

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

REVISED ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 9 MAY 2016

No. 20

1.30 pm

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OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr Murali Pillai (Member for Bukit Batok)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government will consider setting up dedicated bicycle terminals at key locations in the city and downtown with the necessary facilities to support those who would like to cycle from their home to the city.
- *2. **Mr Ang Hin Kee:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider investing in lockers for storage of personal mobility devices (PMDs) and setting aside parking spaces/charging stations for parking of electric bicycles and bicycles at community clubs/centres/MRT stations to promote cycling and PMDs.
- *3. **Assoc Prof Fatimah Lateef:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs whether visitations to, and sharing of the work done by, the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) can be embedded into the curriculum of every cohort of asatizah as well as secondary and post-secondary madrasah students.
- *4. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider encouraging major tourist attractions to charge special rates for multi-generational Singaporean visitors to promote inter-generational bonding.

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- *5. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with regard to heritage artefacts excavated by archaeologists or others in the last five years (a) whether all the artefacts have been properly documented and reported to the Government; (b) what is the legal ownership status of such artefacts; and (c) how are the artefacts stored and protected.
- *6. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether the National Day Parade Organising Committee will consider allowing greater priority for Pioneer Generation citizens when they apply to ballot for National Day Parade tickets.
- *7. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) whether the Ministry will consider extending compulsory education up to "O" or "N" levels in preparing our youths to meet future challenges.
- *8. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether IRAS will allow Singaporeans who are retrenched due to the economic downturn this year to defer their income tax payment till they are able to find employment.
- *9. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether private insurers can be incentivised to offer riders for basic standard B1 Integrated Shield Plans to cover Singaporeans with pre-existing medical conditions; and (b) whether the Ministry will study the possibility of establishing a reinsurance risk pool across private insurers' basic standard B1 Integrated Shield Plans so as to lower premiums and facilitate extension of coverage to pre-existing medical conditions.
- *10. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) which private insurers cover admission to inpatient hospices as part of their Integrated Shield Plans; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider requiring all private Integrated Shield Plan insurers to cover inpatient hospice admission just as they presently cover restructured hospital admissions.
- *11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider updating and aligning the definition of "animals" in the Road Traffic Act with the definition in the Animals and Birds Act to ensure that there is alignment of legislation across the statutes.

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- *12. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, how many post-retirement officers has the Career Transition Office helped to place in new jobs; (b) of these officers, what is the percentage breakdown in terms of junior and senior officers; and (c) what types of jobs have they been placed in.
- *13. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Government will review the current annual disposable income criteria for a person to qualify for legal aid; (b) what are the reasons for applicants failing to qualify for legal aid; and (c) among applicants who qualify for legal aid, what are the broad categories of their cases.
- *14. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry can consider increasing the parking duration for Class 2 Label Scheme drivers on parking lots for the handicapped, from 60 minutes to 2 hours.
- *15. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry will consider having water rationing exercises twice a year to instill in our citizens and residents the importance of water and inculcate responsible water usage behaviour in view of the persistent drought and diminishing water levels in Linggiu Reservoir.
- *16. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether NEA will consider imposing a ban on the use of styrofoam packaging in hawker centres in view of its detrimental effects on the environment.
- *17. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the definition of "severely impacted life expectancy" to apply for an early withdrawal under the CPF Medical Grounds Scheme; (b) whether the definition can be brought in line with the Life Insurance Association's Critical Illness Framework or the equivalent for transparency reasons; and (c) what is the reduced Retirement Sum for calculating the withdrawal amount and how is it derived.
- *18. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what enforcement powers does the Ministry deploy when investigating referrals from TAFEP about employers who may be engaging in discriminatory HR practices that are not related to nationality but to other attributes such as age and gender.

