

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 13 JULY 2015

No. 38

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Arthur Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee has been formed; and what are the guidelines that the EBRC will follow.
- *2. Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee has been formed and, if so, who are the members of the Committee; (b) if not, when will it be formed; (c) when will the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee's report be published; and (d) what is the likely duration from the publication of the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee's report to the calling of a general election.
- *3. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Employment Pass (EP) and Jobs Bank schemes can be further tightened to ensure that employers are required to give due consideration to applications from qualified Singaporeans first and that EP applications must be accompanied by evidence that the hiring of foreigners is only after unsuccessful sourcing from local talent pool.
- *4. Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the recent earthquake in Sabah (a) what are the objectives of sending students on challenging overseas learning programmes like mountain climbing; (b) what are the lessons learnt from this incident; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the overseas learning programmes for students.
- *5. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the safety measures taken by schools for overseas expeditions; (b) whether there are any lessons to be learnt from the incident arising from the Sabah earthquake in light of the accounts given by survivors from the Sabah earthquake; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider a special award for heroism to deserving teachers, trainers or guides for their acts of bravery during the earthquake.

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- *6. **Ms Irene Ng Phek Hoong:** To ask the Minister for Education whether he will consider giving a posthumous national award such as the Medal of Valour to the late Mohammad Ghazi and the late Terrence Sebastian Loo in recognition of the teachers' acts of bravery and selflessness in rescuing children during the Sabah earthquake in June 2015.
- *7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what accounts for the drastic fall in job growth from 28,300 jobs in Q1 2014 and 40,700 jobs in Q4 2014 to just 300 jobs in Q1 2015; (b) whether this trend has continued into Q2 2015; and (c) what implications does this have on Singapore's economy.
- *8. **Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the public using cards issued under the Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) and Pioneer Generation programme could be kept informed of the subsidy that they have enjoyed and the balance of subsidies for the year as a means to check against any fraudulent claims.
- *9. **Assoc Prof Randolph Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are plans for a nationwide emergency preparedness exercise to strengthen Singapore's capacity to manage the disruption that MERS will pose should the contagion reach our shores.
- *10. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether adequate measures have been taken by the health authorities to ensure that all visitors from countries affected by MERS are properly screened before they are allowed entry into Singapore.
- *11. **Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there has been a significant number of complaints over the quality and workmanship of DBSS flats which are supposed to be of higher quality than regular HDB flats and, if so, why; (b) for these complaints, whether there are lapses in the quality audit of the housing units; and (c) whether there is an inherent mismatch in price and quality with homeowners paying premium prices for these 'premium' flats.
- *12. **Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of complaints that HDB received with regard to defects, poor quality or dissatisfaction with (i) new Build-To-Order (BTO) flats and (ii) Design, Build and Sell Scheme (DBSS) flats that have been completed in the last two years; (b) how has the rate of complaints changed over the past 10 years; (c) what is HDB's role in ensuring quality and dealing with complaints about quality of DBSS flats; and (d) whether a Zero Workmanship Defect Pledge can be introduced for contractors and developers to pledge their commitment to work towards zero workmanship defects.

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- *13. **Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the recent issues with various projects under the Design, Build and Sell Scheme, what is the role of HDB in (i) ensuring that the developer commits to its obligations; (ii) mediating any impasse between the developer and buyers; and (iii) helping aggrieved buyers.
- *14. **Mr Zaqy Mohamad:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there has been an increase in complaints of quality of work in new BTO and DBSS developments in the past 12 months; (b) what is the average proportion of new residents that have complained of defects for such new developments; (c) what are the primary causes of such defects and what quality control measures does HDB have in place to check and ensure the high quality of public housing prior to the keys being handed over to the residents; and (d) what measures are in place to ensure that building contractors are responsive and have sufficient capacity to address the complaints effectively and quickly.
- *15. **Mr Hri Kumar Nair:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the incident along Orange Grove Road on 31 May 2015 (a) what were the security measures in place to protect the Shangri-La Dialogue from the risks of terrorist attacks; (b) what are SPF's rules of engagement to deal with vehicles that breach the security checkpoints; and (c) what steps will be taken to establish the circumstances that led to the death of the driver.
- *16. **Mr Hri Kumar Nair:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the shooting incident at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital on 20 June 2015 (a) what are the safety and security protocols when the Police escorts persons-in-custody in hospitals; (b) whether these protocols are followed in this case; and (c) arising from this incident, what changes, if any, will Police make to these protocols.
- *17. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what is the total amount spent on the ABC Waters programme since its launch in 2006; (b) what are the key benefits that have been reaped from it; (c) what has been the main impact of opening our water catchment areas to the public for recreation; (d) what is the cost of cleaning our waterways each year and what is the main debris that has been removed; and (e) how many more ABC Waters projects will there be and what is the budget allocated over the next 10 years.

