

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**SECOND SESSION**

SINGAPORE, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1957

No. 19

10.00 a.m.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

- \*1. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Minister whether it is the intention of the Government to Malayanise the post of Solicitor-General which has become vacant.
- \*2. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether the Government intends to introduce legislation to remove the existing disabilities of Trade Unions to participate in political activities.
- \*3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will state the number and nature of the incidents caused by the indiscriminate firing of crackers during the Chinese New Year period, and whether he is satisfied that adequate precautions have been taken by the police in this matter.
- \*4. Mr. DAVID MARSHALL: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will make available to the English reading public of Singapore by public subscription the Information Services' *Daily Digest of Non-English Press*.
- \*5. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary—
  - (i) to state the total amount of professional fees earned by each of the following medical specialists: Surgeons, Ophthalmic Surgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon, radiologists, ear, nose and throat surgeon, pathologists, physicians and gynaecologists and obstetricians, whether employed by Government or by the University, for each of the years 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956;
  - (ii) what amount of the fees earned in each case is retained by the medical specialist mentioned above, and what amount is paid to the Government or to the University; and the basis of allocation of those fees.
- \*6. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the chest physicians and the radiologists of Tan Tock Seng Hospital and T.B. Clinic, the Medical Superintendent of Trafalgar Home, and the Medical Superintendent and Physiologist of Woodbridge Hospital, are Medical Specialists, and what is the total amount of professional fees earned by each of these Medical Specialists for each of the years 1955 and 1956.
- \*7. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing when titles to the land now occupied by persons under Temporary Occupation Licence in the Bedok Settlement will begin to be issued.
- \*8. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what steps is the Government taking to supply the following facilities to the residents of Sembawang Rural District:—
  - (a) street lighting and electricity for private houses between the 11th milestone and 15th milestone Sembawang Road;
  - (b) more public water standpipes for the District.

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- \*9. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what steps is the Government taking to ensure that more and cheaper houses will be built for ordinary working-class people.
- \*10. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware of the public opinions expressed on the Grant-in-Aid Regulations, 1957, and whether he proposes to make amendments to the Regulations to meet them.
- \*11. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware that parents who registered and expected their children to be in a certain English-language school found that their children had to go to other schools far away from their homes; and if he will state the reasons therefor.
- \*12. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Education to state the number of children of both sexes who now cannot go to school at all on account of the difficulties of transport and of expense involved in having to go to schools far away from their homes.
- \*13. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is aware that there is a large number of over-aged pupils of both sexes who were not allowed to sit for the Common Entrance Examination for Secondary Schools last year and who are now unable, although eager, to continue their academic study; and what does he propose to do about them.
- \*14. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Education to explain the Government's policy on Malay Secondary Education and the reason for the delay in replying to the Memorandum submitted by the Malay Education Council in August 1955.
- \*15. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government is taking any steps to establish an out-patient department at the newly built Sembawang Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic at 14th milestone Sembawang Road.
- \*16. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether and when telephone lines will be extended up to 14 $\frac{3}{4}$  milestone Sembawang Road.
- \*17. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the Government's policy towards the encouragement of the tourist trade, on the contents of the New Zealand expert's report, and on whether it is intended to carry out the latter's recommendations.
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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Education—  
Education Bill.
  2. The Minister for Education—  
Singapore Polytechnic (Amendment) Bill.
  3. The Assistant Minister to the Chief Secretary—  
Pawnbrokers (Amendment) Bill.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

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

- 1. Light Dues Bill—Second Reading.†
- 2. Seamen's Registry Board Bill—Second Reading.  
*(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*
- 3. Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 4. Census (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 5. Civil Law (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 6. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 10 of the Public Service Commission Ordinance (No. 41 of 1956), resolves that the remuneration of the Chairman and Members of the Public Service Commission shall be as follows:—

- (a) for the Chairman, an inclusive salary of \$2,300 per month;
- (b) for the Deputy Chairman, a retainer of \$750 per month and, in addition, \$50 per day on which he attends a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of 20 days in any one month; and
- (c) for other Members, a retainer of \$500 per month and, in addition, \$50 per day on which they attend a meeting of the Commission with a maximum of 20 days in any one month.

- 7. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,549,428 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. 10 of 1957.

- 8. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

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

That this Assembly approves under the provisions of section 6 of the Singapore Industrial Promotion Board Ordinance, 1957, the allocation of advances to the Singapore Industrial Promotion Board up to but not exceeding the sum of one million dollars for the purpose of enabling the Board to defray expenditure properly chargeable to capital account, including defraying initial expenses, and for the provision of working capital.

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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.

†*Light Dues Bill:*

The Minister for Commerce and Industry will move in Committee the following amendments to the Bill:—

- (i) *Clause 2, page 1, line 6*, after the full stop, to insert “—(1)”.
- (ii) *Clause 2, page 1*, to leave out lines 13 to 17.

- (iii) *Clause 2, page 2, after line 6*, to insert the following new sub-clause (2):—

“(2) The tonnage in this Ordinance referred to means the net tonnage:

Provided that in the case of a ship whose net registered tonnage has not been ascertained, the gross tonnage shall be deemed to be the net registered tonnage.”

- (iv) *Clause 5, page 2, line 37*, after “of the”, to insert “light”.

- (v) *The Schedule, page 4, lines 1, 2, 4 and 5*, to leave out “net registered” in each case.

†*Census (Amendment) Bill:*

The Chief Secretary will move in Committee the following amendments to the Bill:—

- (i) *Clause 6, page 2, line 36*: to leave out “require the Superintendent of Census to”.
- (ii) *Clause 6, page 2, line 39*: to leave out “by him”.

### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare—
  - (a) What decision has the Government taken with regard to the request of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for funds;
  - (b) Whether a request for funds has been received by the Government from the Young Men’s Muslim Association or from other similar bodies;
  - (c) Why a grant to the Ramakrishna Mission is not included in the 1957 Estimates and whether Government will consider making a grant to that institution.
2. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary—
  - (a) Why provision has been made in subhead 2, Head 26 of the 1957 Estimates for Ecclesiastical Grants and to whom are such grants payable;
  - (b) Why provision has not been made for payments to priests of Islam, Buddhism and other religions.
3. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works what steps have been taken to ensure the safety of pupils of the Yeong Cheng Chinese School in Club Street, which is a two-way thoroughfare and frequently used by learner-drivers.

### SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1957	<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 10. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	6th February, 1957.
Cmd. 8. Annual Report of the Rural Board, Singapore, 1955 ...	11th February, 1957.
S.L. 2. The Radiocommunication (Amendment) Regulations, 1957 ...	22nd January, 1957.

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S.L. 3. The Motor Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules, 1957 ... 4th February, 1957.

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*Date Ordered to be printed*

L.A. 1. Report from the Select Committee on the Local Government Elections Bill ... 18th January, 1957.

L.A. 2. Report from the Select Committee on the Clerks Employment Bill ... 23rd January, 1957.

L.A. 3. Report from the Select Committee on the Shop Assistants Employment Bill ... 24th January, 1957.

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