



FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRD SESSION

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY, 13TH AUGUST, 1958

No. 7

10.00 a.m.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary—
 - (a) if he is aware that the Criminal Investigation Department at Robinson Road and the top floor of the Central Police Station occupied by the Special Branch were not open to the general public during the recent "Police Week", and to state the reasons therefor; and
 - (b) whether he will arrange for those two Branches of the Police Force to be open to the public, along with Divisional Police Stations, during future "Police Weeks".
- *2. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Chief Secretary if he is aware of the increasing use of acid bombs by gangsters in gang clashes in which innocent persons have been blinded or injured; and what measures the Government has taken or proposes to take against the use or possession of acid bombs.
- *3. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Chief Secretary to state the number of cases of acid throwing which have taken place since 1st January, 1958, the number of convictions in such cases; and whether this form of crime is on the increase.
- *4. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Attorney-General, with reference to his showing cause in Divorce Suit No. 32 of 1957, why the decree nisi pronounced by the Honourable Mr. Justice Tan Ah Tah on the 22nd July, 1957, should not be made absolute, to state the grounds upon which he acted; and whether full and proper investigations were duly conducted in Singapore, Port Dickson and Kuala Lumpur with the assistance of experienced officers of the Police Force prior to and after showing cause.
- *5. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Financial Secretary whether the Malayan Board of Income Tax has recommended any changes to be made in the Income Tax Ordinance (Cap. 166); and when an amending Bill will be presented to this House.
- *6. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing if the Government will consider introducing amending legislation with a view to bringing premises built after September, 1947, under the provisions of the Control of Rent Ordinance (Cap. 242).
- *7. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing whether he will make a statement on the office buildings being constructed and the staff so far made available for the purposes of operating the new District Councils; and whether he is satisfied that the new regional offices are working satisfactorily.

- *8. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing, with reference to paragraphs 12 to 17 of the Final Report from the Public Accounts Committee (Sessional Paper No. L.A. 14 of 1957), if he will state—
- (a) the arrears of rates as at (i) 31st December, 1957; and (ii) 30th June, 1958; and
 - (b) how many properties have been assessed or re-assessed during the period January to June, 1958; and how many properties remain to be assessed or re-assessed.
- *9. Mr. LIM KOON TECK: To ask the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing what portion of the 832 acres withdrawn from the Pandan Forest Reserve has been set aside for allocation to persons whose prawn ponds in areas required for development have been or will be acquired by Government.
- *10. Mr. LEE KUAN YEW: To ask the Minister for Education whether he gave instructions to the principals and staff of schools in connection with the City Council's mass health movement; and whether he will make a statement in connection with those instructions.
- *11. Mr. LEE CHOON ENG: To ask the Minister for Health to state the number of doctors attached to the Out-Patient Department of the General Hospital and the daily average number of patients who attend that Department.
- *12. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether the leading airlines using the Paya Lebar Airport require funds to be spent on a new airport terminal to be constructed to deal expeditiously with the increasing number of passengers and freight carried by air; and whether he will give an undertaking that work on the construction of the proposed new terminal will be started with the least possible delay.
- *13. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works what is the monthly rent payable by the Singapore Airport Hotel Ltd. for the use of the Paya Lebar Airport restaurant premises; whether there are any arrears of rent payable by the tenants and what is the amount.
- *14. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Communications and Works whether, and when, it is proposed to introduce a one-way system of traffic along Bukit Timah and Dunearn Roads.
- *15. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry if he will make a statement on the policy the Government proposes to adopt to protect and encourage local industry.
- *16. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether he will make a statement on the plans formulated by the Director of Tourism to develop Singapore's tourist industry; and whether he will outline how it is intended to spend the sum of \$300,000 voted by this House for this purpose in the 1958 Estimates.
- *17. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry if he will make a statement regarding the setting up of a central wholesale fish market.

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- *18. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into the Port of Singapore (Sessional Paper No. S 10 of 1957); and whether he will make a statement on the Government's intentions regarding their implementation.
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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Presentation of Government Bills

1. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Control of Manufacture Bill.
2. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Housing and Development Bill.
3. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Planning Bill.
4. The Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing—
Local Government (District Councils) (Consequential Provisions)
Bill.
5. The Financial Secretary—
Customs (Amendment) Bill.
6. The Minister for Commerce and Industry—
Pineapple Industry (Amendment) Bill.

[The Minister for Commerce and Industry proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

7. The Chief Secretary—
Pensions (Amendment) Bill.

[The Chief Secretary proposes, on a Certificate of Urgency under Standing Order 59, to proceed with this Bill throughout all its stages until the Bill has been read the third time.]

Motion for the Introduction of Bill

Mr. LIM KOON TECK (Member for Paya Lebar) to move—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Reverend Mother Superior of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Nuns in Malaya.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

(Those marked ● are Orders of the Day)

- 1. Legislative Assembly (Presentation of Subsidiary Legislation) Bill—Second Reading.
- 2. Local Government Elections (Amendment) Bill—Second Reading.

3. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$30 shall be supplied to the Government under the head of expenditure and for the services specified in the Schedule contained in Sessional Paper No. Cmd. 23 of 1958.

4. The Financial Secretary to move—

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

That this Assembly resolves that the sum of \$1,219,777 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. 21 of 1958.

5. The Minister for Commerce and Industry to move—

That this Assembly, pursuant to subsection (2) of section 490 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Chapter 207), resolves that the Singapore Port (Amendment) Rules, 1958, published as Notification No. S 168 in the *Gazette* Supplement No. 49 dated 25th July, 1958, as contained in Sessional Paper No. S.L. 33 of 1958, be approved.

6. Mr. WONG FOO NAM (Member for Pasir Panjang) to move—

That the Report from the Select Committee on the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (Amendment) Bill, as contained in Sessional Paper No. L.A. 3 of 1958, be adopted.

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWER

- 1. Mr. JOHN EDE: To ask the Minister for Labour and Welfare whether the Department of Social Welfare have plans to build a Community Centre in the Joo Chiat area of Katong; and if he will state the exact location of the site and how far this development has progressed.
- 2. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Financial Secretary whether any Member of the Opposition Benches in this Assembly had been out of Malaya at Government expense between 1948 and 1954, stating, in each case,—
 - (i) the places visited;
 - (ii) the reason for the visit;
 - (iii) the duration of the visit;
 - (iv) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government; and
 - (v) whether the person had executive authority in any Government Department at the time of the visit.
- 3. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Financial Secretary to state the total number of unofficials of the previous Legislative Councils sent at Government expense overseas to attend conferences and other events for each of the years from 1948 to 1954.

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4. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Minister for Education to state the number of schools of all types built during each of the years from 1948 to 1957.
 5. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Minister for Education to state the amount of grants and subsidies given to Chinese Schools during each of the years from 1948 to 1957.
 6. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Minister for Health why Government medical and dental officers will be prohibited, from 1st September, 1958, from drawing fees or retaining consultation fees hitherto allowed under the Fees (Public Officers) Regulations, 1951.
 7. Mr. SEAH PENG CHUAN: To ask the Minister for Health to state the reasons for the payment of an allowance to certain medical and dental officers who are holding Administrative posts in the Medical Service; and whether such officers have hitherto been allowed to draw fees or retain consultation fees under the Fees (Public Officers) Regulations, 1951.
 8. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Minister for Health to state the total number of beds available in all hospitals (i) in 1954; and (ii) in 1957.
 9. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state the total number of free inoculations of poultry and pigs provided by the Government Veterinary Department (i) in 1954; and (ii) in 1957.
 10. Mr. WONG FOO NAM: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry to state the total production in 1954 and 1957 of (i) poultry; and (ii) pigs.
 11. Mr. R. JUMABHOY: To ask the Minister for Commerce and Industry when a complete answer to the question not for oral answer, No. 4 on the Order Paper of 16th July, 1958, can be expected; and whether he will obtain the required information from the insurance companies themselves.
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SESSIONAL PRINTED PAPERS PRESENTED

1958	<i>Date ordered to be printed</i>
L.A. 3. Report from the Select Committee on the Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital (Amendment) Bill	18th July, 1958.
L.A. 4. Third Report from the Committee of Selection (Third Session)	23rd July, 1958.
L.A. 5. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee (Third Session)—[1st Meeting] ...	24th July, 1958.
L.A. 6. Minutes of Proceedings of the House Committee (Third Session)—[2nd Meeting] ...	25th July, 1958.
L.A. 7. Report from the Select Committee on the Police Force Bill	31st July, 1958.
L.A. 8. Special Report from the Public Accounts Committee (Third Session)	1st August, 1958.

		<i>Date presented</i>
Cmd. 22.	Annual Report of the Telecommunications Department, 1957	2nd August, 1958.
Cmd. 21.	Schedule of Applications for Supplementary Provision for which the approval of the Legislative Assembly is sought ...	5th August, 1958.
Cmd. 23.	Revision of Salaries of Revenue Officers, Customs Department	5th August, 1958.

S.L. 28.	The Telephone (Trunk Charges) (Amendment) Rules, 1958	14th July, 1958.
S.L. 27.	The Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Restrictions) Order, 1958	15th July, 1958.
S.L. 31.	The Legal Aid and Advice Regulations, 1958	24th July, 1958.
S.L. 33.	The Singapore Port (Amendment) Rules, 1958	29th July, 1958.
S.L. 32.	The Singapore Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 1958	30th July, 1958.
S.L. 34.	The Telegraphs (Amendment) Rules, 1958	1st August, 1958.

S. 2.	Accounts of the Administrator of German Enemy Property for the half year ended 31st December, 1957, and the Report of the Director of Audit thereon ...	7th August, 1958.
