

**FIFTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(FIRST SESSION)**

**ORDER PAPER
THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2026**

No. 31

11.00 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of reports of energy and business costs leading firms to defer hiring and trim benefits (a) what is the Government's assessment of the impact on hiring prospects for job seekers, including graduates and mid-career entrants; (b) whether there are signs of slower entry-level job creation or longer job searches; and (c) what further measures are being considered to support employment opportunities.
- *2. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the energy crisis triggered by the Middle East conflict and its economic impact (a) whether the Government sees hiring by businesses to be more subdued; (b) what sectors are most affected; and (c) what further measures are being taken to support employment growth.
- *3. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has considered installing solar-powered fans at bus stops to improve commuter comfort in view of projections that 2026 may be among the hottest years on record; and (b) if so, what are the (i) findings on feasibility (ii) estimated costs and (iii) implementation plans.
- *4. Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the policy basis for providing the Electric Vehicle Early Adoption Incentive (EEAI) but declining equivalent capital subsidies for residential rooftop solar panel installation; (b) what are the (i) take-up rates of the EEAI and (ii) proportion of private households that have installed solar panels; and (c) whether the Ministry will introduce comparable capital grants or property tax rebates for residential solar panels.
- *5. Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the energy crisis, whether the Government will consider (i) mandating the installation of solar panels for all new buildings and estates and (ii) providing greater incentives for existing building owners to install solar panels.
- *6. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what has the Ministry assessed to be the key barriers to deploy solar panels in private residential and commercial spaces, including spaces managed by Management Corporations Strata Titles; and (b) whether additional measures such as grants, financing support, property tax reliefs or regulatory adjustments are being considered to address these barriers.
- *7. Dr Neo Kok Beng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in light of the National University of Singapore (NUS) March 2026 research indicating that tidal energy could meet about 22% of Singapore's electricity demand (a) what is the Government's plan or strategy regarding tidal energy; and (b) what maritime constraints prevent the scaling of hydrokinetic turbine arrays in the Singapore Strait.

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- *8. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the dropout rates among learners in SkillsFuture Singapore-funded programmes by stage and course category; (b) how many appeals by learners to waive course fees or penalties upon non-completion or failure are received annually; (c) what proportion of such appeals succeeded; and (d) what is the employment or certification rate based on all enrolled learners rather than graduates alone.
- *9. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport with reference to electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities at public carparks and other Government-managed premises, how the Ministry is ensuring the efficient utilisation of EV charging infrastructure across different times of the day given Singapore's land and energy constraints.
- *10. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Singapore Police Force will consider enhancing the screening process of applicants for a licence under the Massage Establishment Act (MEA), especially for association with persons who have breached MEA licensing conditions or are facing ongoing investigations.
- *11. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what proportion of the 2025 Child LifeSG Credits disbursed in July 2025 has not been utilised to date; and (b) where utilisation is lower than anticipated, whether the Ministry will consider extending the 12-month validity period while expanding outreach efforts to improve awareness.
- *12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance regarding the recent strengthening of the Singapore Dollar (a) what is the expected time lag for this adjustment to have a visible effect on exchange rates; (b) what is the effect of global shifts away from the US Dollar on the S\$ Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (S\$NEER) index basket's currency weighting; and (c) how do these changes impact the Singapore Dollar's stability over time.
- *13. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether any recent patterns have been observed in scams targeting seniors; and (b) if so, what these patterns are.
- *14. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Government will consider tighter controls and real-time anomaly detection for (i) bulk SIM card purchases (ii) SIM re-registration patterns and (iii) GSM gateway misuse, given their role in enabling overseas scam calls to appear local.
- *15. **Mr Foo Cexiang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Ministry will consider increasing adoption leave from 12 weeks to 16 weeks, to align it with maternity leave; and (b) if not, what are the policy considerations militating against such an enhancement.
- *16. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with rising water demands from data centres, urban expansion, and climate variability affecting local reservoirs (a) what is the latest assessment of Singapore's water insecurity risks, particularly ahead of the 2061 Johor Water Agreement expiry; and (b) what accelerated measures are being planned to ensure the Four National Taps meet future needs without compromising food production or household supply.
- *17. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry has any plans to introduce additional measures to (i) further reduce the rate of fatal and major injuries among platform workers and (ii) enhance financial protection for work injury, given the relatively high rate of fatal and major injuries for such workers.

