

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1956

10.00 a.m.

No. 2

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Minister whether he will make a statement on Government policy in respect of the nomination of members to fill vacancies on Trusts or Boards which are within the power of Government to fill.
- *2. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Secretary whether the question of an increase in pensions and cost of living allowance for pensioners has been decided.
- *3. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will make a statement on the arrest of Mr. Tan Lay Boon, an official of the Army Civil Service Union.
- *4. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Attorney-General whether he will consider introducing amending legislation so that convicted opium addicts shall not be committed to prison but sent to anti-opium treatment centres.
- *5. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Financial Secretary whether he is satisfied that the extent of personal relief to income taxpayers in the Colony is adequate in the present circumstances.
- *6. Mr. R. C. H. LIM: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether, in view of official statements about the negotiation of fresh agreements to take effect next year between Malayan Airways Limited and the Governments of the Borneo territories, the Federation of Malaya and Singapore, he will give an assurance that the text of any new agreement to which the Singapore Government is to be a party will be communicated to the Assembly before it is signed.
- *7. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works what steps have been taken to relieve the congestion of the traffic at—
 - (i) the junction of Paya Lebar and Yio Chu Kang Roads; and
 - (ii) the 6th milestone Yio Chu Kang Road.
- *8. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will give details of the 1956-1957 development plan for English schools and Vernacular schools; and whether he has any plan for building a Malay secondary school in the Siglap-Bedok area.

- *9. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he is satisfied that the Government-managed Chinese Primary and Secondary Schools are administered in accordance with the recommendation of the Report of the All-Party Committee on Chinese Education.
- *10. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Committee on Chinese Textbooks and Syllabi has been formed, and who are the members of the committee.
- *11. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether it is his intention to compel the Chinese Schools to accept the full grant-in-aid scheme.
- *12. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will give an assurance—
- (a) that the management of Chinese Schools as run by the existing school committees will not be jeopardised by the adoption of the new Chinese Education Policy;
 - (b) that there will not be any lowering of the standards of the textbooks and changing of curricula in the Chinese Schools; and
 - (c) that the registration granted to the qualified teachers in Chinese Schools will continue to be recognised.
- *13. Inche AHMAD BIN IBRAHIM: To ask the Minister for Education what stand is taken by the Government in respect of the memorandum submitted to him by the Malay Education Council (Majlis Pelajaran Melayu) on 20th August, 1955.
- *14. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Health—
- (i) whether plans for the proposed Hospital at the Kallang Airport site have been completed; and
 - (ii) whether Government has decided to establish a temporary cottage hospital there pending completion of the District Hospital.
- *15. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will consider acquiring the Admiralty lands, now lying fallow, at Bukit Panjang and Bukit Gombak hills, particularly Lots Nos. 214/1 and 215 Mukim X, sub-dividing them into small building lots and renting them to those who wish to get out of the slums and build their own houses according to their means.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Communications and Works—
Architects (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Chief Secretary—
Minor Offences (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Chief Secretary—
Criminal Justice (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Minister for Communications and Works—
Singapore Telephone Board (Amendment) Bill.

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5. The Assistant Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Silver Jubilee Fund (Singapore) (Amendment No. 2) Bill.
 6. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Singapore Youth Sports Centre Incorporation Bill.
 7. The Chief Secretary—
Singapore Legislative Assembly Elections (Amendment) Bill.
 8. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government Bill.
 9. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government Elections Bill.
 10. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Clerks Employment Bill.
 11. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Shop Assistants Employment Bill.
 12. The Attorney-General—
Public Trustee (Amendment) Bill.
 13. The Attorney-General—
Dangerous Drugs (Temporary Provisions) Bill.
 14. The Attorney-General—
Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill.
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly resolves that for the better maintenance of the privileges of the Legislative Assembly the Commissioner of Police be requested to make such orders and do all necessary acts and things as are required to ensure that on each day on which the Assembly is sitting during the present session due order and decorum are maintained and preserved in and around the precincts of the Assembly House.

2. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 61 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly, Singapore, appoints the following as members of the Committee of Selection:—

The Honourable Inche Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat (Member for Ulu Bedok)

The Honourable Mr. J. M. Jumabhoy (Member for Stamford)

The Honourable Mr. Mak Pak Shee (Member for Geylang)

Mr. Lee Kuan Yew (Member for Tanjong Pagar)

Mr. Lim Choon Mong (Member for Serangoon)

3. The Chief Minister to move—

That this Assembly expresses its thanks to His Excellency the Governor for his Address delivered on Wednesday, 29th August, 1956.

4. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$4,308,250 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. 43 of 1956.

5. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$3,410,926 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in Schedule B contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 44 of 1956.

6. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Governor's Powers Delegation Ordinance (Chapter 51), resolves that the power vested in the Governor by subsection (1) of section 5 of the Federation of Malaya Export Duties Collection Ordinance (Chapter 163) may in future be exercised by the Financial Secretary.

7. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 106 of the Income Tax Ordinance (Cap. 166), resolves that the Port Swettenham and Malacca Mercantile Marine Funds be added to the First Schedule to the said Ordinance.

8. The Financial Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 106 of the Income Tax Ordinance (Cap. 166), resolves that the Tin Industry (Research and Development) Board be added to the First Schedule to the said Ordinance.

9. The Assistant Minister for Labour and Welfare to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (3) of section 30 of the Women and Girls' Protection Ordinance (Chapter 126), resolves that the Women and Girls' Protection (Places of Safety—Amendment) Rules, 1956, made on the 22nd day of June, 1956, and published as Notification No. S 196 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 46 of the 29th June, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 23 of 1956, be approved.

10. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1956, published as Notification No. S 224 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 55 dated 17th August, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 24 of 1956, be approved.

11. The Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (2) of section 29 of the Registration of Deeds Ordinance (Chapter 255), resolves that the Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Rules, 1956, made by the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing on the 15th day of August, 1956, and published as Notification No. S 226 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 55 of 17th August, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 25 of 1956, be approved.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Chief Secretary what steps, if any, are being taken to protect innocent people with tattoo marks on their bodies from being arrested.
2. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will give details of courses taken by expatriate medical officers sent to the United Kingdom on study leave and the degrees or diplomas for which they are expected to qualify.
3. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will state--
 - (i) the number of applicants for the posts of (a) Chest Specialist and (b) Radiologist as advertised in the year 1955;
 - (ii) the number of applications forwarded to the Public Services Commission; and
 - (iii) the number of applicants interviewed by the Public Services Commission.
4. Mr. LIM CHOON MONG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that one Asian Medical Officer has been holding the post of Acting Physician for a period of a year and a half, and whether he will state the reason for the said officer not being confirmed in his acting post.
5. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will give a detailed statement on "Operation Dagger".
6. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he will give a detailed statement on the findings by the Police of the Vice and Gambling activities, and what steps have so far been taken to suppress these activities.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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- Cmd. 36. Report of the Public Services Commission for the year 1955. (5th July, 1956).
- Cmd. 34. Annual Report of the Labour Department 1954. (5th July, 1956).
- Cmd. 37. Report of the Commissioners of Currency, Malaya and British Borneo 1955. (7th July, 1956).
- Cmd. 35. Annual Report of the Administration of Justice for 1955. (23rd July, 1956).
- Cmd. 39. Income Tax Department—Statistical Abstracts showing Details of Assessments made for 1954 up to 31st December, 1955, with Particulars of Assessments made and Tax collected in 1955. (7th August, 1956).
- Cmd. 38. Annual Report of the Department of Public Works 1955. (14th August, 1956).
- Cmd. 43. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (29th August, 1956).

Cmd. 44. Development Estimates 1956—Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (29th August, 1956).

Cmd. 40. Annual Report of the Commissioner of Lands and Registrar of Deeds 1955. (30th August, 1956).

Cmd. 42. Annual Report of the Board of Film Censors, 1955. (3rd September, 1956).

S.L. 21. Telephone (Trunk Charges) Rules, 1956. (10th July, 1956).

S.L. 22. Driving Licences (Local Forces) Rules, 1956. (10th July, 1956).

SL. 23. Women and Girls' Protection (Places of Safety—Amendment) Rules, 1956. (14th July, 1956).

S.L. 24. Merchant Shipping (Passenger Certificate Partial Survey Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (13th August, 1956).

S.L. 25. Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (16th August, 1956).

S.L. 26. Petroleum (Transport by Water and Storage Fees) (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (27th August, 1956).

S. 3. War Damage Commission—Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1955. (17th July, 1956).

S. 4. Singapore Telephone Board—Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December, 1955. (27th August, 1956).
