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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister what measures are being taken to improve the technical facilities at the Singapore Airport so that it will acquire a reputation among international airlines as an equal to the safest airports in the world.
- *2. **Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-citizens in the Civil Service eligible for Singapore citizenship under the proviso to paragraph (c) of Article 57 (1) of the Constitution who have applied for citizenship and the number who have not.
- *3. **Mr. Tang See Chim:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he is aware that Mr. H. F. G. Leembruggen in a letter to the Straits Times published on 2nd September, 1967, stated that the reasons given to the House by the Minister of State, Prime Minister's Department, on 29th June, 1967, in reply to a Question on Mr. Leembruggen's resignation from the Civil Service were not correct and whether he will clarify the matter.
- *4. **Mr. Yeoh Ghim Seng:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) what was the amount and percentage of income-tax collected in 1966 from foreign artistes; (b) if he is aware that the present income-tax assessments of foreign artistes and the mode of collection are discouraging talented overseas musicians, dancers and actors from performing in Singapore; and (c) as the performances of such artistes can be a means of fostering the progress of the performing arts in Singapore, if he will consider liberalising the allowances and modes of assessment and collection of income-tax from foreign artistes as an incentive to talented overseas performers to come to perform in Singapore.
- *5. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether and when a census of the population of Singapore will be conducted; and whether it will be similar to the 1957 census.
- *6. **Mr. Ho See Beng:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make a statement on comparative prices of non-luxury goods (including food-stuffs) imported into Singapore from India, China and Japan and those imported from America, the United Kingdom and Germany.

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- *7. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether he will look into the question of arbitrary price increases by large and monopolistic commercial firms, in particular the giant petroleum companies; (b) what steps he proposes to take to save the public from having to shoulder the burden of any possible increase in freight charges in respect of petroleum brought to Singapore for refining; and (c) whether he will consider introducing legislation imposing limits on advertising expenditure in an effort to reduce the prices of petroleum products in Singapore.
- *8. **Mr. Bernard Rodrigues:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ascertain and inform the House (a) the total amount of capital invested to-date by the oil refineries which were given pioneer status and various incentive benefits; and (b) breakdown figures of (i) the number of employees newly recruited, locally and from abroad, by the various oil companies for the refineries; and (ii) the number of employees transferred from the various departments of the oil companies to the refineries.
- *9. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) how many factories are now in operation at the Jurong Industrial Estate and how many workmen are employed by them; and (b) how many such factories have closed down or ceased operation.
- *10. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider relaxing the quotas on the import of foreign goods where the local production of similar goods is insufficient to meet the local demand, as a relief to importers who are experiencing a decline in their trade because of quotas.
- *11. **Mr. Lee Teck Him:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether he has any proposals to assist the wholesale trade in view of the importance of that trade to the economy of Singapore and in view of the decline in that trade, a situation which is not eased by the practice whereby some local manufacturers do not distribute their goods through wholesalers but sell direct to retailers.
- *12. **Mr. Lim Soo Peng:** To ask the Minister for Finance how many of the firms and companies that were assisted by the Government when they were affected by Indonesian confrontation and had to lay off workers have since resumed operation; and the extent to which such resumption of operation has affected the employment situation.
- *13. **Mr. Lim Soo Peng:** To ask the Minister for Finance in view of the widespread interest aroused by the exchange of trade delegations between Singapore and Indonesia, whether he will make a statement on (a) the latest position in regard to such trade and, (b) the snags, if any, in implementing the trading arrangements agreed upon by the two countries.