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- *19. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Tesla Model 3 electric car will be entitled to a rebate under the Carbon Emissions-based Vehicle Scheme (CEVS).
- *20. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the Ministry's position on use of electric cars in Singapore; (b) whether there are plans to offer financial incentives to encourage more motorists to use electric cars; and (c) whether the Ministry will install more charging points for electric cars.
- *21. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) over the last three years, how many HDB flats have been approved annually for subletting within the Minimum Occupation Period; (b) what is the duration of the subletting approved by HDB; and (c) how many applicants have been allowed to renew their sublettings after the first approval.
- *22. **Mr Yee Chia Hsing:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry is looking into the root cause of the recent HDB coffeeshop fires and whether warranties for floor tiles of units above the affected coffeeshops can be provided to these residents.
- *23. **Assoc Prof Fatimah Lateef:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the Ministry's progress on initiatives pertaining to public-private partnerships and whether there are plans for a wider rollout.
- *24. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Seniors' Mobility and Enabling Fund can be used to fund the cost of battery replacement, and maintenance and repair of the mobility devices provided by the Fund.
- *25. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of a recent High Court judgment which acquitted a female offender of sexual assault charges, whether the Ministry will consider amending section 376A(1)(b) and other non-gender neutral sections of the Penal Code.
- *26. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will amend the law so that sexual penetration will apply to female offenders; and (b) whether the Ministry will review all laws on sexual offences to make them gender-neutral.

- *27. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how many NEA hawker centres currently have activated carbon filters installed in the exhaust systems; (b) whether there are plans to install such filters for existing hawker centres that do not have them; and (c) what other measures is NEA taking to ensure better odour control, smoke, noise and grease reduction in hawker centres in residential areas.
- *28. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry will consider reducing the licensing fee for street hawkers selling tissues to a nominal fee as these hawkers are usually in dire financial situations.
- *29. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with regard to open fields in HDB estates that are fenced up and managed by the People's Association such as the large field behind Punggol Community Club (a) whether these decisions to fence up the fields have been made in consultation with residents; (b) what are their utilisation rates on weekdays compared to on weekends; and (c) whether the fields can be opened up during weekdays and off-peak periods for families to enjoy without the need for booking.
- *30. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) why is the cost of developing the new generation ERP that is based on the Global Navigation Satellite System estimated to cost \$556 million; (b) what are the reasons for the huge difference in the price quoted by the winning tenderer compared to the next highest quote of \$1.2 billion; and (c) what will be the Ministry's approach on how data collected will be anonymised and aggregated to protect individual's privacy.
- *31. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the latest development on the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur high-speed rail (HSR) train and the extension of Singapore's MRT line to Johor Bahru.
- *32. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the repainting schedule for HDB multi-storey car park buildings; and (b) whether the repainting of the car park building is scheduled to coincide with the repainting of flats in the same precinct and, if not, what are the reasons.
- *33. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider extending the Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) programme to seniors living in private estates who have no one supporting them and who have little savings.
- *34. **Assoc Prof Fatimah Lateef:** To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide an update on the review of the Community Health Assist Scheme to include all GP clinics and dental clinics.

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- *35. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many traffic accidents involving foreign-registered vehicles have been reported in the last three years; and (b) what measures are in place to ensure that motorists of foreign-registered vehicles are held accountable for personal injury and/or vehicle damage in the event of a traffic accident in Singapore.
- *36. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider making it mandatory for users of personal mobility devices to (i) put on safety helmets and (ii) have insurance coverage for at least cover third-party claims.
- *37. **Mr Ang Hin Kee:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in view of a recently published letter by Uber Singapore on the over-regulated approach taken by the Ministry on private car hire companies, whether there has been adequate dialogue with these companies during the Ministry's engagement with stakeholders on the recently announced 'light touch' regulations for ride-sharing app companies and private car hire drivers; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider exempting taxi operators from the Quality of Service, Taxi Availability and other compliance licensing requirements.
- *38. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether passengers using Uber taxi services or Grab taxi services are covered by insurance in the event of any accident.
- *39. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will review the present COE growth rate per year.
- *40. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will review the COE quota and pricing policy for taxi hirers in view of the increasing demand from new competitors in the market and the introduction of new regulations for these new competitors.
- *41. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the criteria used to determine whether additional road safety tools such as speed bumps, regulating road strips or raised zebra crossings should be implemented; (b) what are the initiatives taken by the Ministry to promote traffic safety in private estates; and (c) what mechanism is used to regularly measure whether those initiatives have been effective.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The postponement forms are available at the Chamber entrances. To ensure timely notice of such postponements, Members should submit their notices to the Clerk by 4.00 pm. Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bill

1. Prime Minister:

(President's recommendation to be signified).

Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Income Tax (Amendment No. 2) Bill [Bill No. 16/2016] – (Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 2. Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 17/2016] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.
 3. Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 15/2016] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the traffic light sequence at the T-junction between Potong Pasir Avenue 2 and Potong Pasir Avenue 1 can be re-configured to only allow either vehicles to turn right (from Avenue 2 to Avenue 1) or pedestrians to cross the road on Avenue 1 at any one time so as to prevent instances of near accidents.
2. **Mr Ang Hin Kee:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the percentage of active taxi drivers who are females; (b) whether the Ministry has the demographics and profiles of these female taxi drivers; (c) what are the common challenges faced by them at work; and (d) whether there are any specific measures or schemes to assist them.
3. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider extending the MRT Downtown Line 3 from Tampines to Pasir Ris, Punggol, Fernvale/Jalan Kayu and Yio Chu Kang.
4. **Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade) (a) what has been the performance of EDB in attracting foreign investments from 2011 to 2015; and (b) what is EDB's strategy in attracting foreign investments in the face of Singapore's ageing workforce.

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5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether the Ministry will undertake a feasibility study to review if a public library can be built at or near East Point to serve the population in Simei and Changi given that the Tampines and Pasir Ris libraries already serve large residential communities.
 6. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs given the recent spate of multiple-vehicle pile-ups on our highway (a) how often are reviews made for the L-drivers' syllabus conducted by driving centres and schools so that what is taught is relevant to current road traffic conditions; and (b) how are driving instructors regulated to ensure that they keep up-to-date.
 7. **Assoc Prof Daniel Goh Pei Siong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many fires have broken out in the last three years in coffeeshops in HDB blocks with residential units located above them; (b) whether there are specific fire safety provisions pertaining to these coffeeshops; (c) whether the Ministry will consider strengthening the fire safety provisions for these coffeeshops including the mandatory installation of automatic sprinkler systems so as to protect residents living above the coffeeshops.
 8. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) in 2015, how many complaints have been lodged against licensed moneylenders for unfair contracts and practices; (b) what action has been taken by the Ministry as a result of these complaints following the completion of the investigations; and (c) whether the Ministry detects an increasing trend of people borrowing from licensed moneylenders.
 9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) in 2015, how many applications have been made for charity or IPC status respectively; (b) of these, how many applications have been approved respectively; and (c) what are the main reasons for rejecting a charity or IPC status application respectively.
 10. **Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether local businesses can access the facilities at the new Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) to be built at Coney Island for their team-building activities as the existing OBS at Pulau Ubin no longer caters to businesses.
 11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what percentage of land is currently gazetted as nature reserves and nature areas respectively; and (b) whether there are plans to increase the number or size of nature reserves or nature areas.

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12. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there have been studies on the utilisation rate of HDB community spaces; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider renting selected community spaces to private property owners that live close to the rented space for the purpose of funerals, subject to reasonable limits on usage and payment of higher charges than those payable by HDB flat owners.
13. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Schools) whether the Ministry will require all kindergartens to run a programme to (i) help students identify what are private body parts and why they should not touch each other inappropriately and (ii) educate them as to whom they should report the matter to when they are inappropriately touched.
14. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Acting Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills) how many private education institutions currently offer industry-relevant training.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2016</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	104	Police Force (Special Constabulary – Detention) Regulations 2016 19 April 2016
Pres. Co.	9	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Choice of Court Agreements Bill [Bill No 14/2016] 21 April 2016
S.	81	Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Mr Png Cheong Boon as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jurong Town Corporation (JTC) and Member of the JTC Board from 1 May 2016 to 30 April 2019 3 May 2016

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| S. | 82 | Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Member for Presidential Council for Minority Rights (PCMR) | 3 May 2016 |
| S. | 83 | Advice of the Council of Presidential Advisers on the Re-Appointment of Director to the Board of GIC Private Limited | 5 May 2016 |
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