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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information given the recent security breaches of several foreign government computer systems (a) whether the Ministry has detected similar attacks on our Government computer systems over the past three years; and (b) how does the Ministry respond to cyber acts by state-sponsored actors.
- *2. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what proportion of resale HDB flat buyers paid Cash-Over-Valuation (COV) since 14 February 2023, when enhancements to the CPF Housing Grant were announced; (b) what is the mean and median COVs since 14 February 2023; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider making the CPF Housing Grant conditional on COVs to keep COVs prudent and sustainable.
- *3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how are our tripartite partners working with local universities to ensure graduates find relevant or full-time employment amidst a tightening labour market; and (b) how can the Ministry improve the job matching rate for graduates.
- *4. **Mr Gerald Giam Yeap Song:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Ministry has a budget for engaging social media influencers; (b) if so, how much is the budget; (c) what are the contents that influencers are engaged to publicise; and (d) how will the success of influencer campaigns be measured.
- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment for the North-South Corridor construction project along Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 (a) how many errant contractors were fined in 2023 for noise related infractions; (b) what are the penalties for recalcitrant offenders; and (c) what measures is the Ministry taking to minimise noise related issues from the project.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time (QT). For such Questions, Members may email to parl_cop@parl.gov.sg in advance a postponement notice that will be effected after QT. Members must submit their notices to the Clerk within one hour after the end of QT (SO 22(3)). Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk within the stipulated time.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Introduction of Government Bill

- 1. **Minister for Social and Family Development:**
Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 5 March 2024) (*6th Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (5 March 2024)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head O of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Dr Tan Wu Meng).

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

2. Supply Bill [Bill No. 8/2024] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 3. Supplementary Supply (FY 2023) Bill [Bill No. 9/2024] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 4. Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 4/2024] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading.
 5. Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 7/2024] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.
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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister as of 31 December 2023 (a) what is the number of family offices in Singapore; (b) what is the breakdown in these family offices by (i) nationality (ii) gender and (iii) age; and (c) what is its breakdown in terms of employment of (i) less than 20 employees (ii) 21-50 employees (iii) 51-99 employees and (iv) more than 100 employees; and (d) whether there is any family office classification based on asset and investment type that is outside of the Singapore Standard Industry Classification code 66306.
2. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the vulnerability of motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians in traffic accidents (a) whether there are any plans to introduce new safety initiatives or enhance existing measures specifically targeting these vulnerable groups; and (b) whether the Government is exploring the use of technology or innovative solutions to improve road safety for motorcyclists and elderly pedestrians.
3. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what contributions will Singapore make to the Artemis Accords’ space exploration programme and whether there are any particular (i) technologies (ii) expertise or (iii) resources that Singapore aims to provide; (b) whether there are any specific projects or missions within the Artemis programme that Singapore is interested in and is committed to contribute; and (c) how will involvement in these projects align with Singapore’s capabilities and interests in space technology.
4. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how will the Government involve local industries and research institutions in its participation in the Artemis Accords’ space exploration projects; (b) whether there are any initiatives or programmes currently in place to foster collaboration between the Government, academia and private sector; and (c) what economic opportunities does the Government anticipate from Singapore’s participation in the Artemis Accords and space exploration.

5. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what are the considerations taken in the decision to permit Israeli defence firms to display arms and equipment at the Singapore Airshow 2024 when some of these equipment are reportedly being used by the Israeli Defence Force in the Gaza war.
6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what was the uptake of the \$2 million Quieter Construction Innovation Fund that was launched by NEA on 1 April 2019 to incentivise the construction industry to adopt innovative quieter construction equipment and methods; and (b) what innovative quieter construction equipment and methods have been introduced since 2019.
7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the reasons for the low glass recycling rate in Singapore; and (b) what measures are being taken by the Ministry to improve the glass recycling rate.
8. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the potential Zika transmission at Boon Lay Place (a) how was it detected; (b) what steps were immediately taken following the detection; (c) how is the Ministry tracking it in the area; and (d) what specific measures are being implemented to prevent the spread of the Zika virus.
9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year in the past five years, how many Child Protection Officers have experience of (i) less than one year in service (ii) between one to three years (iii) between three to five years and (iv) more than five years.
10. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what targets has the Ministry set for the National Myopia Prevention Programme to delay the onset, and reduce the progression, of myopia for children in Singapore; (b) if there are no targets set, whether the Ministry will consider setting targets to lower the prevalence of myopia among primary school students; and (c) how does the Ministry measure the effectiveness of the National Myopia Prevention Programme.
11. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Singapore Psychological Society can report to or be made accountable to the Allied Health Professional Council, to reflect the growing need for accessible and accountable mental healthcare services.
12. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the Ministry's plans to (i) construct community gardens within housing estates and (ii) ensure equitable sharing and allocation of plots within such gardens; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to raise awareness of best practices such as cleanliness and inclusivity among users of such gardens for the benefit of the larger community.
13. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) apart from the "Enhanced Measures to Reduce Heat Stress for Outdoor Workers" that are introduced in October 2023, what plans are currently in place for the Ministry to issue stop-work orders once the wet bulb globe temperature crosses a certain threshold; and (b) if there are no such plans, whether the Ministry will consider implementing a threshold wet bulb globe temperature for stop-work orders.
14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower since the implementation of the Work Injury Compensation Act in 2019, what is the median time taken for the validity of a compensation claim to be determined.

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- 15. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower as of 31 December 2023 (a) what is the total workforce size in Singapore's financial sector; (b) what is the breakdown of this total by (i) nationality (ii) gender and (iii) age; and (c) what is its breakdown according to the various industry segments such as banking, asset management, insurance companies, real estate brokers, consumer finance companies, moneylenders, real estate investment trusts and fintech firms.
- 16. Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are any projections on how the Houthi attacks have a direct impact on the cost of marine insurance premiums, particularly (i) hull insurance (ii) cargo insurance and (iii) protection and indemnity insurance; and (b) whether there are any discussions or collaborations with international bodies to address security challenges and their effects on marine insurance.
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