

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2026**

No. 14

12.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER [Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)]
Mr ABDUL MUHAIMIN ABDUL MALIK (Sengkang)
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Transport
Mr CAI YINZHOU (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Coordinating Minister for Public Services and Minister for Defence
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for National Development
Dr CHARLENE CHEN (Tampines)
Ms ELYSA CHEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah)
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines Changkat), Minister of State, Ministry of Defence
Dr CHOO PEI LING (Chua Chu Kang)
Mr ERIC CHUA (Queenstown), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang)
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker
Mr DINESH VASU DASH (East Coast), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Manpower
Mr FADLI FAWZI (Aljunied)
Mr FOO CEXIANG (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Punggol), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Ms GHO SZE KEE (Mountbatten)
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied)
Ms GOH HANYAN (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment
Mr GOH PEI MING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development
Assoc Prof KENNETH GOH (Nominated Member)
Dr HAMID RAZAK (West Coast-Jurong West)
Dr HARESH SINGARAJU (Nominated Member)
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang)
Assoc Prof TERENCE HO (Nominated Member)
Mr DAVID HOE (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)

Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (West Coast-Jurong West), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Manpower
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Pasir Ris-Changi), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Government Whip
Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Manpower
Ms KUAH BOON THENG (Nominated Member)
Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru)
Mr GABRIEL LAM (Sembawang)
Mr JACKSON LAM (Nee Soon)
Ms JASMIN LAU (Ang Mo Kio), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Education
Ms CASSANDRA LEE (West Coast-Jurong West)
Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast-Jurong West), Minister for Education and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member)
Mr LEE HONG CHUANG (Jurong East-Bukit Batok)
Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister
Ms LEE HUI YING (Nee Soon)
Ms VALERIE LEE (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang)
Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang)
Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied)
Mr SHAWN LOH (Jalan Besar)
Ms LOW YEN LING (Bukit Gombak), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr LOW WU YANG ANDRE (Non-Constituency Member)
Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang)
Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development
Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights), Acting Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs
Mr MURALI PILLAI (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport
Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio)
Dr NEO KOK BENG (Nominated Member)
Mr DAVID NEO (Tampines), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education
Mr NG CHEE MENG (Jalan Kayu)
Mr NG SHI XUAN (Sembawang)
Miss RACHEL ONG (Tanjong Pagar)
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Coordinating Minister for Social Policies and Minister for Health
Ms DIANA PANG LI YEN (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar)
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar)
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang West)
Prof KENNETH POON (Nominated Member)

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition
Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong East-Bukit Batok), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh)
Mr SANJEEV KUMAR TIWARI (Nominated Member)
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs
Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Changi)
Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs and Deputy Government Whip
Mr JEFFREY SIOW (Chua Chu Kang), Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Transport
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nee Soon), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of National Development
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of National Development and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang)
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Changi), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Manpower
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast)
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer)
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information
Ms TIN PEI LING (Marine Parade-Braddell Heights)
Mr KENNETH TIONG BOON KIAT (Aljunied)
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (East Coast), Minister for Law and Second Minister for Home Affairs
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang)
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar)
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong Central), Deputy Speaker
Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Mr ALEX YEO (Potong Pasir)
Ms YEO WAN LING (Punggol)
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang)
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas)
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Deputy Leader of the House
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development

ABSENT:

Mr AZHAR OTHMAN (Nominated Member)
Ms EILEEN CHONG PEI SHAN (Non-Constituency Member)
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio)
Ms HAZLINA ABDUL HALIM (East Coast)
Mr VICTOR LYE (Ang Mo Kio)

1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:

- 1.1 Registration of Criminals (DNA Database, Identification Database and Register) (Amendment) Rules 2026 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 254 of 2026)
- 1.2 Singapore Armed Forces (Premium Plan) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 255 of 2026)
- 1.3 Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER Plan) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 256 of 2026)
- 1.4 Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 257 of 2026)
- 1.5 Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER-Premium Fund) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 258 of 2026)
- 1.6 Corrigendum to the Singapore Armed Forces (SAVER Plan) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 259 of 2026)
- 1.7 Corrigendum to the Singapore Armed Forces (Military Domain Experts Service) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2025 – Presented on 14 January 2026 (S. L. 260 of 2026)

2 19 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

3 Singapore Sports Council (Amendment) Bill – (Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Question again proposed on the resumption of debate, "That the Bill be now read a second time."

Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1:

Alteration made, in page 2, line 2, by leaving out "2025" and inserting "2026".

Clauses 1 to 9 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

4 Time Limit for Speeches – (Deputy Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of Minister Indranee's speech."

5 Expression of Regret at the Conduct of Mr Pritam Singh and Consideration of his Suitability to Continue as the Leader of the Opposition – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed –

"That this Parliament –

1. Affirms that honesty and integrity are fundamental pillars of Singapore's parliamentary and political system;

2. Notes the judgment in *Pritam Singh v Public Prosecutor* [2025] SGHC 242 where the High Court upheld Mr Pritam Singh's conviction for lying to the Committee of Privileges, and the findings of the Committee of Privileges that he had guided Ms Raeesah Khan to continue with her lie to Parliament;

3. Expresses regret at the conduct of Mr Pritam Singh, which was dishonourable and unbecoming of a Member of Parliament;

4. Considers that Mr Pritam Singh's conviction and conduct render him unsuitable to continue as the Leader of the Opposition, a Parliamentary leadership position carrying important responsibilities, duties and privileges, and that his continuation in this role would undermine the standing of Parliament and public confidence in the integrity of Singapore's political system;

5. Notes that the High Court judgment and the Committee's findings have implications for Ms Sylvia Lim and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap, which have to be considered separately; and

6. Calls upon all Members of Parliament to uphold their solemn duty to respect and abide by the law, act with integrity at all times, and honour the trust placed in them by Singaporeans."; Debate arising.

6 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2."

7 Expression of Regret at the Conduct of Mr Pritam Singh and Consideration of his Suitability to Continue as the Leader of the Opposition – (Leader of the House) – Debate resumed on Question,

"That this Parliament –

1. Affirms that honesty and integrity are fundamental pillars of Singapore's parliamentary and political system;

2. Notes the judgment in *Pritam Singh v Public Prosecutor* [2025] SGHC 242 where the High Court upheld Mr Pritam Singh's conviction for lying to the Committee of Privileges, and the findings of the Committee of Privileges that he had guided Ms Raeesah Khan to continue with her lie to Parliament;

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5. Notes that the High Court judgment and the Committee's findings have implications for Ms Sylvia Lim and Mr Muhamad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap, which have to be considered separately; and

6. Calls upon all Members of Parliament to uphold their solemn duty to respect and abide by the law, act with integrity at all times, and honour the trust placed in them by Singaporeans."

Question put and agreed to.

8 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made and Question put – Resolved, "That at its rising today, Parliament do stand adjourned to a date to be fixed."

9 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 7.18 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
