

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**THIRD SESSION**

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1959

No. 18

10.00 a.m.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS**

Mr. OON KHYE KIANG, Financial Secretary (*Acting*).

Sir EWEN MACGREGOR FIELD FERGUSSON.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

- \*1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will make a statement to clarify the stand of the Government with regard to the recent statement by the Consul-General of Indonesia that Indonesia intended to change its basic policy towards Singapore.
- \*2. Mr. SOH GHEE SOON: To ask the Financial Secretary to state—
- (a) the average monthly releases, by grades, of cigarettes from bond in 1958; the main brands under each grade, and which brand had the biggest release in 1958 in each grade;
  - (b) whether the release last year of any one brand in any particular grade exceeded the total releases of all the other brands in the same grade, and the names of such brands;
  - (c) the c.i.f. value-brackets within which each grade was placed in November 1958; and
  - (d) whether he is aware of the retail prices about the middle of November 1958 per 1,000 sticks of each of the ten brands that had the biggest releases last year and what was the duty per 1,000 sticks on each of these brands at that time.
- \*3. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will make a statement regarding the educational facility for those school-children who failed in the secondary-school entrance examination.
- \*4. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware of the hardships of those parents whose children have to attend schools several miles away from their homes, and if he will take steps to alleviate their hardships.
- \*5. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the present trade relations between Singapore and Indonesia.
- \*6. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the latest Government policy regarding the rice stockpile.
- \*7. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the discussions he has had with the rice merchants and the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce about the stockpiling of rice, and whether he will revise the present rice-stockpiling policy of the Government.
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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**
**Presentation of Government Bills**

1. The Attorney-General—  
Civil Law (Amendment) Bill.
  2. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Southern Islands Local Council (Amendment) Bill.
  3. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Federal Lands Commissioner, Federation of Malaya (Incorporation)  
Bill.
  4. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Local Government (Amendment) Bill.
  5. The Minister for Communications and Works—  
Singapore Traction (Amendment) Bill.
  6. The Minister for Health—  
Mental Disorders and Treatment (Amendment) Bill.
  7. The Chief Secretary—  
Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill.
  8. The Financial Secretary—  
Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Bill.
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

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

- 1. Pioneer Industries (Relief from Income Tax) Bill—Committee.†  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]
- 2. Industrial Expansion (Relief from Income Tax) Bill—Committee.†  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]

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†The Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Committee Stage.

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- 3. Customs (Amendment No. 3) Bill—Second Reading.††  
*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]
- 4. Registration of United Kingdom Patents (Amendment) Bill—Second  
Reading.††

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- 5. Nursing Homes and Maternity Homes Registration Bill—Second Reading.††  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]
  - 6. Law Reform (Frustrated Contracts) Bill—Second Reading.††
  - 7. War Damage (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.††
  - 8. Services' Lands Board Bill—Second Reading.††  
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
  - 9. Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.††  
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)
  - 10. People's Investment Corporation Bill—Second Reading.††  
(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]

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†† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

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- 11. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—  
That the Report of the Select Committee on the Housing and Development Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 20 of 1958, be adopted.  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]
- 12. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—  
That the Report of the Select Committee on the Planning Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 21 of 1958, be adopted.
- 13. The Chief Minister to move—  
That the Report of the Select Committee on the Local Government Elections (Amendment) Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 22 of 1958, be adopted, subject to the recommittal of the Bill in respect of a new clause immediately after Clause 11 to a Committee of the whole Assembly.  
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]
- 14. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—  
That the Report of the Select Committee on the Control of Manufacture Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 2 of 1959, be adopted, subject to the recommittal of the Bill in respect of Clause 12 to a Committee of the whole Assembly.  
[For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 13.]

**15. The Chief Secretary to move—**

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 5 of the Civil Defence Ordinance (Chapter 73), resolves that the Civil Defence (Singapore Auxiliary Fire Service—Service) Rules, 1958, made on the 23rd day of December, 1958, published as *Gazette* Notification No. S 4 of the 2nd January, 1959, and as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 1 of 1959, be approved.

**16. The Financial Secretary to move—**

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,189,681 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. 2 of 1959.

**17. The Financial Secretary to move—**

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$105,327 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. 3 of 1959.

**18. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—**

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Nature Reserves Ordinance (Chapter 235), resolves that paragraph 4 of the Schedule to the aforesaid Ordinance be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

“All that piece of land situate in Mukim No. XIII, Sembawang, in the Island of Singapore known as Kranji Forest Reserve comprised in Lot 162-8 and estimated to contain an area of 51a. lr. 10p., the boundaries of which are more particularly delineated and edged pink on Certified Plan No. 10401 filed in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Singapore.”

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### MEMORANDUM

*Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 7 (9)):*—

Mr. Lim Cher Kheng (Member for Changi) ... .. Singapore's economic and cultural relations with other countries in South-East Asia.

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### QUESTION NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Chief Minister to state the number of days of absence from Singapore individually and collectively of the Chief Minister, each Minister (other than *ex-officio* Ministers) and each Assistant Minister from 1st July, 1958, to 31st December, 1958; and the details of travelling and expenditure borne by the Government.
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**SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED**

1959		<i>Date Ordered to be printed</i>
L.A.	1 Eleventh Report from the Committee of Selection (Third Session) ... ..	8th January, 1959.
L.A.	2 Report of the Select Committee on the Control of Manufacture Bill ... ..	8th January, 1959.
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1958		<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd.	39 Annual Report on the Local Forces of Singapore 1957 ... ..	19th December, 1958.
Cmd.	49 Annual Report of the Singapore Police Force 1957 ... ..	19th December, 1958.
Cmd.	50 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Lands and Registrar of Deeds 1957 ...	23rd December, 1958.
Cmd.	51 Report of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Colony of Singapore for the year ended 31st December, 1957 ...	10th January, 1959.
1959		
Cmd.	1 Schedule of Transfers between Subheads approved by the Financial Secretary under G.O. 662 (b) during the period 1st October, 1958 to 31st December, 1958, for the information of the Legislative Assembly ... ..	14th January, 1959.
Cmd.	2 Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	14th January, 1959.
Cmd.	3 Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	14th January, 1959.
Cmd.	5 An Industrial Development Programme ...	15th January, 1959.
Cmd.	4 1957 Census of Population, Singapore: Preliminary Release No. 2—General Notes ... ..	20th January, 1959.
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S.L.	1 The Civil Defence (Singapore Auxiliary Fire Service—Service) Rules, 1958 ...	12th January, 1959.
S.L.	2 The Public Entertainments Rules, 1959 ...	16th January, 1959.

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