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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mdm Halimah Yacob:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) the rationale for disallowing the use of Medisave to pay for the costs of inserting stents in an angioplasty procedure when Medisave can be used for other charges related to this procedure and (b) will his Ministry review this policy.
- *2. **Mdm Halimah Yacob:** To ask the Minister for Health, in view of the high risk of infection of unregulated tattooing procedures now freely conducted by untrained persons without any health or safety guidelines will his Ministry (i) regulate the conduct of this procedure; and (ii) consider banning those below 18 years from tattooing themselves unless they have parental consent as is the practice in some countries.
- *3. **Ms Braema Mathiapparanam:** To ask the Minister for Education based on the merits of Literature as endorsed by the Ministry and the Economic Review Committee, if he will (i) consider making Literature a compulsory subject for all students at the upper primary and lower secondary school levels using a range of books to manage the different linguistic abilities of children; and (ii) introduce a compulsory module of Literature for all polytechnic students to give them an all-rounded education.
- *4. **Mr Zainudin Nordin:** To ask the Acting Minister for Community Development and Sports and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what is the number of requests for translation of documents and rulings of the Syariah Court from Malay to English; (b) is there an increasing number in such request; (c) does his Ministry find it necessary for future written documents and rulings of the Syariah Court to be given in both Malay and English.

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- *5. **Mr Steve Chia Kiah Hong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry plans to increase the foreign maid levy and, if so, whether the Ministry has considered other alternatives other than just increasing the levy.
- *6. **Ms Braema Mathiapparanam:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is his Ministry's rationale for excluding singles, who have maids in their employment, from enjoying tax rebates on maid levies; and (b) whether his Ministry will consider reviewing this policy to help singles who employ maids to look after their elderly or siblings.
- *7. **Mr Steve Chia Kiah Hong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of Singapore becoming a more open society, if the law on public speaking will be relaxed.

* Members may signify to the Clerk their desire to postpone their Questions to a later sitting day, if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The forms for postponement of Questions are available at the Chamber entrances and should be given to the Clerk at the end of Question Time.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. JUNIOR COLLEGE/UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION: *Resumption of Debate on Question (25th November 2002),*

JUNIOR COLLEGE/UPPER SECONDARY EDUCATION: "That this House, having noted the Report of the Junior College (JC)/Upper Secondary Education Review Committee 2002, contained in Paper Cmd. 8 of 2002, (1) supports the new JC curriculum which will better develop thinking, communication and other process skills and engage students in greater breadth of learning; and (2) endorses greater diversity and opening of new pathways in JC/Upper Secondary education to cater to the different strengths and interests of students." – (Minister for Education).

PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2002</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.	136 Annual Report of the Lifelong Learning Endowment Fund FY 2001/2002 ...	21st November, 2002
S. L.	119 Customs (Duties) (Amendment No. 5) Order 2002	22nd November, 2002
S.	137 Annual Report of the International Enterprise Singapore Board 2001/2002	22nd November, 2002
