

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

SECOND SESSION

ORDER PAPER

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2020

No. 127

1.30 pm

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth with the evolving COVID-19 situation (a) whether Singapore will heighten measures to ensure safety and welfare of participants in the Singapore International Festival of Arts (SIFA) 2020; (b) how will the COVID-19 situation affect the attendance of SIFA 2020 events; and (c) whether there are proposed plans to give further support to the arts community for this annual festival.
- *2. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past five years, how many persons have escaped the imposition of the mandatory caning sentences upon being convicted for committing serious sexual offences such as rape by reason of them being above the age of 50; and (b) whether the Government has plans to remove the age requirement in order that all such convicted persons, irrespective of their age, will be imposed caning sentences so long as they are assessed to be medically fit.
- *3. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many factories run by local SME businesses are currently based in China, namely Hubei, Zhejiang, Henan and Guangdong; (b) whether the Ministry foresees a need to relocate these factories for the businesses' long-term survival and to address supply chain changes; and (c) for SME businesses that wish to move their operations, whether any assistance is available to them.
- *4. **Er Dr Lee Bee Wah:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of the plunge in crude oil rates (a) whether current retail prices at petrol pumps reflect this trend; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will implement measures to ensure petrol companies adjust prices accordingly.

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- *5. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in the past three years, how many cases of emergencies attributed to food allergies have occurred onboard commercial flights from Singapore; (b) whether local commercial flights are subjected to regulations concerning medical equipment onboard; and (c) whether epinephrine auto-injectors can be mandated for inclusion in emergency medical kits on board flights.
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Minister for Health:**
2. **Minister for National Development:**

Update on Whole-of-Government Response to COVID-19.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Business motion

1. **Leader of the House:**

SECOND READING OF BILLS: That, notwithstanding Standing Orders, the Second Reading of the Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill, Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill, and the Hindu Endowments (Amendment) Bill be taken on 25 March 2020.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Hindu Endowments (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 8/2020] – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Second Reading.
2. Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 15/2020] – (Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang, Member for Nee Soon) – Second Reading.
3. Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 1/2020] – (Minister for Transport) – Second Reading.

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4. Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 9/2020] – (Minister for Trade and Industry) – Second Reading.
 5. Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 14/2020] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

Matter proposed to be raised on the Motion for the Adjournment (SO 2(8)(b)).

Ms Anthea Ong : Working Together Towards a Zero-Suicide
(Nominated Member) Singapore.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there is enough emphasis on the local arts scene in the Singapore International Festival of Arts 2020 (SIFA); and (b) what percentage of the programmes and productions presented are from overseas.
2. **Mr Terence Ho Wee San:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the trend observed in the audienceship for the annual Singapore International Festival of Arts; and (b) how can the audienceship be improved.
3. **Ms Anthea Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many households currently live in HDB's rental flats under the (i) Public Rental Scheme (ii) Interim Rental Housing Scheme and (iii) Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme respectively; (b) how many of these rental flats house more than one nuclear household, broken down by housing scheme; (c) how many applicants under the Joint Single Scheme are unable to secure a rental flat due to difficulty in finding a suitable person to rent with; and (d) how many rental flats house (i) 3 persons (ii) 4 persons (iii) 5 persons (iv) 6 persons and (v) more than 6 persons, broken down by (i) 1-room (ii) 2-room (iii) 3-room and (iv) 4-room flats respectively.

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4. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of the estimated 435,000 Singaporeans eligible for the Budget 2020 Matched Retirement Savings Scheme (a) what is the breakdown by (i) gender and (ii) current employment status; and (b) what is the average and median balance in their CPF accounts, also broken down by gender and current employment status.
5. **Assoc Prof Walter Theseira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each year of the last three years (a) how many persons above the age of 65 received a CPF transfer from their child (i) in cash and (ii) through CPF; and (b) what is the average transfer quantum received among such persons, broken down by the children's and the parents' (i) age (ii) gender and (iii) income, and the modes of transfer by cash and CPF including the amounts.
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PAPER PRESENTED

<i>2020</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	788	Planning (Development Charges) (Amendment) Rules 2020 9 March 2020
S.L.	789	Road Traffic (Collection of Toll at Woodlands and Tuas Checkpoints) (Amendment) Rules 2020 10 March 2020
Cmd.	26	The Report of the Electoral Boundaries Review Committee, 2020 13 March 2020
Pres. Co.	162	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Building Control (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 10/2020] 18 March 2020
Pres. Co.	163	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 11/2020] 18 March 2020
S.L.	790	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2020 23 March 2020
