

PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1967

ORDER PAPER

No. 37

2.30 p.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister of Defence what actions were taken in the recent disturbances and demonstrations in Singapore.
- *2. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister of Defence how much public property was damaged by anti-national elements between January, 1967, and 20th June, 1967, and what are the measures taken for the protection of public property.
- *3. Mr. Teo Hup Teck: To ask the Minister for Finance how many house numbers were allotted in the Jalan Kayu Constituency between 1st January, 1965, and 30th April, 1967.
- *4. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the present practice in international tenders for supplies to the Government, whereby the lowest local tender, which does not overbid the lowest foreign tender by more than 10 per cent, is accepted by the Government in preference to the latter, is sufficiently conducive to the promotion of local industries, and if he will consider increasing such preference margin to enable local industries to compete more favourably with foreign industries which may be in receipt of a generous subsidy from their governments.
- *5. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance, in the application of the recent Modification of Laws (Constitution of Singapore) (No. 2) Order, 1967, to civil servants, what is the policy of the Government in respect of those civil servants who are eligible for Singapore Citizenship under the new proviso to clause (1) of Article 57 of the Constitution but refuse to acquire Singapore Citizenship.
- *6. Mr. Bernard Rodrigues: To ask the Minister for Finance what steps he proposes to take or has taken against the dumping of foreign wheat-waste, such as bran and pollard, in Singapore to protect the local flour-milling industry in the disposal of its waste products.
- *7. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Currency Board has presented or proposes to present the first issues of the new currency to dignitaries in Singapore, and if so, at whose cost or expense.

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- *8. Mr. Sim Boon Woo: To ask the Minister for Finance, in view of complaints made by the public of impoliteness, bureaucratic attitude and slowness in carrying out their duties by civil servants in various Government departments, if he will set up a "Watch-dog Committee" to make instant investigations whenever complaints are received.
- *9. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Finance, in view of the present acute shortage of good first-class hotel accommodation in the Republic which is impeding the development and growth of tourism in Singapore, whether he is aware that the incentives offered to private developers for the projects under urban re-development are not sufficiently attractive for would-be investors, and if he will also consider income tax relief incentives similar to those granted to pioneer industries in order to encourage the building of more good first-class tourist hotels in the Republic.
- *10. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Finance how many persons in the Import and Export Section of the Trade Division were involved in alleged corrupt activities during the recent re-organisation of that Section; if he will reveal the names of such persons; and what disciplinary action has been taken.
- *11. Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng: To ask the Minister for Labour (a) if he will give the monthly returns of migration between Singapore and Malaysia and the breakdown in this movement of persons according to ethnic, religious and age groups; (b) whether such persons moving into Singapore who change addresses are given the Singapore non-citizen (blue) identity cards; and (c) who are the persons who get non-citizen (blue) identity cards and how many such cards have been issued to date.
- *12. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs (a) the total number of old books in the National Library which had to be rebound during the last five years and the total expenditure involved; and (b) what is done with the old books which are beyond repair and what was the number of such books during the last five years.
- *13. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs (a) what was the total collection of books in each of the official languages in the National Library as at 31st December, 1966; and (b) what percentages of the votes allocated for the purchase of books in 1965 and 1966 were expended.
- *14. Mr. S. Rajoo: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs (a) whether there is any difficulty in obtaining Chinese, Malay and Tamil books for the National Library; (b) what are the sources for the purchase of such books; and (c) what was the cost in local currency per rupee of the Indian price for purchases made in Singapore of Tamil books published in India before devaluation of the Indian rupee and what is the present such cost.
- *15. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs if he will consider the planting of more shrubs and flowering plants along roads and at roundabouts to enhance their beauty and the beauty of the City as a whole.

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- *16. Mr. Ng Kah Ting: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development what is the total cost of the works on the canal at the junction of Tampines and Upper Serangoon Roads and whether railings will be erected along both sides of the canal to prevent children falling in.
- *17. Mr. P. Govindaswamy: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development if he can state the reasons for the recent floods in areas which were not subject to floods some years back, and what steps will be taken to prevent further flooding in such areas.
- *18. Mr. Lim Cheng Lock: To ask the Minister for Law and National Development (i) the number of persons on the register as at 31st May, 1967, for the purchase of flats under the Housing and Development Board home ownership scheme; (ii) the number of flats (giving the type, cost and location) expected to be available for sale by the end of 1967; and (iii) the number of flats sold since the inception of the scheme, and of these, the number paid for by cash and the number by monthly instalments.
- *19. Inche Rahamat bin Kenap: To ask the Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department) whether he is aware of the reasons for the resignation of the former Registrar of Vehicles after having held the post for only 5½ months.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister of Defence:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Vigilante Corps Bill.
2. Minister for Law and National Development:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Moneylenders (Amendment) Bill.
3. Minister for Law and National Development:
Public Authorities Protection (Cessation) Bill.
4. Minister for Finance:
Development Fund (Amendment) Bill.
5. Minister for Culture and Social Affairs:
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
National Records Centre Bill.
6. Minister for Law and National Development:
Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.†
7. Minister for Law and National Development:
Criminal Justice (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill.†

†The Member in charge proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under S.O. 80, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)

- 1. National Theatre Trust (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Culture and Social Affairs) — Second Reading.†
- 2. Science Council of Singapore Bill — (Deputy Prime Minister) — Second Reading.†
- 3. Judicial Committee (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 4. Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 5. Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†
- 6. Trustees Bill — (Minister for Law and National Development) — Second Reading.†

[For amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 22 dated 29th June, 1967.]

† The Committee Stage and Third Reading will be moved immediately after the Second Reading.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 1 (8) (b)):—

Mr. Bernard Rodrigues
(Member for Telok Blangah) ... Markets for Local Products.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1967	<i>Date presented.</i>
S.L. 29 Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment) Order, 1967	22nd May, 1967.
Cmd. 13 Annual Report of the Social Welfare Department, 1965	24th May, 1967.
Parl. 8 Sixth Report of the Committee of Selection (First Session)	2nd June, 1967.
Cmd. 14 Annual Report of the Registry of Vehicles, 1965	16th June, 1967.
S. 8 Annual Report of the President, Industrial Arbitration Court, 1966	24th June, 1967.
