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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether NEA has conducted any studies or assessments to estimate the potential increase in makeshift smoking corners due to the phase-out of designated smoking areas; and (b) whether there will be any collaborative efforts by NEA with coffeeshop owners and other stakeholders to move these makeshift smoking corners away from public areas with high footfalls.
- *2. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year over the past 10 years (a) how many cases of non-emergency and non-critical admissions to public hospitals took place; (b) how many of such cases claimed hospital stays from their MediSave or MediShield Life insurance policies; (c) how many of such patients are deemed to have “overstayed”; and (d) whether the Ministry has plans to discourage unnecessary hospitalisations by offering cash incentives for those who do not make hospitalisation insurance claims for the entire year.
- *3. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each of the last five years (a) how many Singaporeans aged below 35 who are married to foreigners who are not Long-Term Visit Pass holders made appeals to buy HDB flats or rent flats under the Public Rental Scheme; (b) how many appeals were approved; and (c) what were the main reasons for approval or denial.
- *4. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) to date, how many inmates have been enrolled in the Employment Preparation Scheme; and (b) of which, what is the number of such inmates who were granted (i) weekend home leave and (ii) long home leave and (iii) secured permanent employment upon release from detention.
- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) how are potential grassroots leaders, key appointment holders and patrons vetted to ensure they are not susceptible to foreign influence; (b) whether there are regular review processes in place after appointment to identify and address potential vulnerabilities; (c) whether citizens born or educated outside Singapore are subject to more stringent vetting criteria; and (d) how are grassroots members empowered to critically evaluate information and resist undue foreign influence, especially from social media.
- *6. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider partnering with profession-based associations of freelancers to provide guidance to listed firms on fair contracting of freelancers as outlined by the Tripartite Standard on Contracting with Self-Employed Persons.
- *7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for FY 2021 and FY 2022 respectively (a) what is the total number of (i) group 2 cases (ii) group 3 cases and (iii) group 4 cases that are handled by the Family Service Centres (FSCs); and (b) what is the total number of social workers employed by the FSCs.

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- *8. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry is considering a review of the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act to explicitly prohibit greenwashing by businesses operating in Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider funding community education programmes to raise awareness among consumers about greenwashing.
- *9. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health for vape users who participate in the “I Quit” programme (a) whether these participants have been offered immunity from criminal prosecution; (b) how many have benefitted from this programme to date; and (c) what happens if the users are subsequently caught using vapes again.
- *10. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how long are passengers allowed to stay within the transit area of Changi Airport; (b) how are security checks performed to ensure passengers do not stay beyond the allotted duration within the transit area; and (c) whether the Ministry has stepped up its measures to prevent long-stay passengers at the transit area of Changi Airport, such as the incident in 2019 where two YouTubers had stayed for four days at the transit area of Changi Airport.
- *11. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has approved Virtual Reality Exposure Therapy (VRET) for use in public and private therapeutic settings; (b) how is the use of VRET being regulated and monitored currently; and (c) whether the Ministry intends to evaluate the effectiveness of VRET and, if so, when.
- *12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether there are other factors that the Commissioner of Police will take into consideration when determining whether conviction records under the repealed section 377A of the Penal Code should be rendered spent, in addition to whether it was a private activity and whether it was between consenting adults.
- *13. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many people in Singapore are currently diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD); (b) what is the median age of persons diagnosed with ADHD; and (c) what financial support is available for persons living with ADHD who are (i) under 21 years old (ii) between 21 years and 65 years old and (iii) older than 65 years.
- *14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the reporting mechanisms under the new workplace discrimination laws will allow employees to provide anonymous reports to the Ministry or the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices against errant employers; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry has undertaken a study of such a reporting mechanism.
- *15. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport on the rationalisation of bus routes (a) whether LTA applies quantitative criteria and conducts quantitative cost-benefit analyses; (b) if yes, what quantitative criteria are applied and what are the factors taken into account in the cost-benefit analysis; and (c) how are intangible factors, such as certain buses providing a less crowded alternative to trains, taken into consideration.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 5/2024] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 2. Enlistment and Other Matters (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 1/2024] – (Minister for Defence) – Second Reading.
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NOTICE OF MOTION**1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance**

BUDGET STATEMENT:

That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to road accidents involving injuries or deaths of children below the age of 18 (a) how many of such accidents were there respectively in each year of the last four years; (b) what are the main causes; and (c) in how many areas have improved road safety features been installed after reviews conducted by the Ministry following these accidents.
2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry continues to monitor the effectiveness of Community Dispute Resolution Tribunal (CDRT) orders issued in resolving neighbour disputes; and (b) if yes, how does the Ministry determine whether a CDRT order has been effective in resolving a dispute.
3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how effective are the \$1.5 billion Anchor Fund @ 65 and \$500 million EDBI Growth IPO Fund in attracting high-growth companies to list on the Singapore Exchange (SGX); (b) whether these funds can be further optimised to incentivise early-stage listings and boost SGX's IPO appeal; and (c) how will the Ministry overcome current challenges and global competition to foster collaboration and drive innovation within our broader financial ecosystem for a more vibrant financial hub.
4. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of buildings and facilities that commit to keeping indoor temperatures at 25 degrees Celsius; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to encourage collective action by individuals and organisations to address Singapore's urban heat island effect.
5. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) with regard to Project Wolbachia Phase 5 to curb dengue, whether there are (i) any indicators used to ascertain its effectiveness beyond the number of dengue cases and the size of the mosquito population and (ii) any unintended consequences and trade-offs discovered; and (b) whether there are plans for additional phases of Project Wolbachia in (i) housing estates and (ii) industrial estates.
6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in the past five years, whether there is an increasing or decreasing trend in Family Service Centres with a headcount dedicated to community work.

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7. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider increased penalties for offences related to the sale of illegal health products; (b) whether the Ministry is deploying technology to ensure effective identification of and enforcement against illegal health product sales; (c) what percentage of the illegal health products are offered by sellers based overseas; (d) what challenges do our authorities face in taking enforcement actions on these sellers; and (e) whether there are plans for more collaboration with international counterparts to improve enforcement effectiveness.
 8. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the conditions required for HDB's approval of the usage of skip tanks by private residential contractors for clearing renovation debris; (b) where is the recommended location(s) for the placement of such tanks; and (c) how long are such permits typically issued for.
 9. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry will consider installing electric vehicle chargers for active mobility devices in HDB estates; and (b) if such plans are in the pipeline, when does the Ministry anticipate to roll out and complete islandwide installation.
 10. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport for future openings of new MRT lines, whether LTA will immediately announce (i) the planned rationalisation of bus services running parallel to the new lines (ii) the cost savings to be obtained from the rationalisation and (iii) the plans on using these cost savings to directly benefit commuters, for example in the form of reduced fares.
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