

# FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

## SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, 25TH JULY, 1957

No. 31

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### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Mr. STANLEY TOFT STEWART, Chief Secretary (*Acting*).

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### QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

\*Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works what is the position of the new franchise to be granted to Malayan Airways Limited; when can the House expect that its terms and conditions will be communicated to it; and whether the Government will initiate a debate in the Assembly in respect thereof.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Local Government Elections Bill—Recommittal.†
  2. Local Government Bill—Recommittal.†
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### †NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### †1. Local Government Elections Bill:

The following amendments to the Bill will be moved on its recommittal to a Committee of the whole Assembly:—

(i) *Clause 1:*

*In page 13, line 5:* to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.—  
(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

*Consequential amendment:*

Consequential on the amendment to clause 1, wherever the term “Local Government Elections Ordinance, 1956” occurs, to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.

(ii) *Clause 2:*

(a) *In page 14, line 10:* to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.—  
(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

*Note:*—Marginal note—to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.

(b) *In page 14, line 17:* to leave out “Proclamation” and insert “Notification”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(iii) *Clause 8:*

*In page 17, line 14:* after “Ordinance”, to insert—

“:

Provided that no alteration shall be made in the boundaries of the electoral divisions of any local government area unless and until the proposed alteration

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Lee Choon Eng (Member for Queenstown) has obtained the right to raise the following matter on the Motion for the Adjournment of the Assembly on the 25th of July, 1957 (S.O.7(9)) :-

"Government Subsidy on S.I.T. Rentals".

Office of the Clerk,  
Legislative Assembly,  
Assembly House,  
Empress Place,  
Singapore, 22nd July, 1957.

has been notified in four successive *Gazettes* and contemporaneously advertised once every week for four consecutive weeks in one English, one Chinese, one Malay and one Tamil newspaper circulating in the Colony with an invitation to all persons affected by such alteration and who object thereto to make their objections known in writing to the Minister in order that the same may be duly considered by him:

And provided also that the provisions of this section shall apply in respect of the alterations in the electoral divisions of the City from those existing under the Municipal Elections Ordinance, 1948:

*Ord. 26  
of 1948.*

And provided also that the provisions of this section shall apply in respect of the new electoral divisions of the District Councils.”—(Mr. John Ede).

(iv) *Clause 11:*

*In page 18, line 41:* to leave out “(6)” and insert “(3)”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(v) *Clause 22:*

*In page 26, after line 18:* to insert a new sub-clause (3) as follows:—

*Ord. of  
1957.*

“(3) On a casual vacancy occurring in the office of a Councillor an election shall subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section 26 of the Local Government Ordinance, 1957, be held within two months of the date of the casual vacancy upon a date to be fixed by the Governor.”—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(vi) *Clause 27:*

*In page 27, line 33:* to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

*Note:*—Marginal note—to leave out “1956” and insert “1957”.

(vii) *Clause 34:*

*In page 31, line 20:* after “taken”, to insert “, such date being not less than sixteen days after the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette*”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

Subject to the Bill passing the Committee Stage, the Member in charge will move its Third Reading.

## †2. Local Government Bill:

The following amendments to the Bill will be moved on its recommittal to a Committee of the whole Assembly:—

(i) *Clause 3:*

(a) *In page 70:* to leave out lines 1 to 3.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 71:* after line 23, to insert:—

“member of a local authority” means a City Councillor or a District Councillor, or the Chairman of a District Council or the Deputy Chairman of a District Council, as the case may be;—(Mr. John Ede).

(c) *In page 72, line 24:* after “messuages” to insert “, houses”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(ii) *Clause 5:*

*In page 74, line 18:* after "him", to insert " , provided that the provisions of this section shall also apply in respect of the alterations in the limits of the City described in the First Schedule to this Ordinance from those existing under the Municipal Ordinance".—(Mr. John Ede).

(iii) *Clause 6:*

*In page 74, line 25:* to leave out "thirty-two" and insert "forty-eight".—(Mr. John Ede).

(iv) *Clause 15:*

*In page 80, line 27:* after "him" to insert " , provided that the provisions of this section shall also apply in respect of the alterations in the limits of the City and Districts described in the First and Second Schedules to this Ordinance respectively from those existing under the Municipal Ordinance and from those described in the Local Government Ordinance, 1957".—(Mr. John Ede).

Ord. of  
1957.

(v) *Clause 16:*

(a) *In page 80, line 30:* to leave out "twelve" and insert "eighteen".—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 80:* to leave out lines 33 to 36.—(Mr. John Ede).

(vi) *Clause 20:*

*In page 82, line 18:* to leave out "A" and insert "B".—(Mr. John Ede).