- *18. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the recent moderation in HDB resale prices is broad-based across flat types and towns, or concentrated in selected segments; and (b) what additional measures, if any, is the Ministry considering to assist first-time buyers who are still unable to secure affordable housing near their parents or workplaces.
- *19. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what are the average waiting times at polyclinics for walk-in patients during peak and off-peak hours; and (b) whether there are plans to redistribute patient load across off-peak hours.
- *20. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the planned 2% to 9% pay increase for teachers and allied educators will be sufficient to keep salaries competitive; and (b) what other strategies are in place to attract new teachers amid declining numbers.
- *21. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry has assessed if arbitration clauses in freelancer contracts should be unenforceable to the extent that they prevent individual freelancers from bringing a qualifying claim before the Small Claims Tribunals; and (b) what approaches the Ministry is considering to ensure that such freelancers can still seek redress before the Tribunal where appropriate.
- *22. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the risk of self-radicalisation among vulnerable individuals arising from the use of large language models that may produce validating or reinforcing outputs; and (b) what measures are the Internal Security Department and relevant agencies taking or considering to detect and mitigate such risks.
- *23. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Government has data on the current (i) 25th percentile (ii) median (iii) average and (iv) 75th percentile for annual premiums of medical insurance policies for foreign employment pass (EP) holders; and (b) whether the Government is considering mandating companies to provide medical insurance coverage for EP holders who do not have existing medical insurance coverage.
- *24. **Mr Low Wu Yang Andre:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs given that road fatalities have risen for five consecutive years to a 10-year high despite successive enforcement measures, whether the Traffic Police has commissioned or intends to commission a holistic structural study, including road engineering and infrastructure design factors, to inform Singapore's path towards the Vision Zero target of zero road fatalities.
- *25. **Mr Cai Yinzhou:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry has assessed existing laws and liability frameworks in relation to serious harm arising from the stochastic nature of large language model outputs where residual risks persist even after reasonable precautions have been taken; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering AI-specific or strict liability frameworks to address accountability gaps that arise when such residual risks materialise into harm.
- *26. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what outcome-based indicators does the Health Promotion Board (HPB) use to assess whether the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme is achieving its objective of cultivating healthy eating habits among students; and (b) whether HPB collects data on actual food consumption rates or plate waste in schools under the Programme.

- *27. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the current structure of the National School Games places excessive emphasis on competition and rankings relative to broad-based participation; (b) what assessment the Ministry has made of disparities in sporting performance and resources across schools; and (c) what steps are being taken to address such disparities while ensuring a better balance between competitive excellence and inclusive participation.
- *28. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how do the Ministry and ECDA identify appropriate locations for new and existing MOE Kindergartens; and (b) whether feedback and common concerns raised by parents and caregivers in nearby residential areas form part of this planning process.
- *29. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of the joint advisory by the Ministry and Visual, Audio, Creative Content Professionals Association (Singapore) (VICPA) on engaging foreign freelancers for creative services in Singapore (a) how the Ministry monitors and enforces against illegal freelance services advertised on social media; and (b) whether more proactive measures will be considered to address such listings.
- *30. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the principal regulatory levers under consideration for the proposed blind box regulations in relation to sealed packs of trading card game (TCG) products; (b) whether requiring retailers to open sealed packs and sell cards as individually identified items is among the options; and (c) what consultation has been conducted with TCG retailers, collectors and youth-serving organisations.
- *31. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in each of the last five years, what are the (i) number of individuals who have claimed course fees relief (ii) the average course fees relief granted per individual per year (iii) total amount of course fees relief granted and (iv) total amount of individual income tax foregone from course fees relief.
- *32. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health with the impending mandatory registration for psychologists, including the subdiscipline of counselling, what measures will be taken to prevent unregistered individuals and companies that hire them from offering counselling and therapy services which remain unregulated.
- *33. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs given recent reported cases of housebreaking and theft in landed properties (a) whether PolCam installations are planned for landed estates in Nee Soon South; (b) if so, what is the indicative timeline; and (c) what are the criteria for deployment of PolCam in landed estates.
- *34. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether there are long term studies on the physical and mental health conditions of children born via in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) in Singapore as compared to children conceived naturally and born to younger couples; and (b) if so, what are the findings.
- *35. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider introducing mandatory cyclical improvement requirements for critical building systems in private developments, such as lifts, roofing and electrical systems; and (b) if not, what safeguards exist to ensure that ageing private estates undertake such improvements in a timely manner under the current voluntary framework.

