

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 5TH DECEMBER, 1956

No. 15

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Minister when it is intended to publish the Report of the Committee on Minimum Standards of Living.
- *2. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Minister when does the Government intend to give effect to the recommendations contained in the Second and Final Report of the Standing Orders Committee presented to the Assembly on 28th May, 1956, and contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 5 of 1956.
- *3. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Secretary whether in the light of experience gained by the repeated delays in the elections for the City Council, he would consider establishing as of now, the machinery to prepare for General Elections for the Assembly next August, and whether he will give an assurance that adequate steps are being taken to make certain that there will be no question of postponement of such elections for reasons of lack of organisation.
- *4. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Secretary—
 - (a) how many orders of banishment have been issued by the Governor in Council since 1st September, 1956; and
 - (b) how many of the persons in respect of whom such orders of banishment have been made came to Singapore when they were below the age of 10 and have been residing in Singapore ever since.
- *5. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Secretary—
 - (a) how many Orders for the arrest and detention or for the detention of persons under the Banishment Ordinance have been issued by him since the 1st of September, 1956; and
 - (b) whether he will make a statement as to the opportunities afforded to such persons at enquiries provided for by the Banishment Ordinance for learning of and meeting the allegations made against them.
- *6. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary how many of the 1,344 private limited companies registered in Singapore made a profit exceeding 10 per cent of their paid-up capital in 1955, and the aggregate total of such excess profit.
- *7. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary how many of the 127 public limited companies registered in Singapore made a profit in 1955 exceeding 10 per cent of their paid-up capital, and the aggregate total of such profits.
- *8. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Financial Secretary whether the 10 per cent fee payable on first registration of any motor vehicle is payable by the purchaser of the motor vehicle or by the seller; and whether the receipts are issued on payment to the purchaser or to the seller.

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- *9. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he will make a statement on the progress of the measures taken to relieve traffic congestion along that part of Yio Chu Kang Road between Serangoon Garden Way and Paya Lebar Post Office.
- *10. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he will take steps to ensure the safety of pedestrians at the 6th milestone, Yio Chu Kang Road, and to install a pedestrian crossing at that point.
- *11. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether any language qualification is necessary in order to obtain a driving licence.
- *12. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he will make a statement on the Government's policy regarding flood prevention, and in particular whether he will state the Government's intentions regarding the Ulu Pandan pilot scheme.
- *13. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works if he will state the reasons why the 30 m.p.h. speed restriction continues to operate on long stretches of the dual carriageways of Bukit Timah Road.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Financial Secretary—
Final Supply (1955) Bill.
 2. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Singapore Improvement (Amendment No. 2) Bill.
 - **3. The Chief Minister—
Retirement from the Public Service (Compensation) Bill.
 - **4. The Chief Secretary—
Public Service Commission Bill.
 5. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Singapore Industrial Promotion Board Bill.
 - **6. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Control of Petroleum Fuel and Lubricants Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 2. Prisons (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 3. Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 4. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly approves the policy of Malayanisation of the public service as set out in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 65 of 1956.

5. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—

That this Assembly approves the Improvement Rate of 2 *per centum* on the annual value of all houses, buildings, lands and tenements within the City of Singapore, fixed by the Singapore Improvement Trust under subsection (1) of section 22 of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Cap. 259) for the year 1957.

6. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly approves of the loan by the Government to the Singapore Telephone Board of a sum not exceeding \$15 millions at an interest rate of 5¼ per cent per annum repayable over a period of twenty years by half yearly instalments based on the annuity method to be secured by a legal mortgage of the properties and assets belonging to and to which the Board holds legal title for the purpose of capital expenditure on the Board's expansion programme.

7. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$842,826 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 63 of 1956.

8. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$149,480 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 64 of 1956.

9. 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 (Chapter 160 of the Revised Edition), resolves that the Customs (Duties) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956, published as Notification No. S 347 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 90 of 3rd December, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 37 of 1956, be confirmed.

10. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly resolves—

that the Second and Final Report of the Standing Orders Committee, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 5 of 1956, be adopted;

that pursuant to section 54 of the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1955, the First Standing Orders of the Assembly made by the Governor on the 14th day of April, 1955, as amended by the Assembly on 10th February, 1956, be revoked with effect from 1st January, 1957;

that pursuant to section 54 of the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1955, the Standing Orders as contained in Appendix II of the aforesaid Second and Final Report of the Standing Orders Committee be made as the Standing Orders of this Assembly with effect from 1st January, 1957.

11. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly resolves that the Standing Orders Committee, appointed under paragraph (3) of Standing Order 61, do consider and report on such further amendments to the Standing Orders of this Assembly as in the opinion of the Committee appear to be necessary or desirable.

12. The Chief Minister to move—

That a Select Committee comprising Mr. Speaker as Chairman and thirteen members to be nominated by the Committee of Selection be appointed to examine, report upon and make recommendations in respect of matters necessary to enable effect to be given to the resolution of the Assembly on 9th February, 1956, that for the purposes of oral debate the languages of the Assembly should be English, Malay, Mandarin and Tamil; and that the Report from the Select Committee on Languages in Legislative Assembly Debates in the previous Session, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 7 of 1956, be referred to this Select Committee.

13. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That the Report from the Select Committee on the Singapore Youth Sports Centre Incorporation Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 13 of 1956, be adopted.

†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.

****MEMORANDA**

**The Ministers in charge propose, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with these Bills throughout all their stages until the Bills are read the third time.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1956	<i>Date Presented</i>
Cmd. 63. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought	28th November, 1956.
Cmd. 64. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought	28th November, 1956.
Cmd. 58. Report of the Raffles Museum ...	30th November, 1956.
Cmd. 65. Malayanisation—Statement of Policy ...	1st December, 1956.

S.L. 37. The Customs (Duties) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1956 ...	3rd December, 1956.

	<i>Date Ordered to be printed</i>
L.A. 14. Fourth Report from the Committee of Selection ...	28th November, 1956.
