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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the status of the land assessment tax applicable to PUB's waterworks in Johor; and (b) whether there have been any recent developments.
- *2. **Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) aside from rental controls, what are NEA's plans to help hawkers deal with the more significant cost drivers of ingredients and manpower; (b) how the setting of distinctly different price caps for local and western hawker cuisine preserves local hawker heritage; (c) whether NEA, with the Ministry for Social and Family Development, can issue more targeted concessions for low-income individuals to keep food affordable for the truly needful rather than use price caps that benefit those who can afford the full price; and (d) how does NEA ensure that the social enterprises managing the hawker centres do not take advantage of their position to profiteer unfairly.
- *3. **Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current number and percentage of CPF members who have reached their Medisave contribution ceiling; and (b) whether the Ministry can allow CPF members, upon reaching their Medisave contribution ceilings, to keep the overflows to pay for medical expenses instead of channelling the overflows to their Special, Retirement or Ordinary Accounts.
- *4. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to upgrade and expand the Institute of Mental Health (IMH); and (b) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the ratio of caregiver to patient for IMH.

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- *5. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how an electrical insulation problem in one "third rail" cover between Tanjong Pagar and Raffles Place MRT stations can cause a catastrophic failure across the entire North-South and East-West Lines (NSEWL); (b) whether this is an indication of a lack of built-in redundancy or poor system design of the MRT's electrical network; (c) whether engineers have assessed that a massive overhaul of the NSEWL is needed to prevent such failures from recurring; and (d) if so, what it will take in terms of time, cost and system downtime for such an overhaul to be completed.
- *6. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport since 2014, how many people have applied for transport concession cards including senior citizens, students, polytechnic students, those receiving wage supplement and people with disabilities.
- *7. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether there are any procedures in place to allow individuals to assess video footages or photographs of the traffic offences committed by them for verification prior to the compounding of traffic offences and, if no, why.
- *8. **Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider incentivising companies which employ Singaporeans in more than 85% of their organisation's workforce.
- *9. **Ms Irene Ng Phek Hoong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide an update on the progress of (i) the National Cycling Plan to make it even more comprehensive; (ii) the provision of a clear and consistent set of cycling rules and norms to be applied nation-wide; and (iii) the national voluntary cyclist education programme for schools, community centres and foreign worker dormitories.
- *10. **Dr Benedict Tan:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether there are any plans to introduce legislation to further prevent doping, as suggested by the World Anti-Doping Code 2015 (article 22) and the UNESCO International Convention Against Doping in Sport 2005 (article 8).
- *11. **Mr Baey Yam Keng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information with reference to the recently staged Chronology On Death, whether the Ministry will consider using the same approach to give more leeway for potentially controversial performances, including plays, musicals and films, to be staged or screened on the condition that post-performance dialogues be held between the producers/directors and audiences.

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- *12. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will consider granting HDB loans to senior citizens who wish to purchase HDB studio apartments (SA) with personal guarantees and for the loans to be serviced by their children.
- *13. **Mr Png Eng Huat:** To ask the Minister for Education of the 7,000 foreign students at secondary and junior college levels who were granted PR status between 2001 and 2014 (a) how many of them were on scholarships or tuition grants and what was the amount of tuition grants given; and (b) how many did not complete their scholarship or tuition grant obligations.
- *14. **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.
- *15. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether priority can be given to Singaporeans who are married to foreign spouses and are childless to apply for 2-room BTO HDB flats.
- *16. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current nurse-to-patient ratio in the restructured hospitals; (b) what is the difference in the ratio allocations between 2005 and 2015; and (c) whether the Ministry has any plans in place to mitigate the strain faced by nurses in the course of their work.
- *17. **Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower from 2010 to 2014 (a) what is the number of criminal cases of abuse of foreign domestic workers by employers that occurred because of mental health issues; (b) what is the number of criminal cases of abuse of employers by foreign domestic workers that occurred because of mental health issues; (c) how does the Ministry work with maid agencies and VWOs to educate employers and foreign domestic workers on mental health issues; and (d) whether the Ministry has considered making mandatory or voluntary mental health checks for both employer and domestic worker part of the hiring process.
- *18. **Dr Intan Azura Mokhtar:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of foreign vehicles which have illegal modifications done to the vehicles or which have outstanding traffic, parking or ERP-related fines due, what are the measures taken to ensure (i) compliance with regulations governing vehicles and (ii) payment of such fines.

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- *19. Ms Kuik Shiao-Yin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the policy of unequal benefits between unwed and married mothers in the past decade has led to (i) a decline in serial births out of wedlock in Singapore; (ii) an increase in births within marriage in Singapore; (iii) an increase in abortions by unwed mothers; (iv) a decrease in abortions by married mothers; and (b) what other case studies and alternative options is the Ministry presently exploring that can more effectively incentivise births within marriage.

* 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.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Human Biomedical Research Bill [Bill No. 25/2015] – (Minister for Health)

Resumption of Debate on Question (17 August 2015)

“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Minister of State, Ministry of Health).

2. Bus Services Industry Bill [Bill No. 26/2015] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.
3. Public Transport Council (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 27/2015] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.
4. Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 28/2015] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.

MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order No. 2(8)(b)):

Mr Hri Kumar Nair : Politics, Governance and Accountability:
(Bishan-Toa Payoh) A Singapore Model.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether he can provide statistics on the current number of firefighters who have been re-employed in different jobs after their early retirement at age 55.
 2. **Mr K Karthikeyan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs whether firefighters are trained for different jobs before their early retirement to enable them to make career switches.
 3. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what is the total number of Primary 1 student applications received for enrolment into the six full-time madrasahs for the next academic year; (b) out of the total number, how many successful applicants are there; and (c) whether there are plans to increase the annual intake and, if so, how does MUIS plan to assist or facilitate the six full-time madrasahs so that they can have proper and adequate means and resources to accommodate any planned increases.
 4. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what are the cost items Hajj pilgrims have to pay apart from the cost of the package paid to the general sales agents (GSA); and (b) if he can provide a detailed breakdown of these cost items.
 5. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for National Development of the occupiers of HDB flats under the Public Rental Scheme (i) how many qualify to purchase at least a new 2-room BTO flat; and (ii) what are the reasons they have chosen not to do so.
 6. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how much revenue the Citizens' Consultative Committees (CCCs) earned from the organisation of trade fairs in the Financial Years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15; and (b) for a breakdown by CCC of the revenue earned from trade fairs for the years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.
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PAPERS PRESENTED

<i>2015</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>
S.	53	Savings and Employee Retirement and Premium Fund (SAVER-Premium Fund) Annual Report for Financial Year 2014 14 August 2015
S.	54	Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Annual Report 2014/2015 14 August 2015
S.	55	Council for Private Education Annual Report 2014/2015 14 August 2015
S.	56	Singapore Polytechnic Annual Report 2014/2015 17 August 2015