- *36. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS will review medical insurance contracts to ensure that definitions of surgical procedures are updated to include modern, less invasive medical advances; and (b) what regulatory measures are being considered to prevent insurers from denying claims solely because a newer, more effective procedure is not explicitly listed in legacy policy wording.
- *37. Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what regulatory levers HDB currently has to refuse trade approval for a new tenant at an HDB-sold shophouse where the shop owner has a prior record of facilitating vice-related activities; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider legislative amendments to allow sanctions to be imposed directly on such shop owners.
- *38. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in 2025, how many owners of HDB-sold shops has HDB taken action against where tenants have been found conducting vice activities under the guise of beauty and wellness trades; (b) what are the challenges in taking action against such owners; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider legislative amendments to enable HDB to take more punitive and expeditious action against such owners.
- *39. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how has SPF been working with HDB and the Ministry of Health to interdict and deter vice activities operating under the guise of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) outlets in HDB-sold shops in the heartlands; and (b) how many of such cases has SPF found and acted against in the last three years.
- *40. Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether frontline civil servants engaging with residents utilise artificial intelligence (AI) tools to support the crafting of responses that are accurate, meaningful and tactful; and (b) if so, what safeguards govern the use of such AI tools.
- *41. Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what outcome indicators will be used to evaluate whether the free premium artificial intelligence (AI) tool subscription scheme has achieved its workforce objectives; and (b) whether the Training Quality And Outcomes Measurement (TRAQOM) outcomes survey will be extended to cover short-form AI courses eligible for the scheme.
- *42. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education in relation to the usage of artificial intelligence tools by educators in Institutes of Higher Learning for grading and assessment purposes (a) what safeguards govern accuracy, bias, confidentiality of student data, and human oversight in the final marking decision; and (b) whether the Ministry can share more details of the guidelines issued to educators about its use.
- *43. Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the impact that vice activities operating under the guise of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) services in HDB heartlands has had on legitimate clinics, practitioners and the overall TCM sector; and (b) what measures is the Ministry taking to mitigate this impact.
- *44. Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for an update on the progress of upgrading the unit electrical power supply from 30 amps to 40 amps under HDB's Electrical Load Upgrading Programme for blocks in Nee Soon South built from the 1980s to 1990s; and (b) what is the expected timeline for completion.

- *45. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA takes into account updated anthropometric data of the Singapore population when specifying seat widths and spacing for MRT trains and public buses; (b) when these specifications were last reviewed; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider revising seating standards given that Singaporeans are now taller and broader.
- *46. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Singapore Police Force is considering any measures to combat the recent increase in the number of cases of outrage of modesty and rape.
- *47. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many transactions since December 2011 have involved a single residential land lot holding multiple units not yet strata subdivided; (b) what is the amount of Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD) foregone on such transactions; and (c) whether the Government will amend the Stamp Duties Act to base ABSD liability on residential units rather than land lots.
- *48. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what water pressure range or service standard does PUB aim to provide to households residing in HDB flats; (b) how many feedback cases on low water pressure from HDB flat dwellers has PUB received in each of the past five years; and (c) whether PUB has reviewed if the current minimum standard remains adequate.
- *49. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed its ramped-up plans for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in light of elevated fuel prices which may increase demand for EV adoption; and (b) if so, what are the updated targets and resources allocated for the deployment of slow and fast charging points.
- *50. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many children of Singaporeans await Permanent Residency or citizenship decisions; (b) what is the average processing time; (c) whether the Ministry is aware some of these children are on rolling visitor visas; and (d) whether the Ministry will expedite such cases, given the Government expects to take in between 25,000 and 30,000 new citizens annually over the next five years.
- *51. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Government has any plans to work with other community self-help groups to introduce a means-tested university subsidy scheme similar to MENDAKI's Tertiary Tuition Fee Subsidy scheme or to introduce such a scheme at the national level; and (b) if not, why not.
- *52. **Mr Lee Hong Chuang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of incidents of youths fishing in non-designated areas despite regulations (a) what are the reasons for restricting fishing locations; (b) whether there are plans to expand accessible, youth-friendly fishing areas; and (c) how will agencies better educate and engage youths on responsible fishing practices.
- *53. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider extending smoking prohibitions to pavilions adjacent to HDB residential blocks where smoking is not already prohibited, such as certain pavilions in Sin Ming Court, given that residents in such blocks are frequently exposed to drifting smoke from smokers using these sheltered spaces.

