenue and Dover Road from 9 September 2018; (b) whether the \$900 million Bus Connectivity Enhancement Programme that was announced on 30 July 2024 will improve public bus connectivity for residents in the Dover Crescent area; and (c) if so, how.
- *22. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what dispute resolution framework is in place for consumers who encounter issues with non-CaseTrust-accredited renovation contractors; (b) whether the Ministry can provide more support for consumers to get redress from non-CaseTrust-accredited contractors for unfulfilled services; and (c) whether the Ministry has measures in place to assist consumers should the renovation company or contractor declare bankruptcy or disappear prior to the resolution of the dispute.

* 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.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. BUDGET STATEMENT:

Resumption of Debate on Question (18 February 2025) (2nd Allotted Day) –

“That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.”. – (Prime Minister and Minister for Finance).

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of the recent easing of monetary policy stance to favour a more gradual appreciation of the Singapore dollar (a) how does the MAS assess the impact of this policy move on import prices, particularly essential consumer goods like food; and (b) what measures are in place to mitigate any adverse effects on consumers.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in light of neighbouring countries attracting investments which bolster their currencies (a) what strategies is MAS implementing to enhance Singapore's appeal to investors; and (b) how does the current monetary policy align with these efforts.
3. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what proportion of emissions from the refining and petrochemical sector is subject to carbon tax rebates in 2024; and (b) what is the effective carbon tax paid per ton of carbon emissions, after rebates, by the refining and petrochemical sector in 2024.
4. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Law what current proportion of landed properties in Singapore are (i) freehold (ii) on 999-year leases and (iii) on leases shorter than 999 years.
5. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) why does the National University Hospital need to pay \$10,000 to have Aminin Amin Sham Simon's actual identity rectified in its systems; (b) in the last five years, how many such cases of identity rectification have occurred in the public hospitals; (c) how much has been paid for such cases; and (d) whether the quantum of fees for identity rectification can be reduced and, if not, why not.
6. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there is a standard protocol for verifying patients' identities when they are admitted to hospitals without any form of identification such as an NRIC; and (b) if so, what is the standard.
7. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information to date, what is the total funding provided by the Government to SPH Media Trust in FY2024.
8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the (i) total and (ii) proportion of Singapore's land area that has been set aside for the construction of HDB flats in the Singapore Master Plan 2019; and (b) whether there are plans to increase this land area in the Draft Master Plan 2025.
9. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development what current proportion of Singapore's landed properties are (i) Good Class Bungalows (ii) detached houses that are not Good Class Bungalows (iii) semi-detached houses and (iv) terrace houses respectively.
10. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how does the Urban Redevelopment Authority determine that Good Class Bungalows should only occupy up to 40% of the size of their land plots; and (b) whether this proportion will be reviewed in future, in view of competing land use needs.
11. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the total land area redesignated for residential use during the current term of Government.

- 12. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past five years, what are the mean and median balances in the CPF accounts of residents who are outside of the labour force due to caregiving responsibilities, in the respective age groups of (i) 15 to 29 (ii) 30 to 39 (iii) 40 to 49 and (iv) 50 and above.
- 13. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) as of January 2025, what is (i) the number of registered electric motorcycles in Singapore and (ii) the percentage of all registered motorcycles that are electric; and (b) what plans does the Ministry have to support the transition from petrol to electric motorcycles.
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