



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1955

No. 14

10.00 a.m.

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## Administration of Oath

Mr. Charles Harris Butterfield, Q.C., *Attorney-General.*

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### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary (a) what is the present strength of the Civil Defence Corps under the following classifications:— (i) Reserves; (ii) Volunteers in training; (iii) National Service Men; (b) whether he is aware that there is considerable dissatisfaction prevailing among the men of the Corps and potential recruits as regards administration, promotion and training; and (c) whether he will take all necessary steps to re-establish the pre-war *esprit de corps* in the present Civil Defence Corps.
- \*2. Mr. MAK PAK SHEE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware that the Chairman of the Singapore Improvement Trust has issued instructions that no English-speaking person in the future will be employed in the Labour Force of the Singapore Improvement Trust; whether he will state the reasons for this apparent discrimination; and what steps he proposes to take in this matter.
- \*3. Mr. MAK PAK SHEE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether his attention has been drawn to the fact that the term "squatter" is objectionable to those who can not accurately be so described; and whether he will arrange that the term "Squatters" should not be associated with the Working Committee which he has recently appointed.
- \*4. Mr. A. R. LAZAROUS: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what action he has taken in connection with the representations made in writing to him concerning the manner in which the City Council is handling its contracts and with particular reference to a matter the details of which had already been communicated to him.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Notices of Introduction of Bills

1. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions) Bill.
  2. The Assistant Minister for Commerce and Industry—  
Civil Law (Amendment) Bill.
  3. The Chief Secretary—  
Police Force (Amendment) Bill.
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

1. Preservation of Public Security Bill—Second Reading.
  - †2. Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.
  3. Penal Code (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
  4. Arms and Explosives (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
  5. Corrosive Substances Bill—Second Reading.
  6. Protected Places and Areas Bill—Second Reading.
  7. Undesirable Publications (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
  - †8. Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Bill—Second Reading.
  9. The Financial Secretary to move—  
(*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*)  
That this Assembly resolve that the sum of \$2,000,000 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the Services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 19 of 1955.
  10. The Financial Secretary to move—  
(*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*)  
That this Assembly resolve that the sum of \$1,289,359 should be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure and for the Services specified in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 18 of 1955.
  11. The Financial Secretary to move—  
That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 102 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947 (No. 39 of 1947), as amended by the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948 (No. 20 of 1948), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 44 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 46 of 1950), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1952 (No. 29 of 1952), the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1953 (No. 40 of 1953) and the Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954 (No. 34 of 1954), resolves that the Singapore Telephone Board be added to the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 1947.
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**†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- †2. *Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Bill*—  
The Chief Secretary will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—  
In page 21, the Sixth Schedule, item 8, to leave out “Telegraph” and insert “Telephone.”  
In page 21, the Sixth Schedule, item 11, to leave out “oil”.
  - †8. *Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Bill*—  
Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Health will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.
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**QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will state what steps the Government is taking to have the existing vacant as well as the newly created specialist posts filled at an early date; and whether the Government would consider appointing suitable local officers to act in such posts pending the appointment of substantive holders to them.
2. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health whether he will give details of the programmes of expansion of existing facilities in the

Hospitals; the approximate dates when such expansion programmes will begin; and the approximate dates when such expansion programmes will be completed.

3. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health whether, in view of the advertisement for applications for specialist posts appearing in the August issue of the local Press and waiving the 10 years' general and 5 years' specialist experience, the Government is prepared to extend similar concessions to applicants for specialist posts previously advertised but which have not as yet been filled.
4. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health whether it is the policy of the Government to inform Medical Officers undergoing training for specialist posts that they have been selected as trainees.
5. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Health what steps the Government is taking to assist voluntary bodies to build homes for chronic and convalescent cases now occupying beds in Government Hospitals.

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### SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 17. Annual Report of the Department of Public Works, 1954. (7th September, 1955).
- Cmd. 16. Annual Report of the Immigration Department, 1954. (8th September, 1955).
- Cmd. 18. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision approved under Authority delegated by the Legislative Assembly. (19th September, 1955).
- Cmd. 19. Supplementary Schedule of Application for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (19th September, 1955).

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- L.A. 10. Third Report from the Committee of Selection. (8th September, 1955).
- L.A. 11. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee on 9th September, 1955. (16th September, 1955).

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- S.L. 28. Import Certificates Order, 1955. (27th August, 1955).
- S.L. 29. Motor Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (7th September, 1955).
- S.L. 30. Road Traffic (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (7th September, 1955).
- S.L. 31. Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (8th September, 1955).
- S.L. 32. Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (13th September, 1955).
- S.L. 33. Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (13th September, 1955).
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