

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**THIRD SESSION**

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1958

No. 6

10.00 a.m.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Mr. JOHN METCALFE MASON.

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

- \*1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Minister if he has received representations regarding the unemployment problems in Singapore from the Singapore Trade Union Congress, and if he will make a statement on the policy of the Government on those representations.
- \*2. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Chief Minister whether, and when, he will present to this Assembly—
- (i) the Draft Constitution on which the All-Party Delegation negotiated with Her Majesty's Government at the recent discussions in London;
  - (ii) a full report on the negotiations; and
  - (iii) the Proposed Constitution as agreed with Her Majesty's Government.
- \*3. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare—
- (a) whether he is aware that unemployment in Singapore is on the increase;
  - (b) whether he will provide facilities for the registration of the unemployed at all post offices in addition to the Employment Exchange;
  - (c) whether he will introduce measures for the monthly payment of an adequate relief to the unemployed; and
  - (d) whether he will take steps for the payment of approved unemployment relief at all post offices.
- \*4. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Chief Secretary what is the purpose of spending money printing in the 25th issue (1st June, 1958) of the Directory of the Colony of Singapore a list of all past Governors, Colonial Secretaries, Chief Justices and Attorneys-General of the Straits Settlements and Singapore, and Certificates of Honours (Rules and Awards).
- \*5. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Chief Secretary under what other conditions, apart from those specified in section 4 (2) of the Theatres Ordinance (Cap. 229), would permission be granted to organisations to hold roadside "wayangs" to celebrate the forthcoming traditional Chinese "Seventh Moon" Festival.
- \*6. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that the booklet entitled *Travellers' Guide to Singapore, 1958*, published and distributed by the Department of Information Services, was not published until June of this year; what are the reasons for the delay; and whether he will take steps to see that the 1959 Edition is published at the beginning of January, 1959.

- \*7.** Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Attorney-General—
- (a) whether he has authorised the prosecution of persons employed by the Straits Steamship Co., Ltd., on board their ships for refusing to proceed to sea in pursuance of a strike note by their Union;
  - (b) the number of such persons whose prosecution he has authorised;
  - (c) whether a member of the Singapore Bar has been authorised by him to prosecute these seamen; and
  - (d) who is paying for this prosecution.
- \*8.** Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Financial Secretary whether he will make a statement on the present economic and financial position in the Colony.
- \*9.** Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he will consider introducing amending legislation to provide for appeal against the disapproval by the Singapore Improvement Trust of plans submitted under sections 61 and 62 of the Singapore Improvement Ordinance (Cap. 259).
- \*10.** Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he will give a definite date for the District Council Elections.
- \*11.** Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if he is aware of the representations made by the tenants of Singapore Improvement Trust houses on Jalan Teck Whye Estate to the Assistant Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing on 17th May, 1958, complaining of:—
- (i) excessive heat;
  - (ii) lack of secure protection of the windows;
  - (iii) clogging of drains by sand and mud; and
  - (iv) roof leakages;
- and if he will state what action he will take, or has taken, in this matter.
- \*12.** Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Education if he is aware that there are no representatives of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore on the Court of the University of Malaya, and if he will state when the election will be held by this Assembly.
- \*13.** Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works why the Singapore Telephone Board's Annual Report for the year 1956 does not give more relevant information about the operations of the Board and its financial position for the year 1956, and whether he will take steps to see that a fuller report for 1956 is published.
- \*14.** Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether he will make a statement regarding the expansion of Paya Lebar Airport.
- \*15.** Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will state the number of applications for registration of trade marks:—
- (i) received prior to 31st December, 1957, but not gazetted before that date for the purpose of inviting grounds of opposition;
  - (ii) received during the period January to June, 1958; and
  - (iii) received on or before 30th June, 1958, but not gazetted before that date for the purpose of inviting grounds of opposition;
- and whether he will state the average length of time taken to gazette such applications after they are received, and the reasons therefor.

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**
**Presentation of Government Bills**

1. The Attorney-General—  
Legislative Assembly (Presentation of Subsidiary Legislation) Bill.
  2. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—  
Local Government Elections (Amendment) Bill.
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

*(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)*

- 1. Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill—Committee.

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

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- 2. Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading. *(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*†

- 3. Light Dues (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†

[For Amendment to the Bill, see Supplement No. 2.]

- 4. Singapore Sailors' Institute Incorporation (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†

- 5. Local Government (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.†

- 6. Indian Immigration Fund (Winding Up) Bill—Second Reading. *(Governor's recommendation or consent to be signified.)*†

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

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- 7. Malayan Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (Amendment) Bill—Committee.††

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 2.]

- 8. Federation of Malaya Customs Duties Collection Bill—Committee.††

[For Amendments to the Bill, see Supplement No. 2.]

