

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2015

No. 36

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government can designate a day in a year as our Founder's Day so as to provide Singaporeans the opportunity to remember the struggles of the country in the early years and remind us of the nation's founding values and principles.
- *2. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider renaming Changi Airport or any other significant buildings/institutions in honour of our founding Prime Minister, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew.
- *3. **Dr Lily Neo:** To ask the Prime Minister whether he will consider re-naming Singapore's airport after the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew.
- *4. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Prime Minister whether Singapore currencies, both notes and coins, can bear the face of our founding father, the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew.
- *5. **Dr Lily Neo:** To ask the Prime Minister whether he will consider printing the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew's photo on Singapore's dollar notes in honour of him.
- *6. **Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether Singapore-based airlines have a two-person cockpit rule or other systems to protect the cockpit; and (b) whether their pilots are required to be subjected to periodic psychological tests.
- *7. **Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the 0.8% decline in Singapore's labour productivity in 2014, whether the Ministry can provide an update on the programme outcomes of the three productivity centres that have received government funding.

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- *8. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many Built-To-Order (BTO) and Sale of Balance Flats (SBF) applications under the Married Child Priority Scheme (MCPS) have been made each year from 2011 to date; (b) how many of these applications each year have been successful; (c) what is the average number of unsuccessful applicants under MCPS per BTO and SBF exercise each year from 2011 to date; (d) what is the Ministry's plan to better help Singaporean couple applicants who wish to live near, and care for, their parents; and (e) whether the supply of flats is still meeting the expected demand for them.
- *9. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the weight limit on the transport of gold and other precious metals in and out of Singapore by individual travellers; (b) whether diplomats are exempt from this limit, if any; (c) whether the Police is aware of a diplomat carrying up to 27 kg of gold bars in his luggage on a flight out of Changi Airport in March 2015; and (d) what measures are in place to ensure that diplomats do not abuse their diplomatic immunity to carry precious metals, drugs or weapons in and out of Singapore in their luggage.
- *10. Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs what are the conditions that the organiser of the cancelled Future Music Festival Asia 2015 could not meet in order to address the concerns of potential drug abuse at the event.
- *11. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether interest rates for CPF accounts will be revised upwards in line with rising interest rates and, if so, how this will be implemented.
- *12. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the criteria for selecting HDB blocks of flats for the Selective En Bloc Redevelopment Scheme.
- *13. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry determines the number of childcare places needed while building new HDB precincts, and if so, how does the Ministry arrive at the size and number of the childcare centres for each new BTO project; and (b) whether the current planning parameters are sufficient.

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- *14. Ms Rita Soh Siow Lan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) why is the requirement for carpark provisions for religious institutions the same regardless of their location, whether within the city centre or beyond; (b) whether the carpark requirement can be reduced if the institution is located within close proximity to MRT stations or large commercial complexes/institutions with ample carparks; and (c) whether this carpark requirement can be further reduced if these buildings are regarded as national monuments or to be conserved.
- *15. Ms Lee Li Lian:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to extend bicycle crossings at traffic junctions to other parts of Singapore.
- *16. Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs from 2001 to 2014, what was (i) the number of foreign students who were offered and who had accepted permanent residency when they reached Secondary 1 or later; (ii) the number of such student PRs who had gone on to become citizens; and (iii) the number of such students who had renounced their PR or citizenship.
- *17. Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider reviewing and extending the Edusave Awards to full-time madrasah students.
- *18. Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what is the difference between the existing SPRING-administered SME Talent Programme and the newly introduced SkillsFuture Earn and Learn Programme.
- *19. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the latest salary review for public sector doctors has succeeded in (i) stemming the flow of doctors from the public to private sector; and (ii) achieving a consistent remuneration structure across all restructured hospitals and clusters.
- *20. Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the number of families that have come under the Home Ownership Plus Education (HOPE) scheme since its implementation in 2004; (b) what is the percentage of families under HOPE that have managed to keep their number of children at two; (c) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the profile of families that have broken the conditions of the scheme and their plight; and (d) whether the Ministry considers the HOPE scheme a success.

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- *21. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government will impose a requirement for all autonomous universities receiving Government funding to ensure that (i) eligible Singaporeans are given priority for academic employment; and (ii) all human resource departments in these autonomous universities to be headed by a Singaporean to ensure that eligible Singaporeans are given due consideration for employment.
- *22. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has completed its study of the suggestion on compensation for commuters affected by train and bus service disruptions and, if so, what are the conclusions.
- *23. Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Ministry is working with banks to improve SMEs' access to foreign exchange hedging products, including renminbi hedging.
- *24. Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether AVA's real-time monitoring and early warning systems are effective in alerting fish farmers ahead of time of the occurrence of harmful algal blooms to prevent massive fish kills; (b) whether there is a need to relocate fish farms away from areas prone to algal blooms; and (c) whether persistent algal blooms have made it difficult for Singapore to achieve its target of 15% of fish supply to be from local sources.
- *25. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many HDB flat owners have been allowed to opt out of the Home Protection Scheme (HPS); (b) whether the Ministry will make it compulsory for flat buyers to sign up for the Home Protection Scheme (HPS); (c) whether flat owners who are not covered by the HPS are allowed to sign up for HPS if they are still servicing a housing loan; and (d) whether HDB will make another effort to emphasise the importance of HPS to all flat owners who are still paying for their housing loan.