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- *14. **Mr. Ng Kah Ting:** To ask the Minister for Education whether all students who pass the Primary School Leaving Examination this year will be given places in secondary schools; whether he is aware of the many cases in previous years where students were posted to secondary schools far away from their homes; and what steps he will take to prevent a similar situation this year.
- *15. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Education whether he will consider revising the salary scale of teachers who hold foreign university degrees which are not recognised in Singapore and who have completed the two year training course at the Singapore Teachers' Training College.
- *16. **Mr. S. Rajoo:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government will consider setting up a "South-East Asian Study and Research Centre" to do constant research into the ethnological, cultural, political and historical aspects of the South-East Asian races and people.
- *17. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he will consider reducing hawkers' licence fees from \$10 to \$6 in respect of day stalls and from \$20 to \$12 in respect of night stalls.
- *18. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister of Defence whether he is aware that documents submitted to the Immigration Department by applicants for passports have sometimes been returned undesirably folded up, if not torn; and whether he will review the present procedure of handling such documents to prevent this happening.
- *19. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister of Defence (a) how many students, who had been expelled from secondary schools because of their anti-national activities, have been admitted to the National Youth Leadership Training Institute; (b) what is the syllabus and the content of courses of instruction arranged for them; and (c) whether they are satisfied with the reformative course.
- *20. **Mr. P. Govindaswamy:** To ask the Minister of Defence what is the number of registered political parties and whether he has any knowledge as to how many of them are active.
- *21. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister for Labour whether he will consider amending the Central Provident Fund Ordinance to enable contributors to withdraw monies due to them from the Fund if (a) they are disabled without being permanently incapacitated from ever continuing in employment; or, (b) they are unemployed for periods of less than two years and are unable to establish that they will never be re-employed in order to enable such persons who so desire to start their own business and thereby cease being burdens on the welfare services of the Republic.
- *22. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs in how many cases were payments of public assistance and T.B. Treatment Allowances stopped, because the recipients were found to be non-citizens, following the introduction of the new laminated identity cards.
- *23. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Culture and Social Affairs what is the Government's attitude to the proposed Malaysian-Indonesian common spelling system for the Malay Language.

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- *24. **Inche Mohd. Ariff bin Suradi:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether preference will be given to applications from public companies to undertake projects in the Golden Mile scheme.
- *25. **Mr. Ang Nam Piau:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development when work will commence to clear the overgrowth of lalang and weeds on the banks of the canal (which flows into the Kalang River) along Upper Thomson Road in the Thomson Constituency and to deepen the canal to alleviate flooding in the area.
- *26. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the present system adopted by the Public Works Department of inviting tenders and giving out contracts is satisfactory; and whether he plans to reorganise it.
- *27. **Mr. Ho Kah Leong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the paid car-park system introduced in Queenstown housing estate is satisfactory and whether it will be introduced to all other Housing and Development Board estates.
- *28. **Mr. S. Rajoo:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will make a statement on the Government's stand on Vietnam.
- *29. **Mr. S. V. Lingam:** To ask the Minister of State (Prime Minister's Department) whether he will consider installing (a) floodlights at all pedestrian crossings; and (b) a line of studs on the approaches to each pedestrian crossing and about 100 yards short of it in order to give motorists a physical warning that they are approaching a pedestrian crossing.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Introduction of Government Bills

1. **Minister for Culture and Social Affairs:**
Printers and Publishers (Amendment) Bill.
2. **Deputy Prime Minister:**
Singapore Parliament Elections (Amendment) Bill.
3. **Deputy Prime Minister:**
Parliamentary Membership Bill.
4. **Minister for Finance:**
(*President's recommendation to be signified*)
Income Tax (Amendment) Bill.
5. **Minister for Law and National Development:**
Minor Offences (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Local Government Integration (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.†
 [For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 25 dated 31st October, 1967].
- 2. Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) (Amendment) Bill — (Minister for Health) — Second Reading.
 [The Member in charge intends to commit this Bill to a Select Committee after its Second Reading.]
- 3. Rubber Association of Singapore (Incorporation) Bill — (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance) — Second Reading.†
 [For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 25 dated 31st October, 1967].

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

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- 1. **Mr. Teong Eng Siong:** To ask the Minister for Law and National Development whether the Government has a scheme for a Phase II development of the Malay Settlement in the Sembawang Constituency and when it will be implemented.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1967	<i>Date presented</i>
S. 10 Annual Report of the Economic Development Board, 1966	12th September, 1967.
S. 11 Port of Singapore Authority, Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1966	16th September, 1967.
Cmd. 18 Annual Report of the Ministry of Labour, 1965	21st September, 1967.
Cmd. 19 Annual Report of the Planning Department, 1966	22nd September, 1967.
Cmd. 20 Annual Report of the Public Works Department, 1966	20th October, 1967.
Cmd. 21 Annual Report of the Marine Surveys Department, 1966	21st October, 1967.
S.L. 51 Broadcasting and Television (Amendment) Regulations, 1967	28th September, 1967.
S.L. 52 Customs Duties (Amendment No. 7) Order, 1967	30th September, 1967.

PAPERS PRESENTED — *continued*

1967		<i>Date presented</i>
S.L. 53	Housing and Development Board (Provident Fund) (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1967	2nd October, 1967.
S.L. 54	Modification of Laws (Courts of Judicature) Order, 1967	5th October, 1967.
Parl. 10	Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee (2nd and 3rd Meetings) ...	14th October, 1967.