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

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9. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$392,997 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. 17 of 1958.

10. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 4 of the Nature Reserves Ordinance (Chapter 235), resolves that paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the Ordinance be deleted and the following substituted therefor:—

“All those pieces of land situate in Mukim No. V Pandan and Mukim No. VI Peng Kang, in the Island of Singapore, known as Pandan Forest Reserve, comprised in lot 136-15, Mukim No. V Pandan, and in lot 193, Mukim No. VI Peng Kang, and estimated to contain approximate areas of 356a. Or. 00p. and 186a. Or. 00p. respectively, the boundaries of which are more particularly delineated and edged pink on Certified Plan No. 10485 filed in the Office of the Chief Surveyor, Singapore.”

11. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House notes with regret that the Commission of Inquiry into Corrupt, Illegal or Undesirable Practices at Elections had made its report (Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 7 of 1958) without giving to some of the persons, against whom allegations were made in secret, the opportunity to know of such evidence and to cross-examine such witnesses and to confront them with contrary evidence; and that this House urges the Government to take action against the persons whom the report says the Police have reliable evidence of their having solicited and paid for the assistance of gangsters in their elections.

12. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW (Member for Tanjong Pagar) to move—

That this House condemns the unreasonable and obstructive attitude of the Singapore Harbour Board in not complying with the recommendations contained in the Report of the Court of Inquiry (Sessional Paper No. S. 7 of 1957) as was unanimously urged in this House on the 24th day of April, 1958, and calls upon the Government to take steps to compel the Singapore Harbour Board to comply with the recommendations in that Report.

● 13. Secretary of the Synod of the Diocese of Singapore Bill—Second Reading.

### MEMORANDUM

*Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (Standing Order 7 (9)):*—

Mr. Lee Choon Eng (Member  
for Queenstown) ...

Singapore Improvement Trust in relation to  
Housing Policy.

### QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Chief Minister if he will state the total number of days the Chief Minister and each Minister (other than *ex-officio* Ministers) and Assistant Minister have been away from Singapore from 1st January, 1956 to 30th June, 1958; and whether a Minister or Assistant Minister is in receipt of acting pay or allowance when performing the duties of another Minister or Assistant Minister in the latter's absence.
  
2. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary to state the number of vacancies in all Government Departments as at 30th June, 1958, giving the number of vacant posts in each Department which are to be filled immediately due to the exigencies of the service, those which are not likely to be filled, and the amount of money the Government will save this year as a result of the non-filling of such vacancies.
  
3. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing to state the number of properties allocated by the Singapore Improvement Trust during the period 1st January to 30th June, 1958, excluding those allocated to fire victims and persons served with demolition orders and shop houses, showing the names and the number of points awarded in respect of each of the successful applicants together with the house numbers (addresses) of the premises allocated to each of the applicants.
  
4. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry if he will state—
  - (a) the names of companies transacting business in life, fire, marine and motor insurance in Singapore; the dates of their registration; and in each case whether it is a local, Commonwealth or foreign company;
  - (b) the amount of deposit placed by each company with the Accountant-General, Singapore; and in each case whether it is in local currency, local gilt-edged securities or securities of the countries of origin of the respective companies;
  - (c) the amount of business transacted in the Colony of Singapore by each of the companies from the available records either since their registration, or since the re-occupation of Singapore, or since 1st January, 1955, up to a latest convenient date, stating the premiums earned in the respective lines of insurance; and
  - (d) the present investments of each of the companies in the Colony, and the form of the investments.

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### SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

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L.A. 2. Second Report from the Committee of Selection  
(Third Session) ... .. 18th June, 1958.

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| S. 1. Singapore Telephone Board Annual Report for the year 1956 ... ..   | 20th June, 1958.      |
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| S.L. 25. The Fees (Passport and Visa) (Amendment No. 4) Order, 1958 ... ..   | 4th July, 1958.       |
| S.L. 26. The Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Notification, 1958 ... ..  | 10th July, 1958.      |
| S.L. 29. The Consular Conventions (Federal Republic of Germany) Order, 1958 ... ..   | 12th July, 1958.      |
| S.L. 30. The Consular Conventions (Italian Republic) Order, 1958 ... ..  | 12th July, 1958.      |
| —————  |                       |
| Cmd. 17. Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ... ..  | 9th July, 1958.       |
| Cmd. 18. Schedule of Transfers between subheads approved by the Financial Secretary under G.O. 662 (b) during the period 1st January, 1958 to 30th June, 1958 for the information of the Legislative Assembly ... .. | 9th July, 1958.       |
| Cmd. 19. Department of Education Annual Report, 1956   | 10th July, 1958.      |

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