

PRESS RELEASE

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIFTH SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The Committee of Privileges (the “**Committee**”) has presented a Fifth Special Report to Parliament today (15 December 2021).

2 The Committee heard further oral evidence from Mr Pritam Singh, Leader of the Opposition and Member of Parliament (MP) for Aljunied Group Representation Constituency (GRC), on 15 December 2021.

3 Despite the Committee’s requests from 10 to 14 December 2021, Mr Pritam Singh, Ms Sylvia Lim (MP for Aljunied GRC) and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap (MP for Aljunied GRC) failed to produce certain documents. On 15 December 2021, the Committee issued a summons to each of these witnesses for the documents to be produced at its next meeting on Monday, 20 December 2021.

4 As with the previous Special Reports, the Committee discussed the contents of the Fifth Special Report with inputs and edits from members. During the vote, 6 members agreed on the presentation of the Fifth Special Report to Parliament and 1 objected (see Minutes of Proceedings in **Annex B** of the Fifth Special Report).

5 The summary of oral evidence given on 15 December 2021 is set out in **Annex A** of the Fifth Special Report.

6 The video of the 15 December 2021 oral evidence is available at:
<https://www.parliament.gov.sg/parliamentary-business/committee-of-privileges---complaint-against-ms-raeesah-khan>

7 The Committee’s proceedings have largely concluded. Nonetheless, it will hear further evidence if it sees fit. It will present its findings and recommendations to Parliament in due course.

Background

8 The Committee is considering the complaint made on 1 November 2021 by Leader of the House, Ms Indranee Rajah, against Ms Raeesah Khan, former MP for Sengkang GRC.

9 Under Standing Order 105(2), the Committee may, at any time during its proceedings, make a Special Report to Parliament on any matter which it may think fit to bring to the notice of Parliament. This keeps Parliament informed of the progress of its investigations in a timely manner when appropriate. The Committee will present its findings and recommendations to Parliament in due course.

10 The Parliament (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act regulates the conduct of Members of Parliament and other persons in connection with its proceedings, and

can summon any person to appear before the Committee to give evidence at any time before the conclusion of its work.

11 In thoroughly looking into any matter pertaining to the complaint, the Committee will be reviewing the evidence and submissions put before it on an ongoing basis. Details on meetings /hearings and potential witnesses remain fluid. Being a Select Committee, the Committee's meetings are held in private unless resolved otherwise.

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