- *54. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB and the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) review floor-to-ceiling heights, doorway dimensions and corridor widths against updated anthropometric data of the Singapore population; (b) when such design standards were last revised; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider a periodic review of building codes to account for the trend of Singaporeans growing taller and larger in build.
- *55. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs what are the checks that have been implemented or are being considered for implementation at our checkpoints, including the deployment of technology, to detect the import of non-compliant personal mobility devices (PMD), active mobility devices (AMD), spare parts and batteries.
- *56. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the development potential of tchoukball in Singapore; (b) how the Ministry forecasts which emerging sports, like tchoukball, will be included in future major games; and (c) how it allocates resources to sports that are not featured in major games but demonstrate high international competitive potential and have a significant community following.
- *57. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will consider a refundable Working Mother's Child Relief top-up or refundable childcare credit targeted at middle-income working mothers with three or more Singapore Citizen children who have reached the \$80,000 personal income tax relief cap.
- *58. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development for HDB BTO projects completed in the last five years, what have been the realised median and average difference in waiting time compared to initial projections at project launch.
- *59. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the current prescribed timelines under existing standard operating procedures for resolving inter-floor leak cases; and (b) if none are specified, whether the Ministry will consider introducing clearer timelines or earlier enforcement actions when one party delays investigation or repairs.
- *60. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) what were the causes of the recent damage to underground fibre optic cables during works for the North-South Corridor, which resulted in a broadband outage including in Ang Mo Kio; and (b) what additional measures will be implemented when engaging contractors to prevent similar disruptions to critical infrastructure.
- *61. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what proportion of trees felled from 2024 to date is attributed to (i) public safety risks (ii) poor health or disease (iii) development projects (iv) tree replacement programmes and (v) other reasons, respectively; and (b) under what circumstances, if any, are fruit trees removed or slated for removal.
- *62. **Dr Neo Kok Beng:** To ask the Minister for Education whether more restorative measures have been considered instead of punitive choices like caning in relation to the recent anti-bullying recommendations to be implemented by the Ministry in 2027.
- *63. **Dr Neo Kok Beng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the root causes of bullying in Singapore schools; (b) how the recent measures to tackle the bullying issue address the root causes of bullying; and (c) whether the Ministry has studied the potential impact that bullying has on both bullies and victims in the areas of shame, guilt, and identity formation.

- *64. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education regarding the introduction of AI tools for Primary 4 to 6 students (a) what are the specific AI use cases planned for this age group; (b) what age-appropriateness assessments have been conducted before extending AI tool access to this age range; and (c) what guidance is provided to parents on how their children will interact with AI tools in and beyond school.
- *65. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has a dedicated formal channel through which teachers, students, and parents can provide feedback on the artificial intelligence (AI) in education strategy rollout; (b) if not, whether the Ministry intends to establish one; (c) what are the existing channels through which the Ministry has gathered such feedback; and (d) how many pieces of feedback have been received to date.
- *66. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the National School Games is designed for participation and character development or as a talent pipeline for major Games; (b) how does the Ministry determine which niche sports to retain; and (c) how resources are allocated to sports that lack pathways to major Games but maintain significant student participation and developmental value.
- *67. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what specific safeguards are there to ensure that the Non-Traditional Source (NTS) Occupation List expansion will not lower incentives to raise productivity, improve job design or increase wages for local workers; and (b) whether the Ministry will publish the impact of the expanded NTS Occupation List on local hiring, wage growth, turnover and training outcomes in affected occupations.
- *68. **Ms Cassandra Lee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of the Ministry's report regarding overqualification in Singapore 2025 and noting that caregivers are taking roles below their qualifications (a) how effective have the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests been in improving caregivers' access to flexible work; and (b) whether further measures are planned to support job redesign without harming career progression.
- *69. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will coordinate with the Malaysian authorities to construct a designated, covered pedestrian and cycling pathway on the Causeway to provide a safer, greener and more efficient alternative to motorised transport on one of the world's busiest land crossings; and (b) what discussions have already taken place on this matter, if any.
- *70. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether LTA will work with the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) to mandate that developers and contractors allocate sufficient space within construction sites for parking and waiting for all project-related vehicles during construction to prevent occupation of public road lanes along construction sites, affecting traffic flow and creating disamenities to other road users for the entire period of construction.
- *71. **Mr Shawn Loh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with elderly caregiving burdens and the emphasis on family being the first stop for care, whether the Government will consider extending the annual six days of paid childcare leave to cover not just workers' children, but also their disabled family members if they need help with three or more activities of daily living, which benchmark is assessed under CareShield Life.