(vii) *Clause 21:*

(a) *In page 82, line 37:* to leave out from "(b)" to " ; and" in line 9 in page 83 and insert:—

"if he is able to speak any Chinese dialect or Malay or Tamil or English and, unless incapacitated by blindness or any other physical cause, to read and write any one of those dialects or languages".—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 82, line 41:* to leave out from "languages" to the end of line 2 in page 83.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(c) *In page 83, line 7:* after "those", to insert "dialects or".—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(d) *In page 83, line 7:* to leave out from "languages" to " ; and" in line 9.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(viii) *Clause 22:*

*In page 83, after line 33:* to insert:—

(d) has been convicted of making a false declaration for the purposes of subsection (3) of section 27 of the Local Government Elections Ordinance, 1957; or".—(Mr. John Ede).

Ord. of  
1957.

*Note:*—Consequential amendments to be made to the letters of the succeeding paragraphs.

(ix) *Clause 25:*

(a) *In page 86, line 1:* after "(2)", to insert "(a)".—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 86, after line 5:* to insert:—

"(b) The mayor shall cease to hold office as such, if he shall by writing under his hand addressed to the

Chief Administrative Officer resign such office, on the date of the receipt of such resignation by the Chief Administrative Officer.”—(Mr. John Ede).

(x) *Clause 26:*

*In page 86, line 39:* after “held”, to insert “forthwith”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xi) *Clause 29:*

(a) *In page 87, line 18:* to leave out “to the mayor and”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 87, after line 21:* to insert:—

“(2) The City Council may pay to the mayor such allowances or expenses as the City Council may from time to time authorise.”—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:*—Consequential on the addition of new sub-clause (2), in line 18 after “29.” to insert “—(1)”.

(xii) *Clause 31:*

*In page 87, line 42:* to leave out “office or offices” and insert “post or posts”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xiii) *Clause 39:*

*In page 90, line 22:* after “Council”, to insert “excluding the Chairman”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xiv) *Clause 40:*

(a) *In page 90, line 36:* after “thereon”, to insert:—

“, provided that the mayor shall not be entitled to cast a vote on such questions”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 90, lines 38 to 39:* to leave out “whether or not entitled to vote in the first instance” and insert “not being the mayor”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xv) *Clause 41:*

(a) *In page 91, lines 5 and 6:* to leave out “or by resolution in respect of any particular meeting”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 91, line 10:* to leave out “and” and insert “or”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xvi) *Clause 45:*

*In page 92:* to leave out lines 18 to 22.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xvii) *Clause 60:*

*In page 97, line 5:* to leave out from “may” to the end of line 13 and insert:—

(a) with the sanction of the Minister sell, exchange or let on lease or otherwise any electricity, water or gas undertaking vested in it for such consideration or at such rent and upon such terms and conditions as the local authority with the sanction of the Minister may determine; and

(b) sell, exchange or let on lease or otherwise any revenue producing undertaking, not being an electricity, water or gas supply undertaking, vested in it for such consideration or at such rent and upon such terms and conditions as the local authority may determine.”—(Mr. John Ede).

(xviii) *Clause 67:*

(a) *In page 101:* to leave out lines 23 to 25.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:* Consequential amendments to be made to the letters of the succeeding paragraphs.

(b) *In page 102, line 9:* to leave out “real or personal” and insert “movable or immovable”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xix) *Clause 68:*

*In page 102, line 22:* to leave out “Fund” and insert “accounts”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xx) *Clause 81:*

(a) *In page 107, line 18:* to leave out “nor, except in special circumstances, the period”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 107, lines 19 and 20:* to leave out “under section 78 of the Ordinance”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(c) *In page 107, line 19:* to leave out “78” and insert “79”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxi) *Clause 102:*

*In page 115, line 34:* to leave out from “thereto” to the end of line 35 and insert:—

“:

Provided that no such modification, rejection or addition is inconsistent with this Ordinance and further provided that any proposal to increase expenditure or reduce income which has not already been considered by the District Council Finance Committee shall stand referred to that Committee for report to a subsequent meeting of the Council.”—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxii) *Clause 108:*

*Cap. 202.* *In page 117, line 23:* after “Ordinance”, to insert “and an Education rate under the provisions of section 5 of the Education Ordinance”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxiii) *Clause 109:*

*In page 119, line 30:* to leave out from “City” to the end of line 45.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:* Consequential amendments in lines 18 and 19 to leave out “—(a)”.

(xxiv) *Clause 143:*

*In page 143, line 3:* after “authority”, to insert:—

“, provided that the provisions of this subsection may apply to private streets of a width less than thirty-six feet if the local authority in special circumstances thinks fit”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xxv) *Clause 152:*

*In page 151, line 41:* to leave out “299” and insert “302”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxvi) *Clause 154:*

(a) *In page 152, line 17:* after “notice”, to insert:—

“, provided that the requirements of this subsection shall also apply in respect of Crown Land other than forest and nature reserves”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 152, line 32:* after “and” to insert “if such person is the owner the provisions of section 302 of this Ordinance shall apply to such expenses, and in any other case, the provisions of subsection (2) of section 299 of this Ordinance shall apply thereto.”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

*Note:*

(a) *In page 152, line 32,* after “default”, to insert a comma.

(b) *In page 152, line 32,* to leave out “a” and insert “A”.

