

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
SECOND SESSION

SINGAPORE, MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1957

No. 42

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware of the possibility of persons holding temporary identity cards being registered as citizens of Singapore; to state whether a person, after having been registered as a citizen of Singapore, is entitled to be issued with a British passport; and whether he will make a statement.
- *2. Mr. LIM CHER KHENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will consider amending the Rent Control Ordinance with a view to compelling private landlords to grant *ex-gratia* compensation to, or provide alternative accommodation for, evicted tenants of their houses or land.
- *3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry by what method he proposes to let out for development as prawn ponds the area in the Pandan Forest Reserve other than the 200 acres to be reserved for development on a co-operative basis.
- *4. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he is aware that the War Department is banning pig-keeping by farmers who are tenants on War Department Land in a large area of Ulu Pandan and Pasir Panjang from 31st January, 1958; and what action he proposes to take to ensure that the livelihood of these farmers is safeguarded.
- *5. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will have arrangements made for the Department of Fisheries to publish its data on prawn biology for general information and, in particular, for prawn-pond operators and interested scientists.

ORDER OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day.)

- 1. Appropriation Bill—Committee of Supply.†
(1st Allotted Day).
 - 2. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—
That this House deplores the decisions on major issues like Malayani- sation and one and a quarter million dollars *ex-gratia* payments made by the present City Council during its last few days of office and urges that sanction, as required by paragraph (r) of section 29 of the Municipal Ordinance, to the payment of over one and a quarter million dollars for *ex-gratia* payment mostly to expatriate employees, be withheld until the new City Council to be elected on the 21st December has recommended the matter.
 - 3. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—
That this House is of the opinion that political parties competing in the present City Council elections should be given time over the radio to put over their party programmes for the City Council.
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†NOTICES RELATING TO ORDER OF THE DAY

†Appropriation Bill—Notices of Amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply:

FIRST SCHEDULE**Head 1—Governor—**

Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 1 be reduced by \$1,800 in respect of item (20) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 2—Judicial—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 2 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 3—Council of Ministers—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 3 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (2) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 7—Chief Minister—

(i) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 7 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

(ii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 7 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (2) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 8—Chief Secretary—

(i) Mr. JOHN EDE:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 10 therein.

(ii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 14 therein.

(iii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 24 therein.

(iv) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (4) of subhead 36 therein.

(v) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (5) of subhead 36 therein.

(vi) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (7) of subhead 36 therein.

(vii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (8) of subhead 36 therein.

(viii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (14) of subhead 36 therein.

(ix) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$20,000 in respect of item (27) of subhead 36 therein.

(x) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 8 be reduced by \$30,000 in respect of subhead 50 therein.

Head 9—Broadcasting—

(i) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 9 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

(ii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 9 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (39) of subhead 1 therein.

(iii) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 9 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (40) of subhead 1 therein.

(iv) Mr. LEE KUAN YEW:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 9 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 11 therein.

Head 11—Defence Services—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 11 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 4 therein.

Head 12—Film Censorship—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 12 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 14—Information Services—

(i) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 14 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

(ii) Mr. JOHN EDE:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 14 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (2) of subhead 8 therein.

(iii) Mr. JOHN EDE:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 14 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 12 therein.

Head 15—Police—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 15 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 25—Contributions and Charitable Allowances—

(i) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 25 be reduced by \$12,700 in respect of subhead 32 therein.

(ii) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 25 be reduced by \$120,000 in respect of subhead 33 therein.

Head 27—Customs and Excise—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 27 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 29—Income Tax—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 29 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (6) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 30—Ministry of Commerce and Industry—

(i) Mr. JOHN EDE:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 30 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 11 therein.

(ii) Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 30 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 11 therein.

Head 31—Agricultural—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 31 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 32—Co-operative Development—

Mr. LIM CHOON MONG:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 32 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 33—Exchange Control—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 33 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (5) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 36—Imports and Exports Control and Registration—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 36 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 39—Supplies—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY:

That the sum to be allotted for Head 39 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 45—Education—

(i) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 45 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 7 therein.

(ii) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 45 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 33 therein.

(iii) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 45 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 52 therein.

Head 52—Social Welfare—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 52 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (1) of subhead 1 therein.

Head 58—Public Works, Recurrent—

(i) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 58 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 2 therein.

(ii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 58 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 4 therein.

(iii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head 58 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (8) of subhead 6 therein.

SECOND SCHEDULE**Head D 2—Judicial—**

Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 2 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 1 therein.

Head D 9—Broadcasting—

Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 9 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 1 therein.

Head D 11—Defence Services—

(i) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 11 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 2 therein.

(ii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 11 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 9 therein.

Head D 42—Ministry of Local Government, Lands and Housing—

Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 42 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 1 therein.

Head D 43—Land and District Offices—

(i) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 43 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 1 therein.

(ii) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 43 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 3 therein.

Head D 48—Medical and Health—

(i) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 48 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 6 therein.

(ii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 48 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 7 therein.

(iii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 48 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 8 therein.

(iv) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 48 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (7) of subhead 15 therein.

Head D 52—Social Welfare—

Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 52 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 6 therein.

Head D 54—Civil Aviation—

Mr. R. JUMABHOY :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 54 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (3) of subhead 1 therein.

Head D 59—Telecommunications—

(i) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 59 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (5) of subhead 31 therein.

(ii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 59 be reduced by \$10 in respect of item (6) of subhead 31 therein.

Head D 60—Public Works, Non-Recurrent (General)—

(i) Mr. JOHN EDE :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 60 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 7 therein.

(ii) Mr. LIM KOON TECK :

That the sum to be allotted for Head D 60 be reduced by \$10 in respect of subhead 19 therein.

QUESTION NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will supply the following information regarding prawn ponds in the Colony of Singapore:—

- (a) the number of (i) prawn ponds, and (ii) prawn pond sluice gates at present in operation;
 - (b) the areas in which these prawn ponds are to be found and the acreage of each area;
 - (c) the total acreage of (i) Crown Land (ii) other land not so far converted into prawn ponds but suitable for such development, the areas in which such land is to be found, and the acreage of each area; and
 - (d) the number of prawn ponds which have fallen into disuse, the areas in which they are to be found, the acreage of each area, and the reasons for their disuse.
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