



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 7TH NOVEMBER, 1955

No. 17

10.00 a.m.

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## ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. John Drew Higham, Chief Secretary (*Acting*).

### QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Minister whether he has talked to Mr. Chin Peng from a position of strength, or as equals, or how.
- \*2. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Minister whether he will, if necessary, postpone his journey to London in order to meet Mr. Chin Peng.
- \*3. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary what measures are being taken to improve the pay and conditions of service of the Singapore Special Constabulary (Active Unit).
- \*4. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the Government intends to provide free housing facilities to members of the Singapore Special Constabulary (Active Unit).
- \*5. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary if he is aware of the dissatisfaction among the members of the Singapore Special Constabulary (Active Unit) over the fact that 26 Special Constables were discharged from service without compensation or gratuity as a result of suffering from tuberculosis, and 120 on grounds of inefficiency after several years of service without any complaints as to their efficiency.
- \*6. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary if any aid has been provided by the Government to the families or dependants of those Special Constables who have died while they were in service.
- \*7. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the service of the members of the Special Constabulary (Active Unit) is counted if and when they are absorbed into the Singapore Police Force.
- \*8. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Financial Secretary what subsistence or other allowances from public funds in addition to their salaries were granted to the Chief Minister and his ministerial colleagues during their first Goodwill Mission to Indonesia; and whether allowances on the same scale were granted to the official members of the Pan Malayan Economic Working Party during their recent visit to Indonesia.
- \*9. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works what efforts are being made for the installation of private telephones in the outlying districts of Singapore.
- \*10. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Education what regulations have been made under section 13 of the Singapore Polytechnic Ordinance, 1954, for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Ordinance and particularly of defining the powers and functions of the Board of Governors.
- \*11. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Singapore Polytechnic went to the United Kingdom solely in the interests of the Singapore Polytechnic; and

if he will state in detail what expenditure of public funds directly or indirectly is involved in meeting the cost of passages, allowances and other expenses in connection with this visit.

- \*12. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government intends to build a district hospital in the Sembawang rural area.
- \*13. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether the Government has sought to bring about a settlement of the dispute between the Naval Base Labour Union and the Management of H.M. Dockyard over the discharge of 16 workmen from service so as to avert a strike in the H.M. Dockyard.
- \*14. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what steps are being taken to extend the supply of electricity to the villages between the 12th and 15th milestones, Sembawang Road.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Chief Minister—  
Sale of Food and Drugs (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Minister for Communications and Works—  
Post Office (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Financial Secretary—  
Appropriation Bill.
4. The Attorney-General—  
Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Attorney-General—  
Companies (Amendment) Bill.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- †1. Hospitals Board (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †2. Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †3. Dangerous Drugs (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
4. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—  
That the Honourable Mr. J. M. Jumabhoy be discharged from the Select Committee on the Land Titles Bill and that the Honourable Mr. C. H. Butterfield be appointed to the Committee.
5. The Chief Minister to move—  
That pursuant to subsection (2) of section 21 of the Poisons Ordinance, 1938 (No. 39 of 1938), this Assembly approves the Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1955, made by the Minister for Health on the 8th day of October, 1955, and published as Notification No. S 329 in the *Gazette Supplement* No. 90 of the 27th October, 1955, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 46 of 1955.

6. The Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That the Honourable Mr. J. D. Higham be appointed to be a member of the Select Committee on the Assembly Staff.

7. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with section 3 of the Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance, 1950 (No. 10 of 1950) resolves that the Schedule to the said Ordinance be amended by the deletion under the headings of "Old Title or Name of Office" and "New Title or Name of Office" respectively of the items shown in Part I, and by the addition under the headings of "Old Title or Name of Office" and "New Title or Name of Office" respectively of the items shown in Part II, of the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 36 of 1955.

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### †NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

- †1. *Hospitals Board (Amendment) Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Chief Minister will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

- †2. *Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Communications and Works will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

- †3. *Dangerous Drugs (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill*—

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Chief Minister will move the Committee stage and Third Reading.

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### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary whether the farewell party to the last Governor, Sir John Nicoll, at the house of the Chief Minister in June 1955 was given by the Government of the Colony of Singapore or by the Chief Minister; and what was the amount paid out of the public funds of the Colony to meet the cost of the farewell party.
2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare how many local-born people have gone back to China from January 1954 to September 1955; the number of them allowed re-entry into this Colony; and whether the restrictions on these local-born persons travelling to and from China and Hongkong can be relaxed.

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### SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 23. Report of the Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo, 1954. (24th October, 1955).
- Cmd. 24. Annual Report of the Civil Aviation, 1954. (1st November, 1955).
- Cmd. 27. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision approved under Authority delegated by the Legislative Assembly. (5th November, 1955).
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- L.A. 15. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee on 18th October, 1955. (21st October, 1955).
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- S.L. 47. Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1955. (25th October, 1955).
- S.L. 48. Road Traffic (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1955. (25th October, 1955).
- S.L. 42. Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order, 1955. (31st October, 1955).
- S.L. 43. Customs (Amendment) Regulations, 1955. (31st October, 1955).
- S.L. 44. Liquors Licensing (Amendment) Regulations, 1955. (31st October, 1955).
- S.L. 41. Nurses Registration (Amendment) Regulations, 1955. (1st November, 1955).
- S.L. 50. Trade Marks (Fee—Amendment) Rules, 1955. (2nd November, 1955).
- S.L. 45. Amendment of Poisons List in the Schedule to the Poisons Ordinance, 1938. (2nd November, 1955).
- S.L. 46. Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1955. (2nd November, 1955).
- S.L. 36. Amendments to the Schedule to the Departmental Titles (Alteration) Ordinance, 1950. (3rd November, 1955).
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