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- *18. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) when will NEA announce the details of its enhanced "Rat Attack" programme; (b) what is the new subsidy quantum to be provided to Town Councils under this programme; and (c) which Town Councils have signed up for the two-year "Rat Attack" programme since 2011.
- *19. **Mr Inderjit Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will reconsider locating the temporary campus of the new junior college that was originally planned to be located at the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio area to somewhere nearer Ang Mo Kio instead of the Mount Sinai area.
- *20. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether he can provide an update on the review of the location of the temporary premises of the new junior college and as to whether it will still be in the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio area and not at Mount Sinai; and (b) what are the learning points from the protracted delay of the construction of this junior college.
- *21. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the waiver of national examination fees is extended to those undertaking these national exams (i) for second and subsequent attempts and (ii) as private candidates.
- *22. **Ms Chia Yong Yong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the current number of persons with disabilities employed in the Civil Service and the percentage when computed against the current total employment number within the Civil Service; and (b) whether the Civil Service has specific plans to redesign jobs with a view to employing persons with disabilities.
- *23. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether an inter-Ministry task force can be convened to actively identify and grant public sector contracts and jobs suitable for disabled and elderly citizens and to recognise the public agencies who will do so on a sustainable basis.
- *24. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider allowing HDB flat or private apartment owners to have the flexibility of not allowing their rental tenants to use their home address on their NRICs so as to minimise the possibility of harassment as a result of legal or illegal money lending activities.

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- *25. Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the last three years, what is the number of cases of identity card holders who contravene the National Registration Act of not updating their residential addresses within 28 days; and (b) what can the Ministry do to increase enforcement, awareness and compliance to curb abuses.
- *26. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether there is an oversupply of food and beverage outlets and whether the manpower situation will worsen given the impending growth in this sector coupled with various mega projects in the pipeline.
- *27. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the Ministry's plans to ease the traffic congestion at Jurong East in view of the recent developments in the area including the opening of Ng Teng Fong General Hospital and Genting Hotel Jurong.
- *28. Mr Seng Han Thong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many motorists have been booked since the implementation of closed circuit television (CCTV) to deter illegal parking on roads; (b) among the offenders, how many of them are taxi drivers; and (c) from the CCTV footage, whether it is possible to distinguish indiscriminate illegal parking from that of taxi drivers who are merely discharging their public transport duties by alighting or picking passengers at these CCTV locations without causing obstruction or creating safety problems.
- *29. Mr Zaqy Mohamad:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what contingency plans are in place in the event of a hacking or internal breach of Government systems taking place and information about citizens or public officers are leaked; and (b) what additional measures, budget, capabilities and systems has the Government put in place to assure citizens of the security of their data and transactions.
- *30. Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the considerations for Singapore to be a founding member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); (b) how will Singapore contribute to the capital of AIIB; and (c) what are the risks and opportunities for Singapore companies arising from Singapore's membership in AIIB.
- *31. Mr Thomas Chua Kee Seng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the difference between our membership in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and our existing membership in the Asian Development Bank given that both are multi-lateral financial institutions focused on infrastructure development in Asia.

