

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1958

No. 5

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Minister if the Government will consider introducing amending legislation to enable seamen and students abroad, who are eligible voters, to vote by proxy in Legislative Assembly, City Council and District Council Elections.
- *2. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare what progress he has made in his examination of the possibility of introducing new legislation whereby private employment agencies can be effectively regulated and controlled.
- *3. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare if he will state what assistance the Government has provided for the quadruplet of Che Markanah binte Ahmat, apart from the monthly allowance of \$30 from the Silver Jubilee Fund for a period of six months.
- *4. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare if he is aware that no grounds for refusals are given by the Controller of Immigration to sponsors of applicants for entry into the Colony; and if he will direct the Controller of Immigration to furnish grounds in future.
- *5. Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether the Government will consider waiving the visa fees charged by the Immigration Department in respect of newly registered Singapore citizens applying for travel documents.
- *6. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Secretary when a review of the order of detention under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance, 1955, of Mr. Jek Yuen Thong is to be made; and whether, for that review, there will be made available to the Reviewing Officer for his consideration the written statement which has been submitted by or on behalf of Mr. Jek Yuen Thong to the Appeal Tribunal.
- *7. Mr. SOH GHEE SOON: To ask the Chief Secretary to state which political party or parties held a public Legislative Assembly by-election meeting in Tank Road on 24th June, 1957.
- *8. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he has received a copy of a letter from the General Secretary of the Singapore Peasants' Union regarding the alleged ill-treatment in the Remand Prison of Tan Hong Piew, detained under the Banishment Ordinance; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
- *9. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary, with reference to the Report of the Committee on Hindu Marriage Registration (Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 37 of 1957), whether, and when, the Government will introduce legislation for the registration of Hindu marriages.
- *10. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary, in view of the comments made on a recent case heard in the High Court under section 9 (1) of the Exchange Control Ordinance (Cap. 216), whether he will consider introducing amending legislation or take any other steps to exclude payments of moneys in which the Colony has no interest at all from the scope of the said section 9 (1).

- *11. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary how many applications have been made to the Controller of Foreign Exchange for permission to do any of the acts referred to in section 9 (1) of the Exchange Control Ordinance (Cap. 216) since the commencement of the Ordinance up to a latest convenient date; in how many cases has permission been granted; and whether he will state what is the policy and what are the principles adopted in the granting or refusal of such permission.
- *12. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary if he is aware that Singapore firms, which import American goods through Hong Kong, usually arrange through banks in Singapore for the purchase of the necessary American currency in Hong Kong; and whether this procedure is sanctioned by the Controller of Foreign Exchange, and how.
- *13. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Financial Secretary if he is aware that in the Colony's trade with Indonesia and Hong Kong it has been impossible for merchants to avoid contravening section 9 (1) of the Exchange Control Ordinance (Cap. 216); and whether he will consider introducing amending legislation or take any other steps to narrow the scope of the said section 9 (1), in particular in regard to preparatory acts done in relation to trade with non-sterling areas.
- *14. Mr. LEE CHOON JENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether, and when, the Government will take over the Veterinary Department of the City Council.
- *15. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Education—
(a) when is it intended to begin registering children for admission to grant-in-aid vernacular schools for 1959; and
(b) what is the reason for not holding this registration simultaneously with that for English schools.
- *16. Mr. GOH TONG LIANG: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry what is the total amount of family remittances sent to Communist China from Singapore from 1st April, 1957, to 31st March, 1958.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Light Dues (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Minister for Health—
Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Singapore Sailors' Institute Incorporation (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Minister for Labour and Welfare—
Indian Immigration Fund (Winding Up) Bill.

Motion for the Introduction of Bill

Mr. JOHN EDE (Member for Tanglin) to move—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)

- 1. Police Force Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)††
- 2. Public Entertainments Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)††
- 3. Factories Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)††

†† Committal to a Select Committee will be moved immediately after Second Reading.

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- 4. Betting (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 5. Common Gaming Houses (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 6. Societies (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 7. Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 8. Southern Islands Local Council Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 9. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 10. Life Assurance Companies (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 11. Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 12. Military Manœuvres (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 13. Malayan Auxiliary Air Force (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 14. Malayan Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 15. Royal Malayan Navy (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 16. Widows' and Orphans' Pension (Amendment No. 2) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1.]
 - 17. Hospitals Board (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
 - 18. Appropriation (No. 2) (1956) Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
 - 19. Federation of Malaya Customs Duties Collection Bill—Second Reading. (*Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.*)†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1.]
 - 20. Legal Aid and Advice (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†
[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 1.]

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

21. The Financial Secretary to move—

(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$735,900 shall be supplied to the Government under the heads of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 14 of 1958.

22. Mr. WILLIAM TAN (Member for Tiong Bahru) to move—

That this Assembly is of the opinion that Mandarin should also be used in all verbal announcements made by and at the Singapore Airport.

● **23. Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.****QUESTION NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER**

Mr. WILLIAM TAN: To ask the Chief Secretary to supply the crime statistics in respect of Singapore for January, February, March and April, 1958, showing the number of each type of offence.

SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

| 1958 | <i>Date ordered to be printed</i> |
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| L.A. 1. First Report from the Committee of Selection (Third Session) ... | ... 28th April, 1958. |
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| | <i>Date presented</i> |
| Cmd. 13. Annual Report of the Malayan Meteorological Service, 1957 ... | ... 9th May, 1958. |
| Cmd. 14. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the Approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ... | ... 4th June, 1958. |
| Cmd. 15. Medical Department Annual Report for 1956 ... | ... 9th June, 1958. |
| ————— | |
| S.L. 23. The Motor Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules, 1958 ... | ... 22nd May, 1958. |
| S.L. 20. The Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment) Order, 1958 ... | ... 23rd May, 1958. |
| S.L. 21. The Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1958 ... | ... 23rd May, 1958. |
| S.L. 24. The Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1958 ... | ... 7th June, 1958. |
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