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SIXTH SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

The Committee of Privileges (the "Committee") has presented a Sixth Special Report to Parliament today (22 December 2021).

- In response to the summons issued by the Committee on 15 December 2021, Mr Pritam Singh [Leader of the Opposition and Member of Parliament (MP) for Aljunied Group Representation Constituency (GRC)], Ms Sylvia Lim (MP for Aljunied GRC) and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap (MP for Aljunied GRC) had produced certain documents on 20 December 2021. They each signed a confirmation that they had produced before the Committee the documents requested.
- 3 Separately, Mr Pritam Singh had suggested that the Committee call for a psychiatric evaluation to be undertaken on Ms Raeesah Khan. Mr Pritam Singh, Ms Sylvia Lim and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap had made several assertions regarding Ms Khan's mental condition when they gave evidence to the Committee.
- The Committee invited Ms Raeesah Khan to undergo a psychiatric assessment. Ms Khan agreed and underwent an independent psychiatric assessment with Dr Christopher Cheok, Acting Chief and Senior Consultant, Department of Forensic Psychiatry, Institute of Mental Health, on 17 and 20 December 2021.
- 5 On 22 December 2021, the Committee heard oral evidence from Dr Christopher Cheok.
- The Committee also heard further oral evidence from Ms Raeesah Khan on 22 December 2021. Ms Khan was asked to appear before the Committee to provide her response to some evidence and documents concerning her earlier testimony, that other witnesses (Mr Pritam Singh, Ms Sylvia Lim, Mr Faisal Manap and Ms Loh Pei Ying) and Ms Khan herself had tendered, after Ms Khan testified on 2 and 3 December 2021.
- 7 The summary of oral evidence given on 22 December 2021 is set out in **Annex A** of the Sixth Special Report.
- As with the previous Special Reports, the Committee discussed the contents of the Sixth Special Report with inputs and edits from members. During the vote, 4 members agreed on the presentation of the Sixth Special Report to Parliament and 1 objected (see Minutes of Proceedings in **Annex B** of the Sixth Special Report).
- 9 The videos of the 22 December 2021 oral evidence are available at: https://www.parliament.gov.sg/parliamentary-business/committee-of-privileges---complaint-against-ms-raeesah-khan
- 10 The Committee will present its findings and recommendations to Parliament in due course.

Background

- 11 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.
- 12 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.
- 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.
- 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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