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- *32. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether Myanmar can be compelled to remedy the human tragedy facing the Rohingya people under articles 1, 4, 39 and other relevant articles of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD); and (b) what other kinds of diplomatic pressures can be applied on Myanmar to curb the discrimination against and alleged human trafficking of the Rohingya people pursuant to articles 13, 14, 18 and 22 of the AHRD.
- *33. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of recent reports linking the multiple mass graves found along the Thai-Malaysian border to human trafficking syndicates, whether ASEAN will give effect to article 13 of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration by taking collective and responsible efforts to deter cross-border human trafficking and, if so, what actions will ASEAN take.
- *34. Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the debt collection process of licensed moneylenders is regulated; (b) whether any licensed moneylenders have been taken to task in the last five years for using intimidation during their debt collection; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider strengthening the framework for regulating licensed moneylenders so as to prevent intimidation of debtors.
- *35. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Law whether the Ministry will consider subsidising or waiving the cost of executing a Writ of Seizure and Sale at the State Courts for low-income Singaporeans and those earning below \$1,500 who seek to recover unpaid salaries from errant employers.
- *36. Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in light of the crowd control problems at the recent SEA Games Closing Ceremony (a) whether there are standard procedures for crowd management, safety and security measures at the Sports Hub which all organisers have to adhere to and implement; and (b) if so, what measures does the Ministry have in place for checks and enforcement.
- *37. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) given the success of the recent South East Asian Games, how will the Ministry ensure that there is a lasting legacy; and (b) what will the Ministry do to ride on the momentum.
- *38. Ms Chia Yong Yong:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how will the Smart Nation project benefit persons with disabilities; and (b) whether there will be initiatives that build assistive technology capabilities within the social service sector and increase access of persons with disabilities to technology and assistive technology devices.

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- *39. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether there is a common pool of deputies from which deputies can be appointed for persons deemed to have lost their mental capacity but who have no kin to rely on; (b) if so, how many are currently available and how can the application be made; and (c) if not, whether the Ministry will consider setting up such a pool.
- *40. Mr Gerald Giam Yeap Song:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government can provide a Gini coefficient trend line on income distribution for the past five years that includes the foreign population living and working in Singapore; and (b) how this Gini coefficient compares with other major cities like New York, London and Hong Kong which incorporate these segments of their populations in their Gini calculations.
- *41. Assoc Prof Randolph Tan:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry supplements its assessment of the productivity performance of the food and accommodation services sector by using alternative measures such as the change in the number of customers served by an establishment per worker.
- *42. Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider increasing the annual cap for the Caregiver Training Grant for each care recipient.
- *43. Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are attempts by the Ministry to reduce the long continuous working hours for housemen on night shifts and, if so, what are the measures considered.
- *44. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will consider creating more job opportunities for PMETs through place-and-train programmes that facilitate mid-career switches, which may be particularly helpful to those affected by industry restructuring.
- *45. Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower from 2011 to 2014, what is the number of employers found to have paid CPF contributions for local phantom workers so as to inflate their foreign worker quota.

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- *46. Mr Zaqy Mohamad:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry monitors new developments or changes to the surrounding land use plan for recently sold or completed BTO flats whose sale value had taken into account the previous land use plans; (b) what added measures does the Ministry have in place to inform and address the concerns of nearby flat owners or those waiting for the completion of their flats of such changes in land use; and (c) whether any public consultations are conducted in advance with these flat owners, especially if the changed land use has a negative impact on the future valuation of their flats.
- *47. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider removing the income eligibility criteria for married couples who purchase a HDB resale flat close to their parents so as to allow more of such couples to qualify for the CPF Housing Grant for Families.
- *48. Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Minister for Transport what other noise mitigation measures besides the installation of noise barriers are being considered for residential areas in Bukit Batok that are located close to MRT tracks.
- *49. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the high noise level along Khatib station's MRT track, especially in the early morning and at night; (b) whether Khatib MRT station is among the locations to have noise barriers installed; and (c) what are the interim measures to mitigate the noise levels of trains running close to residential units.
- *50. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there will be plans to install noise barriers along roads and traffic junctions; and (b) whether the Ministry is aware of high noise levels experienced by residents at The Estuary condominium.
- *51. Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance how can the Government as a service buyer support service providers that are engaged by Ministries and statutory boards to adopt the NWC recommendations for outsourced workers earning a basic salary of \$1,100 and below to get the monthly \$60 built-in wage increase.
- *52. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether the Home Team agencies have in place adequate rules and regulations to govern the use of coloured powder at large outdoor events.
- *53. Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs what measures are in place to minimise combustible dust hazards for events including the Colour Run.