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- *26. Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Minister for National Development when will plans to develop Hougang Town Centre under the Remaking Our Heartland programme announced in 2011 be released given that the projected timeline for the development site to be launched is three years.
- *27. Ms Lee Li Lian:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the revision to the Code on Accessibility in the Built Environment requiring 1.5 metres of minimum clearance along common corridors applies to buildings built before 1 April 2014; (b) if so, whether there are plans to align SCDF guidelines with this; and (c) if not, whether Town Councils will need to have two sets of by-laws for flats built before and after 1 April 2014.
- *28. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the 2011 National Sports Participation Survey which shows a drop in sports participation rates from 67% in 2005 to 50% in 2011 for the 20-24 year old age group (a) what efforts have been made to reverse the drop in sports participation rates among students in tertiary institutions; and (b) whether there are dipstick figures to show more recent trends.
- *29. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the changes in the CPF rules (a) why is the rule that a CPF account holder can withdraw 20% of savings from his CPF Retirement Account upon turning 65 years applicable to only those who turn 55 years old in 2013 and not earlier; and (b) what options do older CPF members have should they need to use money from their CPF Retirement Account.
- *30. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is being done to promote local talent in the financial sector; and (b) whether retrenchments by top US and European banks in the US and Europe are causing Singaporeans to face increased competition for jobs in our financial sector and, if so, what can be done to moderate its impact on local jobseekers and existing employees.

***31. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with regard to 'net neutrality' (a) whether Internet Service Providers (ISPs) or network operators are allowed to (i) throttle legitimate Internet content, albeit without rendering them unusable and still remaining above the threshold of IDA's minimum Quality of Service (QoS) requirements; (ii) impose extra charges on consumers or providers of over-the-top (OTT) services like WhatsApp and Skype; and (b) whether there are any plans to introduce net neutrality regulations to prohibit discriminatory network management practices which negatively affect consumers' experience when using legitimate Internet services.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time. The postponement forms are available at the Chamber entrances. To ensure timely notice of such postponements, Members should submit their notices to the Clerk by 4.00 pm. Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Prime Minister:**
Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.
 2. **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:**
Government Securities (Amendment) Bill.
 3. **Minister for Transport:**
Unmanned Aircraft (Public Safety and Security) Bill.
 4. **Minister for Transport:**
Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers Bill.
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ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 10/2015] – (Minister for National Development) – Second Reading.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the rationale for requiring spa operators to obtain CaseTrust accreditation if they wish to have their business located in HDB estates; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider relaxing the licensing requirements for spa operators located in HDB estates which serve female clients only.
2. **Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry can consider the establishment of a cap on deposits for the purchase of goods and services to better protect consumers' interests from errant businesses; and (b) what measures has the Ministry taken to prevent errant business owners from setting up another entity to continue their malicious intent.
3. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) if he can provide an update on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations; (b) when is the Agreement expected to be successfully concluded; (c) what are the key obstacles that need to be overcome; (d) to what extent the TPP is likely to improve market access for Singapore-based firms in US, Japan and other markets; and (e) what are our economic agencies doing to prepare Singapore firms, especially SMEs, to take advantage of the improved market access that a successfully concluded TPP can bring.
4. **Mr Chen Show Mao:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider monthly releases of services exports data so as to provide closer trend indicators as well as to help dampen the effects of fluctuations in monthly goods exports data.

