



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SINGAPORE, 6TH JUNE, 1956

10.00 a.m.

No. 31

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## ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

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

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- \*1. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he is aware that the average retail selling price of rice has been higher in the current year than was the case in 1955; and whether he will state the reasons.
  - \*2. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he is aware that the Singapore Improvement Trust has planned the completion (a) of less housing units in 1956 than were completed in 1955 and (b) of a lower percentage of housing units carrying rentals of not more than \$30 p.m.; and whether this represents the Government's policy in the matter.
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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Presentation of Government Bill

- \*\*The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.
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## ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- †1. Hotels (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †2. Ports (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †3. Legal Aid and Advice Bill—Second Reading.  
(*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*).
- †4. Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.
- †5. Pensions Bill—Committee.
6. The Chief Minister to move—  
(*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*).  
That this Assembly approves the stand of its delegation at the Constitutional Conference in London.
7. The Chief Minister to move—  
(*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified*).  
That this Assembly takes note of the correspondence between the Chief Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies between the 17th and the 30th May, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. Misc. 2 of 1956, on the subject of reopening the Singapore Constitutional Conference.
- \*\*8. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to move—  
That the Report from the Select Committee on the Land Titles Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 3 of 1956, be adopted subject to the recommittal of the Bill in respect of clause 2 to a Committee of the whole Assembly.

## 9. The Chief Secretary to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with subsection (2) of section 11 of the University of Malaya Ordinance, 1949 (No. 12 of 1949), resolves that the University of Malaya (Staff Transfer) (Amendment) Rules, 1956, published as Notification No. S 148 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 33 of 10th May, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 18 of 1956, be approved.

## 10. The Attorney-General to move—

That this Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 8 of the Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1951 (No. 25 of 1951), resolves that the Governor be authorized to order, by notification in the *Gazette*, that the Revised Edition of Ordinances prepared under the provisions of that Ordinance shall come into force from such date as he may think fit.

## 11. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$541,578 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. 29 of 1956.

## 12. The Minister for Communications and Works to move—

That this Assembly pursuant to subsection (1) (b) of section 4 of the Architects Ordinance, 1941 (No. 23 of 1941) resolves that the Scale of Fees to be charged by persons registered under Part II of the Ordinance for professional advice or services rendered or work done, as contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 32 of 1956, be approved.

## 13. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 477 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 150), resolves that the Singapore Port (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1956, published as Notification No. S 157 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 38 of 4th June, 1956, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 20 of 1956, be approved.

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### †NOTICES RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE DAY

†1. *Hotels (Amendment) Bill.*

†2. *Ports (Amendment) Bill.*

†4. *Registration of Deeds (Amendment) Bill.*

Subject to these Bills passing their Second Reading, the Ministers in charge will move their Committee stage and Third Reading.

†3. *Legal Aid and Advice Bill:*

Subject to the Bill passing its Second Reading, the Minister for Labour and Welfare will move its Committee stage and Third Reading.

The Minister for Labour and Welfare will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

(i) *Clause 10, page 6, line 21:* leave out “fund” and insert “funds”.

(ii) *Clause 22, page 14, line 1:* after “period”, insert “of fourteen days, and during such period”.

†5. *Pensions Bill*—

The Chief Secretary will move the following amendments to the Bill in Committee:—

- (i) *Clause 10, page 7, line 20*: after “pension”, add “and in the case of Home Civil Service Pension to be four-thirds of its actual amount”.
- (ii) *Clause 18, page 12, line 9*: leave out “17” and insert “16”.

*Second Schedule*:

- (iii) *Regulation 20, page 24, line 10 of paragraph (1)*: leave out “17” and insert “16”.
- (iv) *Regulation 21, page 27, line 3 of paragraph (6)*: leave out “17” and insert “16”.
- (v) *Regulation 21, page 27, line 5 of paragraph (6)*: leave out “diseased” and insert “deceased”.
- (vi) *Schedule B, page 35*:
  - (a) after “East African Railways and Harbours Administration”, add “Eastern, Northern and Western Regions of Nigeria”.
  - (b) after “Federation of Malaya”, add “Federated Malay States”, “Federation of Nigeria” and “Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland”.
  - (c) after “Leeward Islands”, add “Malayan Union”.
  - (d) after “Nyasaland”, add “Overseas Audit Department (Home Establishment)”.
  - (e) after “Tanganyika Territory”, add “Tonga”.

Subject to the Bill passing the Committee stage the Chief Secretary will move its Third Reading.

**\*\*MEMORANDA****\*\*City Council Elections (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill:**

The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing proposes to proceed with the Bill throughout all its stages on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59 until the Bill is read the third time.

**\*\*8. Land Titles Bill:**

Subject to the motion being agreed to, the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move the following amendments to the Bill on recommittal to a Committee of the whole Assembly:—

*Clause 2:*

- (1) Part XVIII section 141: Leave out “Penal Provisions” and insert “Offences and Penalties.”
- (2) Part XVIII: Add: “142 . . . Saving of City Council’s Rights.”

Subject to the Bill passing the Committee stage the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing will move its Third Reading.

**QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will give details in respect of the Government’s declared policy of encouraging industrial development, what the results so far achieved are, and whether he will supply a list of new factories opened in 1956, together with the number of workmen employed therein.

2. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Education whether he will outline the stages by which the Government proposes to implement the education plan given in the White Paper, together with estimates of its cost.
3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will give details of the increased staff, buildings and equipment which will be required, together with estimates of the capital and annual recurring expenditure involved, for operating four District Councils which the Committee on Local Government has recommended.

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### SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1956

- Cmd. 23. Report of the Department of Commerce and Industry, 1954. (10th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 26. Report on the Baling Talks. (16th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 24. Annual Report of the Survey Department, 1955. (26th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 29. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought. (28th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 20. Annual Report of the Customs and Excise, 1955. (29th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 27. Report of the Land Clearance and Resettlement Working Party. (29th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 25. Postal Services Department Five Year Development Plan 1956-60. (29th May, 1956).
- Cmd. 28. Annual Report of the Immigration Department, 1955. (1st June, 1956).
- Cmd. 30. Report of the Committee on Local Government—White Paper on Government Policy. (2nd June, 1956).
- Cmd. 31. Report on the Singapore All-Party Mission to London, April/May 1956.
- Cmd. 32. Scale of Fees fixed by the Board of Architects. (4th June, 1956).
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- L.A. 5. Second and Final Report of the Standing Orders Committee. (28th May, 1956).
- L.A. 6. Report from the Select Committee on the Shop and Office Employees Bill. (30th May, 1956).
- L.A. 7. Report from the Select Committee on Languages in Legislative Assembly Debates. (30th May, 1956).
- L.A. 8. Report from the Public Accounts Committee. (4th June, 1956).
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- S.L. 16. Radiocommunication (Control of Interference from Ignition Apparatus) Regulations, 1956. (18th April, 1956).
- S.L. 18. University of Malaya (Staff Transfer) (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (14th May, 1956).
- S.L. 17. Poisons (Amendment) Rules, 1956. (15th May, 1956).
- S.L. 19. Omnibus Services Licensing Regulations, 1956. (2nd June, 1956).
- S.L. 20. Singapore Port (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1956. (2nd June, 1956).
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- S. 2. Central Provident Fund Board: Chairman's Statement and Accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1955. (2nd June, 1956).
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- Misc. 2. Correspondence between the Chief Minister and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of reopening the Singapore Constitutional Conference. (1st June, 1956).