THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

SECOND SESSION

ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 2 MARCH 2020

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QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

*1. Dr Lim Wee Kiak: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) since the outbreak of the COVID-19 in China, how many Singaporeans have officially registered themselves with the Ministry; (b) to date, how many Singaporeans who returned to Singapore have been infected with the virus; and (c) how many registered Singaporeans are still in China and how many are infected.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 (Paper Cmd. 25 of 2020) Committee of Supply (*Allotted Day*).
- 2. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (Paper Cmd. 24 of 2020) Committee of Supply (Progress: 28 February 2020) (2nd Allotted Day).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 23 dated 28 February 2020.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Government has conducted a study into why fathers are not taking their paternity leave; (b) if so, what are the results of the study; and (c) if not, whether it will consider doing so.

- 2. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the procurement process for the future NS Square (a) whether sustainability and energy use are factors considered in the shortlisting and selection of the design proposal; (b) if so, what are the specific measures of sustainability and energy use that the Ministry considered; and (c) if not, why are these two factors not considered in the process.
- 3. Miss Cheng Li Hui: To ask the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources (a) how has the Ministry been dealing with the increasing number of reported dengue cases since mid-December 2019; (b) what is the current number of active dengue clusters; (c) what are the current plans and measures to reduce the number of active dengue clusters; (d) whether efforts have been stepped up to ensure Singaporeans are prepared for the dengue outbreak; and (e) whether there is a need to step up efforts to protect vulnerable groups such as young children and seniors.
- 4. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider requiring employers to declare the reasons for the salary reduction from the amount stated in the In-Principle Approval letter of a foreign worker when they notify the Ministry and the foreign worker of the reduction.
- 5. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many work permit holders have not been issued with Key Employment Terms in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 respectively; and (b) whether the Ministry will start collecting such data if it does not currently do so.
- 6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the rationale for the requirement that a current or former work permit holder who wishes to marry a Singapore citizen or permanent resident must seek approval from the Ministry when S Pass and Employment Pass holders are not subject to the same requirement.
- 7. Miss Cheng Li Hui: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the average period of stay of Singaporeans in aged homes over the last five years; (b) what is the average age of Singaporeans when they first moved into aged homes and whether there is an increasing trend; (c) what is the breakdown of male to female ratio of Singaporeans residing in aged homes; (d) whether it is necessary to increase Singapore's pipeline of aged homes; and (e) whether the existing and planned pipelines of aged homes are able to meet future demands.