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- *54. Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how the National Arts Council (NAC) mitigates the costs placed on NAC grant recipients who have already spent grant monies carrying out their approved projects and who subsequently have their grant support retracted; (b) whether such grant recipients should be discharged from any requirements to return granted funds that have already been approved; and (c) what measures does the NAC take to ensure that the grant consideration and approval process is kept non-partisan and objective.
- *55. Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how the National Arts Council works with other bodies to determine whether an artistic work undermines the legitimacy of public institutions or threatens national security or stability.
- *56. Assoc Prof Fatimah Lateef:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the current waiting time for children and youths with disabilities such as speech disabilities, dyslexia and autism to get their assessments carried out, both in the public/Government as well as private sectors.
- *57. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) if he can elaborate on the senior group homes model for elderly Singaporeans in public housing blocks; (b) how many of such homes and beneficiaries are there in Singapore currently; and (c) whether the Ministry will work with HDB to make such senior group homes more prevalent in all housing estates.
- *58. Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how often are air quality readings taken at industrial estates that are close to residential areas such as that of Sungei Kadut; (b) how many factories in Sungei Kadut have been fined for breaching the standards in the last five years; and (c) whether the Ministry has any plans to increase environmental surveillance and enforcement in these industrial estates.
- *59. Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) what is the prospect of Singapore being hit by a major earth tremor; (b) whether any scientific study has been carried out to find out the chances of Singapore being hit by a major tremor; and (c) what is the likely impact of a major volcanic eruption in neighbouring countries on Singapore.
- *60. Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider extending subsidies under the MOE-Aided Dyslexia Association of Singapore Literacy Programme (MAP) to Singaporean children with dyslexia who are attending special education schools so as to ease the financial burden on their families.

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- *61. Mrs Lina Chiam:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in 2014, how many foreign students have received the Ministry's tuition grants and are bonded to work in Singapore; (b) from 2011 to 2014, what is the breakdown of foreign students who are not able to find jobs six months after their graduation, according to their faculties; and (c) whether these foreign students have the option to continue to stay in or leave Singapore.
- *62. Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current estimated number of freelance workers in Singapore; (b) whether there is an increasing trend of such workers here; and (c) if the Ministry will consider including freelance workers in the Employment Act or other relevant Acts for greater clarity of the recourse available to them should they be denied payment by hirers for services rendered.
- *63. Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the current availability of unsold executive condominiums (ECs); (b) whether the Ministry will consider raising the income ceiling for first-time buyers who are newly-weds to help this sandwiched group of buyers for ECs; and (c) what is the average waiting time for new applicants of ECs.
- *64. Ms Lee Li Lian:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the rationale of having more than 50% of the total 41,600 heavy vehicle parking lots managed by private operators.
- *65. Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to relocate and expand the Choa Chu Kang Bus Interchange that has been in service since 1991 so as to address issues of overcrowding and congestion due to new buses introduced under the Bus Service Enhancement Programme.
- *66. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what measures can the Ministry embark on to mitigate the excessive noise generated by low-flying commercial and military aircraft and helicopters near Seletar Airport which happens daily in both day and night; and (b) whether another noise impact study can be done this year.
- *67. Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will take the lead to ensure that existing and future unarmed security contracts entered into by Ministries and statutory boards will adopt the Progressive Wage Model (PWM) recommended by the Security Tripartite Cluster before PWM becomes a licensing condition on 1 September 2016.

