

# FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 20TH NOVEMBER, 1956

No. 11

10.00 a.m.

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary to give figures of the number of persons who have left the Colony without paying their Income Tax, and the total amount of Income Tax due by them, giving the break-down for each year since the coming into force of the Income Tax Ordinance.
- \*2. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary whether he has taken any action against these defaulters; in how many cases has action been taken; and for what amount.
- \*3. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary whether he will take measures analogous to those prevailing in almost all other territories to prevent the departure of residents until their Income Tax has been paid or a sufficient guarantee obtained for payment thereof.

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### AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### Presentation of Government Bills

- 1. The Chief Secretary—  
Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
- 2. The Chief Secretary—  
Prisons (Amendment) Bill.
- 3. The Chief Secretary—  
Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

*(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)*

- 1. Income Tax (Amendment No. 2) Bill—Second Reading.  
*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*
- 2. Luxury Tax Bill—Second Reading.  
*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*
- 3. Seafarers' Welfare Board Bill—Second Reading.†
- 4. City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions No. 2) Bill—Second Reading.†

## 5. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 106 of the Income Tax Ordinance (Chapter 166), resolves that the Second Schedule to the said Ordinance be varied by substituting therefor the following schedule with effect from the 1st of January, 1957:—

## SECOND SCHEDULE

*(Section 42)*

<i>Chargeable Income</i>	<i>Rate of Tax</i>
For every dollar of the first \$1,500 ... ..	5 per cent
.. .. next 500 ... ..	6 per cent
.. .. " 1,000 ... ..	7 per cent
.. .. " 2,000 ... ..	8 per cent
.. .. " 2,000 ... ..	10 per cent
.. .. " 3,000 ... ..	12 per cent
.. .. " 5,000 ... ..	15 per cent
.. .. " 20,000 ... ..	20 per cent
.. .. " 10,000 ... ..	25 per cent
.. .. " 5,000 ... ..	30 per cent
.. .. " 5,000 ... ..	35 per cent
.. .. exceeding 55,000 ... ..	40 per cent

## 6. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 11 of the Customs Ordinance (Cap. 160), resolves that the Customs (Duties) (No. 2) Order, 1956, published as Notification No. S 307 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 80 of 7th November, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 33 of 1956, and the Customs (Duties) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1956, published as Notification No. S 321 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 84 of 15th November, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 36 of 1956, be confirmed.

## 7. The Financial Secretary to move—

*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*

That this Assembly resolves that the Special Reserve Fund of one hundred million dollars, created by Resolution of the Legislative Council on the 15th December, 1953, be liquidated with effect from the 1st of January, 1957.

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### †NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Ministers in charge will move their Committee Stage and Third Reading.

†*City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions No. 2) Bill:*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 3, page 2, line 17:* to leave out “and appointment”.
  - (ii) *Clause 3, page 2, lines 24 and 25:* to leave out “shall continue to hold such office until the first Saturday in December, 1957”, and insert—  
“shall, in the case of appointed Councillors, continue to hold such office until the first Saturday in December, 1956, and shall, in the case of elected Councillors, continue to hold such office until the first Saturday in December, 1957”.
  - (iii) *Long title, page 1:* after “office of” to insert “elected”.
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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will give details of the units and strength of (a) the military forces and (b) the Federation Police brought in to assist the Singapore Police Force during the recent riots.
  2. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will supply details of the total cost of construction and equipping of each Government technical, secondary and primary school completed in the year 1956 to date, including figures showing cost of (a) purchase of land, (b) clearance of site, (c) construction of building, (d) provision of roads, playing grounds, drainage and fencing and (e) furniture and equipment; and whether he will give information regarding the economies made in construction of these schools compared with the schools completed in 1955.
  3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will supply details of the total catch of fish, prawns and crabs obtained in the two Government experimental prawn ponds for the period January–October 1956 and the sum realised therefrom; and whether it is anticipated that the catch for the year 1956 will exceed that for 1955.
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