



FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 19TH JUNE, 1957

No. 28

10.00 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS

Mr. WILLIAM ALLMOND CODRINGTON GOODE, C.M.G., Chief Secretary.

Mr. THOMAS MURE HART, C.M.G., Financial Secretary.

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Minister whether he will make a statement regarding the transfer of Christmas Island to Australia.
- *2. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Minister what steps are being taken to set up the tripartite committee to deal with the employment problem affecting the civilian employees in the Armed Services; and whether the Government has adopted or will adopt measures to assist workers who have already been retrenched or will be retrenched in the immediate future.
- *3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Minister whether he will state the number of days' leave of absence from Singapore granted, individually and collectively, to Ministers, other than *ex-officio* Ministers, from 2nd April, 1955, to 30th June, 1957, and the cost to the Colony in travelling and other expenses which such leave of absence has involved.
- *4. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare—
 - (a) how many persons were affected by the recent fire in Cecil Street;
 - (b) how many of them have been given alternative accommodation and where;
 - (c) how many of them are awaiting accommodation, and when will they be given accommodation; and
 - (d) what kind of relief has been given to the victims, and on what dates.
- *5. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Secretary what steps have been or are being taken to grant citizenship or voting rights to aliens resident in Singapore in accordance with the terms of the agreement reached at the London constitutional talks in March/April this year; and whether Government has fixed a target date for the holding of the Legislative Assembly general elections.
- *6. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will make arrangements for the Assembly *Hansard* and other publications presented to this House which are not published in the Government *Gazette* to be made available to the public (i) by annual subscription and (ii) at rates cheaper than the existing rates.

- *7. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will take steps to prevent persons who have registered in the Tanjong Pagar Electoral Division at addresses which are not and never have been their usual place of residence from voting at the coming by-elections; and whether steps will be taken against them under paragraph (2) of Regulation 16 of the Registration of Persons Regulations, 1955.
- *8. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware of the mosquito nuisance in the vicinity of the Serangoon Garden Estate, and what steps will be taken to abate such nuisance.
- *9. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will consider taking steps to have the proposed rents of \$30/\$35 per month for the new Singapore Improvement Trust flats in the Albert Street, Prinsep Street and Short Street area reduced at least to the levels of rentals of \$10 to \$20 per month now being paid by the residents of houses shortly to be demolished.
- *10. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware that there is a great demand by the inhabitants of Bulim Village in Chua Chu Kang for electricity; and when will electricity be supplied to them.
- *11. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing the reasons for the delay in utilising the new bridges constructed across the Bukit Timah Canal between the 5th and 7th milestones on Bukit Timah Road.
- *12. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
- (a) how many tenants of S.I.T. shop premises in the Alexandra/Queenstown area from Redhill Road to Strathmore Avenue are being required to pay increases in rent from 1st June, 1957, and what is the average percentage increase in rent for these premises;
 - (b) why these increases are being demanded after approximately one year's tenancy only; and
 - (c) whether he will cause an enquiry to be made into the justification for these increases, and whether, in the meantime, he will give an assurance that these increases will be postponed.
- *13. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will state—
- (i) what is the policy of Government as to the relationship between rents and value or cost of construction of S.I.T. shop premises;
 - (ii) the total rent being demanded from the 20 S.I.T. shop premises surrounding the Princess Margaret Market off Strathmore Avenue with effect from 1st June, 1957; and
 - (iii) the total cost of construction of these shop premises excluding the market.
- *14. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to state the names of the persons nominated by him or by the Governor in Council who are now serving on the Board of Trustees of the S.I.T., and the dates of such nominations.
- *15. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education—
- (a) how many Chinese-school teachers were paid in error sums in excess of their correct salaries;

- (b) why such Chinese-school teachers were required to refund such excesses in one lump sum instead of by instalments;
- (c) how many of such Chinese-school teachers, as a result of such refunds, received less than \$20 as their salary for the relevant month; and
- (d) whether he is aware of hardships caused to such Chinese-school teachers by reason of such refunds, and what steps he has taken or will take to alleviate such hardships.
- *16. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education the reasons for the delay in implementing the policy of equal conditions of service in all Chinese schools which have accepted full aid, and when the special-post allowances to principals in such schools will be paid.
- *17. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Health why the report of his Ministry for 1955 was published only in May 1957; and when it is proposed to publish the report for 1956.
- *18. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether Government has taken or will take steps to assist those at present referred to as pirate-taxi drivers to obtain proper licences.
- *19. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he is aware that there is a great demand by the inhabitants of Bulim Village in Chua Chu Kang for telephones; and when will telephones be installed in that area.
- *20. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works if he is aware of the urgent need to widen Holland Road from its junction with Ulu Pandan Road to its junction with Bukit Timah Road; and what steps he proposes to take in this matter.
- *21. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry—
- (a) how many applications for licences for deep-sea fishing have been received;
 - (b) how many licences have been granted;
 - (c) what are the conditions which have to be fulfilled before a licence is granted;
 - (d) what is the maximum number of licences he is prepared to grant;
 - (e) what expenses have been incurred by Government in the granting of licences up to a last convenient date, and what extra expenses will be incurred in the granting of more licences; and
 - (f) what is the estimated increase in the country's food supplies consequent on the granting of more licences.
- *22. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry what are the reasons for the delay in setting up a central wholesale fish market.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bill

The Minister for Communications and Works—
Architects (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Licences (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 2. Second-hand Dealers (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading†
- 3. Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Temporary Provisions) Bill—Second Reading.†
- 4. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,228,433 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. 22 of 1957.

- 5. Little Sisters of the Poor Bill—Second Reading.

†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Members in charge will move their Committee Stage and Third Reading.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will appoint a committee to examine the hawker problems and make recommendations thereon.
2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state—
 - (a) the number of business organisations in Singapore which claim to offer to the general public a thrift and medical service and benevolent benefit;
 - (b) the activities of such organisations;
 - (c) how many complaints against them have been lodged with the Police; and
 - (d) what steps he will take to protect the interest of the public.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1957	<i>Date ordered to be printed</i>
L.A. 8. Second Report from the Public Accounts Committee (Second Session) ...	24th May, 1957.
<i>Date presented</i>	
Cmd. 19. Report of the Department of Chemistry and Inspectorate of Dangerous Drugs and Hazardous Materials, 1956 ...	25th May, 1957.
Cmd. 17. Report of the Ministry of Health being the Annual Report on the Medical Department for the year 1955 ...	30th May, 1957.

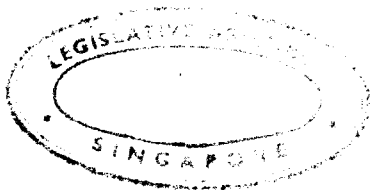
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Cmd. 20.	Report of the Committee appointed to examine the possibility of introducing television in Singapore	3rd June, 1957.
Cmd. 22.	Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	11th June, 1957.

S.L. 9.	Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Regulations, 1957	5th June, 1957.
S.L. 10.	Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Rules, 1957	5th June, 1957.
S.L. 11.	Shop Assistants Employment Regulations, 1957	14th June, 1957.
S.L. 12.	Clerks Employment Regulations, 1957 ...	14th June, 1957.

S. 6.	Central Provident Fund Board: Chairman's Statement and Accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1956 ...	11th June, 1957.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, SINGAPORE

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1957

Mr. Goh Chew Chua (Member for Ponggol-Tampenis) has obtained the right to raise the following matter on the Motion for the Adjournment on the 19th of June, 1957 (S.O. 7 (9)) :-

"Radio Broadcast for political parties
for the by-elections".