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- *72. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what proportion of beneficiaries under ComCare Short-to-Medium-Term Assistance (SMTA) have successfully applied for extended support after the initial assistance grant for three to six months due to medical conditions or permanent disability, for the past three years; and (b) whether SMTA grant periods can be matched to the same periods that individuals have been certified unfit to work for.
- *73. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether there are refurbishment plans for the first-generation C830 Circle Line trains as they approach 20 years of service; (b) what the typical lead time and duration are for such refurbishments; and (c) what technical or cost-benefit criteria determine the choice between refurbishment and full fleet replacement.
- *74. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide an update on the electric vehicle (EV) mobile charging systems sandbox trials, including (i) whether there are any preliminary findings on the usage patterns for such charging services, and technical and operational requirements of such technologies and (ii) whether there are plans to increase the number of participants in such trials.
- *75. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport in light of recent global shipping disruptions and Singapore's role as a key maritime hub, whether the Ministry can provide more detail on the specific measures being taken to strengthen the resilience of Singapore's port and maritime ecosystem, including contingency planning and system redundancies to manage prolonged disruptions.
- *76. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there has been an increase in complaints, investigations or enforcement actions in the past three years against car dealers for misleading or unfair financing-related sales practices; (b) whether existing consumer protection frameworks adequately cover dealer-provided financing arrangements outside MAS regulation; and (c) whether safeguards or disclosures are required to address potential conflicts from dealer-linked financing commissions.
- *77. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore will consider working with Consumers Association of Singapore to include electric vehicle charging rate comparisons on the Price Kaki app, to drive fair and transparent pricing strategies by service providers.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Info-communications Media Development Authority (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 9/2026] – (Minister for Digital Development and Information) – Second Reading.
Resumption of Debate on Question (6 May 2026)
“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Minister for Digital Development and Information).
 2. Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 12/2026] – (Minister for National Development) – Second Reading.
[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 9 dated 7 May 2026.]
 3. Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 8/2026] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry) – Second Reading.
 4. Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 11/2026] – (Minister for Manpower) – Second Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Mr David Hoe : Curiosity Credits: Empowering Informed Post-secondary Choices.
(Jurong East-Bukit Batok)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether there has been further consideration of providing additional paid childcare leave for parents with preterm births, given the need for more time and care due to potential health complications.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry following recent announcements on local biopharma plant closures (a) whether the local biomedical sector remains a resilient economic and employment engine; (b) whether Singapore's long-term economic strategy and areas of focus require recalibration; and (c) what is the Ministry's strategy to attract and retain such multinational corporation (MNC) manufacturers amidst rising costs and increasing regional workforce competence.
3. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry has data on (i) the breakdown of the 547 complaints against car-sharing companies, by company and type of complaint and (ii) what proportion of these complaints have been resolved.
4. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider examining measures adopted in other countries to increase the adoption of residential solar installations on private properties with a view to adapting them for local implementation.

5. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has observed any evidence of opportunistic price increases by retailers or service providers beyond actual input-cost increases resulting from rising energy costs in the past two months; and (b) what additional measures, if any, is the Government considering to improve price transparency for consumers to curb cost-of-living pressures arising from the current energy situation.
6. **Ms Elysa Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Singapore Police Force's licence application background checks can detect rebranding attempts where a new entity is registered by the same shop owner shortly after enforcement action against the previous entity at the same premises; and (b) if so, how many such cases have been identified in the past three years.
7. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what proportion of reported losses in scam cases involving seniors over the past three years were successfully recovered; and (b) what measures have most improved recovery outcomes.
8. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what proportion of summonses issued for failing to keep left on expressways involved vehicles subject to a statutory speed limit of 60 km/h or below; and (b) how such violations are detected given that fixed enforcement cameras are not currently deployed for lane discipline offences.
9. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in respect of the impending registration framework for psychologists, whether the Ministry will consider requiring all unregistered private practitioners offering mental health counselling services to explicitly state their status in all advertisements and service agreements in the interest of public safety and education.
10. **Dr Charlene Chen:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health with reference to the regulatory framework in the practice of psychology and the five psychological subdisciplines identified as involving higher-risk assessments and interventions, what specific clinical criteria or types of therapeutic interventions, such as trauma-informed care or grief counselling, will be used to classify a counselling service as 'high-risk' to warrant mandatory oversight in the private sector.
11. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health in light of the low death literacy highlighted by the Singapore Hospice Council's Death Literacy Index, whether the Ministry will consider working with the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and relevant agencies to address gaps in public understanding of end-of-life issues including (i) palliative care access (ii) dying at home and (iii) post-death funeral procedures, through a more integrated whole-of-Government approach.
12. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will provide a simplified version of HealthHub's Terms of Use to ensure digital access to health records is not conditional on accepting broad contractual terms; and (b) what measures are taken to ensure that these terms are accessible and easy to understand for seniors and residents of all literacy levels.
13. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether there are plans to expand the suite of (i) paediatric and (ii) geriatric services offered at regional hospitals, in particular to address limited inpatient care services in such hospitals, to better support the demographic distribution of young and old households in such towns.

14. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update regarding the study of the requirement for parental consent for children and young people below the age of 18 or 21 to access mental health support.
15. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health (a) what guidance has been issued to mental health service providers on accepting referrals for Tier 2 low-intensity services from minors without parental consent while the parental consent guidelines have yet to be published; and (b) what parental consent threshold are service providers currently directed to apply for Tier 2 services.
16. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment beyond the recent use of technologies to predict algal blooms (a) what other forms of support are being provided to traditional sea-based fish farms; and (b) whether the support can include, if not already, physical infrastructure upgrades, funding for capability development, access to shared national facilities, and technical, biosecurity, and disease management assistance to improve resilience and productivity.
17. **Ms Lee Hui Ying:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment given the projection that 2026 may be among the hottest years on record (a) whether an update can be provided on the effectiveness of the Heat Stress Advisory since its launch; (b) whether there are plans to review its accuracy, localisation and accessibility amid rising heat stress days; and (c) what is its success in integrating into workplace, school and public health protocols.
18. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what monitoring and mitigation measures are in place under the Singapore Green Plan 2030 to detect and address microplastic concentrations in Singapore's marine environment, reservoirs, and food chain; and (b) whether the Government will consider legislative bans on intentional microplastics or mandatory labelling similar to those in the EU.
19. **Mr Fadli Fawzi:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) for each year since 2020, what is the number of reports of illegal dumping of waste received by the National Environment Agency; (b) what are the current measures NEA adopts to reduce the incidence of these behaviours in residential areas; and (c) how NEA tracks the effectiveness of these measures.
20. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the basis for ECDA's sizing of operator-level funding for Anchor and Partner Operator preschools; (b) whether enrolment is a criterion; (c) if so, whether non-citizen and non-permanent resident (PR) children count toward enrolment; (d) what proportion of enrolment in the past three years have been non-citizens and non-PRs; and (e) whether the Ministry will restrict operator-level subsidies to citizen and PR enrolment.
21. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the extent to which social service agencies are able to apply the prevailing social service sector salary guidelines consistently across both MSF-funded and non-MSF-funded programmes within the same organisation; and (b) whether the Ministry has studied the impact of any such differences on internal wage structures, staff deployment and retention within these agencies.
22. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Government can consider allowing the use of Child Development Account funds to cover field trip and excursion expenses incurred by both parents and children, where parental participation is required or encouraged.