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- *68. Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether the SCDF can dedicate an ambulance on a standby basis for Jurong Island.
- *69. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs how does the Ministry ensure that homes in residential estates remain accessible to larger emergency vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances, especially homes situated on narrow roads that allow kerbside parking of vehicles.
- *70. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there is detailed area-based planning by SCDF to ensure that large emergency vehicles like fire engines and ambulances can gain physical access and egress when responding to emergencies in residential estates where roads may be narrow and not passable to large vehicles; and (b) whether SCDF emergency vehicles have encountered access difficulties in responding to calls in residential estates due to physical constraints such as narrow roads or obstruction from parked vehicles and, if so, what protocols exist to guide officers on overcoming these difficulties and to facilitate working with stakeholders to prevent a recurrence.
- *71. Dr Chia Shi-Lu:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) since the launch of ActiveSG, how many Singaporeans and permanent residents have signed up for membership; (b) whether these numbers have met the Ministry's targets; and (c) if not, what plans does the Ministry have to boost utilisation of ActiveSG credits.
- *72. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry can simplify the current process and reduce the costs incurred by family members who wish to be appointed as deputies of persons with disabilities under the Mental Capacity Act.
- *73. Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the principles behind the decision on whether to provide for single working mothers the same 16 weeks of paid maternity leave as accorded to married working mothers; and (b) how does the policy balance the principle of equalisation of opportunities for all Singaporean children with the principle of supporting the social value of parenthood within the context of marriage.
- *74. Ms Lee Li Lian:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources what are the considerations when the Ministry looks into the installation of CCTVs to identify high-rise litterers.

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- *75. Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) since 2012, what percentage of international students on scholarships awarded by the Ministry have graduated with second class upper honours or better; (b) how does this figure compare with the 97% of Public Service Commission scholars who graduate each year with second class upper honours or better; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to set a base score of a second upper honours or its equivalent which international scholars must attain to maintain their scholarships at each renewal review.
- *76. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government is concerned about the recent record price of \$31 million paid for a coffee shop in Bukit Batok which follows the \$23.8 million transaction in 2013 for a coffee shop in Hougang; and (b) what measures is the Government taking (i) to mitigate the downstream impact of such high transactions on stall rentals and the price of cooked food in those coffee shops; and (ii) to prevent property speculation in coffee shops which many lower income residents depend on for affordable food.
- *77. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development among the HDB flat owners who have fully paid up their HDB loan for their first flat, in the last 10 years (a) how many did not sell the flat upon full settlement of the loan; and (b) how many have sold the flat and upgraded to a larger flat or private property before reaching the ages of 40, 45, 50 and 55 respectively, and what is the percentage of such owners relative to the total number of HDB flat owners.
- *78. Mr Seng Han Thong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether third-party taxi booking service providers will be required to engage only private car drivers or taxi drivers who are screened, trained, and tested under the same vocational licence regime administered by LTA; (b) how will the Ministry harmonise taxi call booking QoS standards imposed on the taxi companies when their taxi drivers are also taking third-party taxi bookings; and (c) apart from the statutory costs, whether the Ministry will apply the governing terms and conditions of registering and deregistering taxis to private hire vehicles.
- *79. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act made in 2012 in the gathering of information and intelligence against the masterminds behind the drug trafficking syndicates; and (b) how effective has it been in disrupting their drug trafficking activities within or outside Singapore.

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- *80. Ms Chia Yong Yong:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs what is the protocol adopted in police investigations when the suspect can be suffering from disorders such as autism spectrum disorders or other psychological disorders, in order that an early assessment may be ordered prior to the suspect being charged in court so as to prevent a conviction prior to any such assessment especially in relation to young persons who can be suffering from such disorders.
- *81. Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is AVA doing to solve the pigeon problem in the vicinity of Sembawang Drive; (b) how many complaints of bird nuisance have been received on the AVA hotline in the past 12 months and what action has been taken; (c) whether AVA has carried out any study to understand the habits of these birds so as to find a long-term solution to the problem; and (d) whether AVA is working with any non-government organisation to find ways to keep these birds away from urban built-up areas.
- *82. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what guidelines does NParks use to determine whether trees in public spaces are overgrown and require pruning; and (b) how does NParks ensure that the landscape contractors maintain the trees according to the prescribed guidelines and the public is aware of these guidelines.
- *83. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the recent incident where a toddler's head is caught between the ledge of the service yard of a HDB flat and a laundry pole, whether HDB will consider improving the design of service yards in HDB flats.
- *84. Mr Arthur Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider (i) installing double glazed windows for the bedrooms of flats that are to be built near MRT lines, expressways or busy trunk roads leading to and from expressways; (ii) retrofitting existing bedroom casement windows to double glazed windows; and (iii) including the retrofitting programme for flats built near noisy junctions or roads with heavy traffic.
- *85. Mrs Lina Chiam:** To ask the Minister for National Development when will the Ministry consider reducing the service and conservancy charges for residents of Yuhua who have participated in energy-saving initiatives such as installation of LED lights, solar panels, a rainwater harvesting system and a pneumatic waste conveyance system under the HDB Greenprint Fund programme since 2012.
- *86. Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the guidelines used in balancing the needs of conservationists and recreational users with respect to nature reserves such as the Butterfly Trail.

