

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Ms Irene Quay Siew Ching:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the post-secondary admission system to be implemented in 2028 (a) how does the new subject banding determine subsequent admission to post-secondary institutions of choice; and (b) how can it be ensured that a student chooses subject bands based on his ability and talent and not influenced primarily by entry criteria of his favoured post-secondary institutions.
- *2. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance currently, how many citizens live in private properties but do not have any declared income.
- *3. **Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether there is a remuneration cap for key management staff of Fifth Schedule companies like GIC and Temasek; and (b) for the past five years, what is the range of total annual remuneration, including salary, annual and performance bonuses, paid to the top three higher paid executives in GIC and Temasek respectively.
- *4. **Mr Vikram Nair:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether he can provide an update on the state of bilateral relations with Malaysia following the 9th Malaysia-Singapore Leaders Retreat.
- *5. **Ms Irene Quay Siew Ching:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how rigorous is medication tested by the Health Sciences Authority before the drugs enter Singapore; (b) whether the testing is in line with international testing standards; (c) whether there are public concerns with generic use of medications in Singapore; and (d) what are the steps and considerations taken by the Ministry compared to other countries' handling of the same worldwide concern, particularly with the Losartan recall.

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- *6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the rationale behind barring women above 45 years old from receiving in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatments in Singapore; (b) what is the rationale behind limiting the number of IVF fresh cycles for women above 40 years old; and (c) whether the Ministry is planning to review these restrictions.
- *7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year in the past five years for non-Malaysian work permit holders with salary claims, what is the number of cases whereby (i) the employer does not pay the full sum ordered by the Labour Court or Employment Claims Tribunal (ii) the security bond is invoked to repay the worker (iii) the Migrant Workers' Assistance Fund (MWAFF) is used to repay the worker and (iv) both the security bond and MWAFF are invoked.
- *8. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will start monitoring the number of employers who have adopted measures in the Tripartite Advisor for Managing Workplace Harassment, with such monitoring to include whether the employer has a policy explicitly defining harassment including sexual harassment, whether the policy details how harassment will be dealt with, and whether training is provided to employees on how to prevent and respond to harassment.
- *9. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can conduct an in-depth study on legal protection for casual workers in other jurisdictions with the view of developing a new framework on the rights and benefits of casual workers given the rise in number of such workers in recent years.
- *10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) apart from relying on tip-offs and the risk assessment framework, what are the current efforts to deter and detect the international trade of pangolins in Singapore; (b) whether the Ministry can use the Multi-Mode Passive Detection System Generation 3 to detect wildlife products in shipments; and (c) whether the Ministry is exploring the use of other technologies to detect shipments of pangolins.
- *11. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the past three years, how many summons have been issued to offenders who feed pigeons; and (b) what other measures can the Ministry introduce to deter the feeding of pigeons.

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- *12. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the plans in providing grants for kindergarten education beyond the MOE kindergartens; and (b) whether he can provide an update on the provision of more educational support and resources for children with special needs in the preschool sector.
- *13. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the total number of shelters in Singapore in 2016, 2017 and 2018; (b) how many residents in total are in transit within these shelters in 2016, 2017 and 2018; (c) how many of these are displaced families; (d) how many are foreigners; (e) what are the reasons cited for their displacement; and (f) how many displaced does the Ministry estimate to be on the streets in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- *14. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in addressing inequality and social mobility which are inter-agency issues, what is the reason for the difference in income ceilings for ComCare Assistance (\$1,900/\$650 per capita), the Public Rental Scheme (\$1,500), the Workfare Income Supplement (\$2,300) and the financial assistance scheme for education (\$2,750/\$690 per capita); (b) how are these different ceilings derived; and (c) what is the minimum cost of living that is used as a guide for our social policies.
- *15. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the development of Malaysia's ship-to-ship transfer hub at Johor's Tanjung Pelepas Port has (i) encroached on the sovereignty of Singapore waters and (ii) made a significant impact on the economics of Singapore port operations.
- *16. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether MAS is monitoring payment services firms which promote as e-currency proprietary tokens which are purchased with Singapore dollars but are not linked to Singapore dollars at a fixed rate and are not convertible to funds in a Singapore bank account on demand; (b) whether these firms are compliant with the Payment Services Act and other applicable law; and (c) what measures MAS will take to address any risks to customers, merchants, or the financial system.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Bill [Bill No. 10/2019]
– (Minister for Law)

Resumption of Debate on Question (7 May 2019)

“That the Bill be now read a second time.” – (Minister for Law).

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 20 dated 8 May 2019.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to cases of serious sexual crimes handled by the police in the last five years (a) how many cases were filed each year; (b) how many cases were charged in court and for these, what is the median time which elapsed between the making of the police report and the completion of investigations; (c) how many cases were prosecuted in court and of these, what percentage resulted in a conviction; and (d) of those that were not prosecuted in court, what percentage resulted in (i) a warning being issued to the perpetrator (ii) no further action taken against the perpetrator and (iii) the complainant being warned or charged with false reporting.
 2. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each of the last five years (a) what is the gender breakdown of the under-18 party in successful applications for the Special Marriage Licence; (b) what is the average age gap between the couples; and (c) how many and what percentage of marriages granted under the Special Marriage Licence have been civil marriages.
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