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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Public Service Division can share what are the plans (i) to set up more ServiceSG centres across Singapore and to involve more partnering agencies in the initiative and (ii) to require that at the same time for Ministries and agencies to set aside physical counters for seniors requiring assistance to assess public services.
- \*2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education whether teachers who do not respond or are not able to respond to students, parents, or colleagues outside of office hours will be penalised during their appraisal.
- \*3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether there are concerns that the extent of artificial intelligence (AI)-driven job losses in Singapore may be underestimated with Singapore being the fastest adopter of generative AI in the Asia-Pacific; (b) whether the Ministry will be conducting assessments to evaluate the potential scale and scope of job displacement due to AI adoption; and (c) how is the Ministry engaging with stakeholders to encourage and incentivise proactive investment in upskilling programmes for their employees in anticipation of AI adoption.
- \*4. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether he can provide an update on (i) the pilot for Pre-Implantation Genetic Screening (PGS) and (ii) when PGS can be included as a mainstream healthcare service.
- \*5. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) when did LTA start requiring new Taxi Driver's Vocational Licence applicants to have a GCE "O" or "N" level pass in English or at least a level 3 pass in the Listening, Reading and Speaking modules of the Workplace Literacy-Computer Adaptive Test; and (b) why does LTA require experienced taxi drivers who had their licences revoked and are applying afresh for a vocational licence to also meet this requirement.
- \*6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of public concerns about increased retrenchments in 2023 (a) whether he can elaborate on the Government's approach to address anxieties over job security, economic stability and impact on families, especially considering high living costs and global challenges; and (b) what measures are in place to address ongoing re-employment challenges faced by retrenched senior workers over age discrimination and job disruption from rapid technological advancement.
- \*7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many public hospitals have a dedicated role similar to the Patient Care Officer (PCO) position at Khoo Teck Puat Hospital; and (b) whether there are plans to encourage hospitals to have more roles similar to the PCO position.
- \*8. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is MAS' assessment of the effectiveness of the rollout of the Money Lock feature across local banks in protecting consumers from scams and unauthorised transactions; (b) how pervasive and consistent has the adoption of the Money Lock feature been among bank customers since its introduction; and (c) what is the total value of savings currently safeguarded under the Money Lock feature.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bill

#### 1. Minister for Culture, Community and Youth:

Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (Paper Cmd. 28 of 2024) – Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 28 February 2024) (*2<sup>nd</sup> Allotted Day*).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (28 February 2024)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Vikram Nair).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 19 dated 28 February 2024.]

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) since the conclusion of the 2023 Presidential Election, how many non-voters have applied to restore their names to the Registers of Electors; and (b) how many of these applications are successful.
2. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to crowd control during festive seasons (a) how does the Ministry use social media and other digital platforms to communicate real-time information to the public; (b) what specific safety measures are implemented to prevent incidents such as stampedes, overcrowding, or other emergencies during festive gatherings; and (c) whether emergency services are prepared to respond to potential incidents during high-density events and what are the protocols in place to ensure rapid and effective responses.
3. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in the last three years (a) what is the number of companies that have obtained financing under the Enterprise Financing Scheme; (b) what is the average amount borrowed; and (c) how many applicants are unsuccessful.
4. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the number of companies that have obtained grants under the Productivity Solutions Grant in the last three years; (b) what is the average amount of grant awarded; and (c) how many applicants are unsuccessful.
5. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether an update can be provided on the current status of seafood availability and whether declining global catch rates are affecting food security; and (b) whether there will be new initiatives to support the further development of aquaculture in Singapore.

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6. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are guidelines for schools to cease co-curricular activities by a certain time, to ensure students are able to return home early to rest and to avoid creating noise disturbances to nearby residents.
  7. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education of all PhD holders currently employed in research roles by local universities (a) what is their median salary; (b) what is the proportion on contracts versus permanent roles; and (c) what is the median duration of these employment contracts.
  8. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education when was the syllabus for Social Studies revised for schools at the primary and secondary levels respectively.
  9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each year for the past five years (a) how many individuals have applied for the Assistive Technology Fund; (b) how many applications have been successful each year; (c) what is the mean and median subsidy amount for successful cases; and (d) how many appeals have there been for further disbursements beyond the \$40,000 cap and, if so, how many appeals have been successful.
  10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for safety checks conducted on children returned to their families after being placed in a place of safety or foster home (a) what are the areas evaluated to determine the safety of the child; (b) what measures are taken by case officers to ensure that their evaluation is based on accurate and complete information; and (c) what are the possible outcomes of these safety checks.
  11. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Health concerning the resurgence of tuberculosis and the potential increase in other infectious diseases (a) how effective is the current surveillance system in detecting and reporting cases of infectious diseases; and (b) whether there are any plans to enhance the disease surveillance and reporting mechanisms to better identify and manage outbreaks.
  12. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what prevention strategies are in place to reduce the transmission of tuberculosis (TB) and other infectious diseases within the community; and (b) how is the Ministry working to improve public awareness and education on the prevention of TB and other infectious diseases.
  13. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether he can provide an update on the current state of telecommunications mobile coverage and quality of service especially in new towns; (b) how does the Ministry monitor and ensure the quality of mobile services provided by telecommunication companies; and (c) what benchmarks or standards are put in place to measure and maintain high-quality mobile coverage.
  14. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the potential social and psychological impacts of metaverse and virtual reality technologies on human interaction and connection in the Singaporean context; and (b) how are relevant stakeholders such as parents, educators and mental health professionals equipped to guide and support children and young adults to navigate the social dimensions of these virtual environments.
  15. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry anticipates stricter enforcement of non-competition clauses in employment contracts across various industries; (b) how will this impact startups and talent mobility within the Singaporean workforce; and (c) what support is available to employees facing potentially unfair non-competition clauses in their employment contracts.
  16. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the mitigation measures that have been put in place to reduce the noise from railway track maintenance at night; and (b) how do these measures compare with best practices overseas.
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