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- *87. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the rationale for having a construction staging site so near to the residential area at Tanjong Rhu; and (b) whether more measures can be taken to ensure that heavy vehicles travelling to the staging site do not cause disamenities to other road users.
- *88. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development what will be the total number of BTO flats to be built next year with a breakdown of these flats by flat types.

* 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. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs:

(President's recommendation to be signified).

Organised Crime Bill.

2. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance:

(President's recommendation to be signified).

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank Bill.

3. Minister for Manpower:

Employment (Amendment) Bill.

4. Minister for Manpower:

Silver Support Scheme Bill.

5. Minister for Health:

Human Biomedical Research Bill.

6. Minister for Transport:

Bus Services Industry Bill.

7. Minister for Transport:

Public Transport Council (Amendment) Bill.

8. Minister for Transport:

Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 17/2015] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 2. Financial Advisers (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 15/2015] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
 3. Insurance (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 16/2015] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
 4. Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 18/2015] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
 5. Maritime Offences (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 19/2015] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.
 6. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 20/2015] – (Minister for Education) – Second Reading.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mrs Lina Chiam:** To ask the Prime Minister from 2011 to 2014, how many licensed fund managers were exempted from the requirement to hold a capital markets services licence under section 99 of the Securities and Futures Act.

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2. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the number of individuals who have been declared bankrupt, whether voluntary or otherwise, as a result of credit card debt in the last three years; and (b) whether these figures suggest a need to introduce measures that make credit cards less accessible or to lower credit limits.
 3. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) in the past five years, what is the total number and percentage of (i) permanent residents (PRs) who are spouses/siblings of Singapore citizens; and (ii) new PRs who are spouses/siblings of Singapore citizens; and (b) whether a zero growth rate for PRs will be maintained in view of the increasing number of Singaporeans who are married to foreigners.
 4. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs for the estates of Kovan/Hillside/Rosyth clusters and Serangoon Gardens where there are many narrow roads and kerbside parking of vehicles is allowed (a) whether SCDF has detailed plans to ensure that SCDF personnel have physical access and egress to and from residences for emergency response in these areas; and (b) if so, what are the details of these plans.
 5. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether citizenship can be granted to parents/grandparents of Singapore citizens above the age of 60 who have been PRs and lived in Singapore for more than 20 years to look after their Singaporean children/grandchildren; and (b) whether foreign spouses of Singapore citizens who have three or more Singaporean children can be given priority to be granted citizenship.
 6. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether he can provide an update on the status of the criminal proceedings against the suspect arrested in connection with the killing of two persons in the vicinity of Hillside/Kovan in July 2013.
 7. **Mrs Lina Chiam:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) from 2010 to 2015, how many listed companies and non-listed private firms have been found to be non-compliant in their annual filing of accounts; (b) what are the reasons for their failure to file their returns punctually; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider making it compulsory for these companies to hire corporate service providers or professional secretarial firms to train their first-time directors on the basic and key statutory requirements of the Companies Act and to improve their corporate governance.