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5. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) whether it is an offence to feed pigeons and cats in the public areas and leave behind the unconsumed food which then forms a potential food source for rodents; (b) if so, how many enforcement actions have been carried out and how many people have been issued with summonses over the past two years; (c) whether the Ministry will carry out a comprehensive study on the infestation of rodents; and (d) what further actions can be taken to control the rodent population.
 6. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Health how will the Basic Healthcare Sum, which will be raised every year, affect the quantum of CPF monies that CPF members are allowed to withdraw from their accounts.
 7. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he can provide an update on the public consultation exercise on the criteria for pre-abortion counselling.
 8. **Mr Chen Show Mao:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the cumulative number of people who have received payments under Eldersshield300, Eldersshield400 and the Interim Disability Assistance Programme for the Elderly (IDAPE) respectively; (b) what is the cumulative number of Eldersshield300, Eldersshield400 and IDAPE recipients who were deceased before the end of their respective payout periods; and (c) what is the cumulative number of Eldersshield300, Eldersshield400 and IDAPE recipients who remained in need of assistance beyond their respective payout periods.
 9. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the recent spate of breakdowns of SMRT trains within a span of a few days (a) whether there will be a thorough review of the MRT train maintenance programme; (b) how does the frequency of our train breakdowns compare with other cities like Hong Kong or London; and (c) whether the Ministry will look at other ways of motivating SMRT to improve its service delivery apart from just imposing hefty fines whenever there is a breakdown.
 10. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider allowing Singaporeans driving Malaysian-registered vehicles to enter Singapore on Fridays after 6 pm without utilising their 28-weekday provision.

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- 11. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the outcomes and learnings of the Junior Sports Academy programme to date; (b) what is the basis for selecting the sports included in the programme; (c) whether the Ministry intends to extend the programme to all schools and students in the future; (d) what is the popularity or take-up rate of the programme to date; and (e) what is needed from other stakeholders to enable the Ministry to extend the programme's outreach, effectiveness and success.
- 12. Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether he can provide an update on the investigations into the worksite incident on 24 February 2015 involving a crawler crane that had fallen into a house compound along Pheng Geck Avenue in Sennett Estate.
- 13. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each year since 2005 (a) how many CPF members have successfully applied for CPF withdrawals on each of the following medical grounds: (i) permanently incapacitated from ever continuing in any employment (ii) terminally ill with a life expectancy of 12 months or less (iii) suffering from a severely shortened life expectancy (iv) mentally incapable of handling and receiving monies (v) other reasons; (b) what is the proportion of successful applications which have been granted a full CPF withdrawal; and (c) how many applications have been rejected.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2015</i>		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	55 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2015 13 March 2015
S.L.	56 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2015	..... 13 March 2015
S.L.	57 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment) Rules 2015	..... 13 March 2015
S.L.	58 Legal Profession (Prescribed Statutory Bodies and Law Offices in Public Service) (Amendment) Rules 2015 18 March 2015

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S.L. 59	Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment) Rules 2015 19 March 2015
S. 16	Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Supply Bill FY 2015 and Supplementary Supply (FY 2014) Bill 20 March 2015
S.L. 60	Public Order (Unrestricted Area) (Revocation) Order 2015 24 March 2015
Pres. Co. 7	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Police Force (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 5/2015] 25 March 2015
Pres. Co. 8	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the State Lands (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 6/2015] 25 March 2015
Pres. Co. 9	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 9/2015] 25 March 2015
Pres. Co. 10	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Community Disputes Resolution Bill [Bill No 4/2015] 25 March 2015
S.L. 61	Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 25 March 2015
S.L. 62	Goods and Services Tax (Application of Customs Act) (Provisions of Trials, Proceedings, Offences and Penalties) (Amendment) Order 2015 25 March 2015

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S.L. 63	Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment) Rules 2015 30 March 2015
S.L. 64	Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2015 (Commencement) Notification 2015 31 March 2015
S.L. 65	Industrial Relations (Amendment) Regulations 2015	..... 31 March 2015
S.L. 66	Industrial Relations (Recognition of a Trade Union of Employees) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	..... 31 March 2015
S.L. 67	Industrial Relations (Referee Appeal) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	..... 31 March 2015
S. 17	Advice of the Council of the Presidential Advisers on the Appointment of Non-Permanent Members for Presidential Council for Minority Rights	..... 2 April 2015
S.L. 68	Rules of Court (Amendment) Rules 2015	..... 6 April 2015
S.L. 69	Central Provident Fund (Medisave Account Withdrawals) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	..... 6 April 2015
S.L. 70	Pioneer Generation Fund (Pioneer Generation Benefits) Regulations 2015	..... 6 April 2015
S. 18	Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Annual Report 2014 8 April 2015

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S.L. 71 Public Order (Unrestricted Area) Order 2015 8 April 2015
S.L. 72 Customs (Liquors Licensing) (Revocation) Regulations 2015 9 April 2015
S.L. 73 Customs (Liquors Licensing) (Exemption) (Revocation) Order 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 74 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Liquor Licensing) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 75 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 76 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Restrictions on Consumption) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 77 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Composition of Offences) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 78 Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) (Appeal Proceedings) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
S.L. 79 Public Entertainments and Meetings (Specified Establishments) Rules 2015 9 April 2015

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S.L.	80	Public Entertainments and Meetings (Demerit Points) (Amendment) Rules 2015 9 April 2015
S.L.	81	Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment) Regulations 2015	..... 9 April 2015