(xxvii) *Clause 159:*

*In page 153, lines 39 to 43, and in page 154, lines 1 to 24:* to leave out clause 159.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:* The mover will vote against the question “That the Clause stand part of the Bill”.

(xxviii) *Clause 168:*

*In page 161, line 8:* to leave out “cinematograph” and insert “cinema.”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xxix) *Clause 169:*

(a) *In page 161, line 25:* to leave out “may” and insert “shall”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(b) *In page 161, line 26:* after “Ordinance”, to insert “subject to compliance with subsection (2) or (3) of this section or with any other written law for the time being in force”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(c) *In page 162, line 41:* to leave out “Police” and insert “Magistrates”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxx) *Clause 216:*

*In page 197, line 40:* after “Minister”, to insert “after consultation with the local authority”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xxxi) *Clause 245:*

*In page 212, line 12:* after “premises”, to insert “including Crown Land other than forest and nature reserves”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xxxii) *Clause 256:*

*In page 221, line 29:* to leave out from “thereunder” to “do” in line 31.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxxiii) *Clause 284:*

*In page 231, lines 7 to 17:* to leave out clause 284.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:* The mover will vote against the question “That the Clause stand part of the Bill”.

(xxxiv) *Clause 285:*

*In page 231, line 22:* after “this”, to insert “Ordinance”.—(Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing).

(xxxv) *Clause 287:*

*In page 232, lines 1 to 12:* to leave out clause 287.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:*—The mover will vote against the question “That the Clause stand part of the Bill”.

(xxxvi) *Clause 293:*

*In page 234, lines 1 to 9:* to leave out clause 293.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:*—The mover will vote against the question “That the Clause stand part of the Bill”.

(xxxvii) *Clause 323:*

(a) *In page 245:* to leave out lines 31 to 40, and lines 1 to 12 in page 246.—(Mr. John Ede).

*Note:*—Consequential renumbering of the following sub-clauses.

(b) *In page 246, line 16:* to leave out “or of the Municipal Fund”.—(Mr. John Ede).

#### NEW CLAUSES.

(xxxviii) *Immediately after Clause 17:*

“Appoint-  
ment of  
District  
Council  
Employees.

(1) A District Council shall, with the concurrence of the Minister, appoint fit and proper persons to be Secretary, Treasurer, Health Officer, Assessor, Engineer, Architect and Building Surveyor and Cleansing Superintendent.

(2) Persons appointed to such posts shall not be removed without the consent of the Minister.”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xxxix) *Immediately after the foregoing Clause:*

“List of  
posts.

The Chairman of a District Council shall once a year submit to the Council for its approval a list of the posts which he thinks necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance with the salaries and allowances, if any, proposed to be attached to such posts respectively.”.—(Mr. John Ede).

(xl) *Immediately after Clause 101:*

#### “District Council Finances.

District  
Council  
Fund.

(1) All moneys received by a District Council by virtue of this or any other Ordinance shall constitute a fund which shall be called the District Council Fund and shall together with all property which is or may become vested in the District Council be under the direction and control of the District Council subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

(2) All liabilities falling to be discharged by a District Council shall be discharged out of the District Council Fund.

(3) All payments to and out of a District Council Fund shall be made to and by the Treasurer who shall be responsible therefor to the District Council.”.—(Mr. John Ede).



(xli) *First Schedule:*

*In page 246, line 28:* to leave out from "Singapore" to the end of line 48 in page 249 and insert:—

"within the limits of the City of Singapore as constituted under the provisions of the Municipal Ordinance."—(Mr. John Ede).

(xlii) *Second Schedule:*

*In page 250, line 1:* to leave out from beginning to the end of line 48 in page 262 and insert:—

"All that part of the Island of Singapore within the limits of the Rural Board area created under the provisions of the Municipal Ordinance."—(Mr. John Ede).

(xliii) *Third Schedule:*

*In page 263:* after "FORMS", to insert:—

"A.

**FORM OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
OFFICE OF MAYOR.**

(Section 9)

I, ....., a duly elected member of the City Council of Singapore, having previously made and delivered my declaration of acceptance of office as a Councillor in due form and as required by the Local Government Ordinance, 1957, and having been elected Mayor of the City, hereby declare that I take upon myself the office of Mayor and will duly and faithfully fulfil my duties as Mayor to the City and to the citizens thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

.....  
(Signature of Declarant.)

Declared before me this ..... day of ....., 19.....

.....  
(Signature and description.)"—(Mr. John Ede).

*Notes:*—Consequential on amendment to Clause 20—

(i) *In page 263:* after "FORMS", to leave out "A" and insert "B".

(ii) *In page 263:* to leave out "(Sections 9 and 20)" and insert "(Section 20)".

(iii) Amendments to be made to the letters of the succeeding Forms.

(xliv) *Sixth Schedule:*

*In page 273, line 8:* after "nuisances", to insert "including noise".—(Mr. John Ede).

Subject to the Bill passing the Committee Stage, the Member in charge will move its Third Reading.

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Cmd. 23. Report of the Raffles Museum 1956

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