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8. **Mrs Lina Chiam:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance from 2011 to 2014, how many limited partnerships were registered under the Limited Partnerships Act.
 9. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether Singapore will slide into a longer period of deflation after the headline inflation has slipped into negative territory for the seventh consecutive month in May 2015 and what will be the implications of prolonged deflation for Singapore.
 10. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can consider allowing foreign workers under the services sector quota to be housed at approved purpose-built dormitories similar to the provision for foreign workers in the construction and marine sectors.
 11. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what action does the Ministry take against employers who violate the Employment Act when they do not pay CPF contributions for their part-time, freelance or contract employees; (b) how many complaints of non-payment from such employees has the Ministry received since 2011; and (c) to what extent has the 2012 "Work Right" initiative improved the situation of non-payment of CPF to part-time, freelance, contract and other non-permanent employees.
 12. **Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry tracks data that quantifies the association between attending Continuing Education and Training (CET) courses and the successful trainee attaining a higher income as a result of the CET course and, if so, whether the data can be published on a regular basis.
 13. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can consider providing common public waste collection points in future urban planning instead of the present collection of single waste bins from individual houses at landed properties.
 14. **Mr Zainal Sapari:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider allowing private property owners to buy a resale HDB flat given the current situation in the resale market.
 15. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development how much Community Improvement Projects Committee (CIPC) funding has been extended to each Town Council through their respective Citizens' Consultative Committee (CCC) from 7 May 2011.

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16. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider conserving the flats at Dakota Crescent built by the former Singapore Improvement Trust instead of demolishing the flats.
 17. **Mr Zaqy Mohamad:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has considered security, abuse and noise nuisance issues in the implementation of rooftop gardens that are built on top of multi-storey carparks of new HDB developments which are often situated very close to residential units; (b) to prevent misuse by drug users, late night drinking and overnight gatherings, whether HDB will consider installing limited security access for residents only; and (c) whether HDB will consider working with the police to install CCTV cameras at such rooftop gardens for close monitoring and prevention of abuse.
 18. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources in view of the possible return of the El Nino weather conditions (a) how prepared is Singapore to deal with the hotter, drier climate in terms of water supply; and (b) how is Singapore preparing for the protection of green areas including the prevention of bush fires.
 19. **Mr Ang Hin Kee:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry has plans to help long-term tenants who rent their hawker stalls from the current landlord during the transition phase when the lease of a hawker centre expires and has to be returned to NEA.
 20. **Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether a hawker centre can be built for residents in Bukit Batok constituency.
 21. **Mr Zaqy Mohamad:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Ministry has updates on the proposed location, size and implementation timeline for the hawker centre in Choa Chu Kang estate.
 22. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources whether the Government will consider introducing more measures to conserve the environment like encouraging the use of more electric cars and less use of plastic bags.

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23. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the Government's foreign policy on the Rohingya situation in Myanmar which is causing a refugee crisis in Southeast Asia; and (b) whether the Government has raised any concerns on the situation with senior members of the Myanmar Government and Opposition and, if so, what are their responses.
24. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) how many cases or complaints involving the practice of speculative invoicing have been received by the Ministry and its statutory boards including the Legal Aid Bureau over the past five years; (b) whether there are sufficient legal safeguards against such practices; and (c) what kind of legal assistance will the Ministry offer to the recipients of such letters of demand.
25. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Health with the onset of a hotter and drier weather (a) what steps are being taken to create greater public awareness of heat-related illnesses especially among the elderly; and (b) what are the common illnesses under such weather conditions.
26. **Mr David Ong Kim Huat:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the amount of research funding set aside for cancer research in Singapore; (b) what portion of this is allocated for brain tumour research; and (c) what is the current number of patients suffering from brain tumour in both private and public hospitals.
27. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government will consider reducing the contribution rate of de-registered Category D (motorcycles) COEs to Category E (open) from the current 10% to 0% in order to return more COEs from de-registered motorcycles to Category D and mitigate the price of quota premiums for motorcycle owners, many of whom are from lower income groups and need their motorcycles for work.
28. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many private education institutions have had their registrations cancelled or not renewed by the Council for Private Education since the enactment of the Private Education Act; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider equipping prospective students with information about each private education institution's track record in Singapore.

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- 29. Mr Yee Jenn Jong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) since January 2012, how many scholarships have been awarded each year by Ministries to international students to do their undergraduate studies at our local universities; and (b) what is the current average cost of each scholarship a year including but not limited to school fees, accommodation and other allowances.
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