23. **Mr Victor Lye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the opening of social service occupations to workers from non-traditional source (NTS) countries will be accompanied by measures to strengthen professionalism, retention and career progression for local care workers.
24. **Mr David Hoe:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what has been the take-up and usage of MakeIT at Libraries programmes and facilities at its four libraries in each of the past three years; and (b) whether the National Library Board (NLB) will consider (i) expanding similar makerspace offerings to more libraries as they are revamped including Clementi Library and (ii) working with community partners to encourage greater participation and use.
25. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what minimum data protection standards schools are required to apply when directing students to use AI tools not hosted on the Singapore Student Learning Space; (b) whether parental notification or consent is required before students use such tools for school-assigned work; and (c) how compliance with these standards is monitored.
26. **Ms Eileen Chong Pei Shan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the scope of the Ministry's study on the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on students' learning, in terms of education levels covered and learning outcomes measured; (b) what is the expected timeline for findings to be published; and (c) how will the findings be used to inform or revise the AI in education strategy.
27. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government has data on the current (i) 25th percentile (ii) median (iii) average and (iv) 75th percentile for annual premiums of policies with and without the 25% co-payment option that meet the enhanced policy requirements, for approved insurers offering enhanced medical insurance for foreign workers.
28. **Dr Choo Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has studied which groups of workers are most exposed to longer-term global trade fragmentation; and (b) how reskilling and job transition support are being designed to support these workers.
29. **Mr Kenneth Tiong Boon Kiat:** To ask the Minister for National Development since introducing the 15-month wait-out exemption for seniors above 55 downsizing from private property to 4-room or smaller resale flats (a) how many appeals have been received from senior households seeking 5-room flats; (b) how many appeals have been approved; (c) what is the policy rationale for capping at 4-room flats; and (d) whether HDB will calibrate rules by household size or caregiving needs.
30. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the expected (i) reclamation and development timelines of Changi Bay (ii) the increase in land area upon full reclamation and (iii) breakdown of the target land use.
31. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the status of the Lift Upgrading Programme for potential implementation at Blk 128 Lorong Ah Soo, Blks 230 and 234 Hougang Ave 1 and Blk 363 Hougang Ave 5; (b) when the lifts are expected to be ready for use; and (c) whether the works can be expedited so as to address the needs of residents.
32. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will review the adequacy of current methods for verifying the exact locations and depths of underground utilities; (b) how the detection gap for non-conductive and non-metallic assets, such as fibre optic cables and PVC pipes, is being addressed; and (c) whether the Government will provide subsidies to contractors for the adoption of advanced detection technologies.

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33. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) with Singapore at around ten percentage points short of the 2030 target of 75% mass public transport peak-period modal share, whether LTA has studied the factors hindering the switch from private transport, including rail service reliability; and (b) if not, whether LTA will commission such a study, including the effect of rail service reliability on public transport adoption.
34. **Ms Valerie Lee:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Monetary Authority of Singapore has specific regulatory oversight of insurance products offered to car-sharing operators; (b) whether the Government is aware of concerns that insurance underwriting practices in the car-sharing sector may incentivise unnecessary or inflated repair claims; and (c) if so, what steps are being taken to address this.
35. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport why the expected duration of the project resulting in the reduction of service on the West Loop of the Sengkang LRT system is six months.
36. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Public Transport Voucher is intended to offset only the most recent fare increase or also cumulative fare increases since 2020; and (b) if not, what is the rationale for not covering cumulative increases.
37. **Mr Ng Shi Xuan:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can share any data on (i) the average utilisation rates of electric vehicle (EV) chargers across public carparks in HDB, JTC and SLA properties at different hours of the day in the past year and (ii) estates with higher EV charger demands; and (b) whether the Ministry can publish such data regularly.
38. **Mr Alex Yeo:** To ask the Acting Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has specific, quantifiable safety metrics in the two-stage Deployment Readiness Assessment that Autonomous Vehicles (AVs) must meet; (b) if so, what are these standards; and (c) whether Technical Reference 68 will be further enhanced or a formal set of AV standards that governs artificial intelligence decision-making protocols will be introduced before the first commercial AVs are allowed on the roads.
39. **Mr Abdul Muhaimin Abdul Malik:** To ask the Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth given that CDC Vouchers currently cannot be used for e-commerce or online transactions, whether the Government will consider expanding the CDC Vouchers Scheme to allow residents to use their vouchers for delivery orders from participating hawkers and heartland merchants, so as to benefit elderly, homebound, and less mobile residents who may face difficulties visiting physical outlets.
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