

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(SECOND SESSION)**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

- *1. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what preventive and oversight measures are in place to ensure telehealth providers meet patient care standards consistently; and (b) whether additional regulatory frameworks will be developed to monitor the quality and duration of teleconsultations to safeguard patient outcomes.
- *2. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of the Ministry's announcement on 24 October 2024 to revoke a medical clinic's licence (a) how may the Ministry assure the public that teleconsultation services provided by medical clinics meet the appropriate standards; and (b) whether the Ministry has been receiving feedback on potentially errant medical clinics.
- *3. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the progress of the upgrading works of the Bukit Panjang Light Rail Transit (LRT); and (b) when can the dual-loop service be fully resumed.
- *4. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the current progress of the Bukit Panjang LRT upgrade project, particularly with regard to the resumption of the daily double loop service; and (b) what is the status of the replacement of the first-generation train cabins on the Bukit Panjang LRT line.
- *5. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the cause of the recent LRT train breakdown between Bukit Panjang and Choa Chu Kang LRT stations; and (b) what regular checks are train operators mandated to conduct on LRT trains including on its tyres to prevent breakdowns.
- *6. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how does Singapore assess the increasing alignment of ASEAN and Asia-Pacific countries with security and economic blocs dominated by major powers; (b) what strategic considerations guide Singapore's approach to alignment with these blocs; (c) how sustainable is Singapore's stance of "not choosing sides" in the current geopolitical landscape; and (d) whether Singapore anticipates the need for closer ties with specific blocs over others to safeguard our interests, while still avoiding overdependence on any one major power.
- *7. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport with the recent increase in oil spill or leak incidents (a) whether a fundamental review is required for oil sighting and alert mechanisms given the local oil and gas industry and Singapore's status as a global bunkering hub; and (b) how should the cost and workload incurred by multi-agencies involved to manage each incident be dealt with.
- *8. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the three recent oil spills into Singapore waters (a) what is the impact on our seawater quality and marine ecosystem; and (b) what are the mitigation measures that will be imposed by MPA to prevent and treat further occurrences of an oil spill.

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- *9. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Government will be checking the structural integrity of all oil pipelines in Singapore's waters; (b) what other measures can be taken to prevent the occurrence of future oil spills in Singapore's waters; and (c) whether any penalties will be imposed on the company responsible for the oil leak on 20 October 2024.
- *10. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what eligibility criteria will determine access to subsidised Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) consultations under Healthier SG; (b) whether medical certificates issued by TCM practitioners will be accepted; (c) what quality assurance measures will ensure TCM treatments within Healthier SG meet the required standards; and (d) what steps will be taken to boost Healthier SG enrolment among older residents, including through partnerships with TCM practitioners.
- *11. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the root causes of the 8 October 2024 disruption on Singtel's telecommunications network; (b) whether existing business continuity and redundancy requirements for key telcos are adequate for instances where the telco supports hotlines and landline networks for essential services including SCDF, SPF, public healthcare institutions and major banks; and (c) what will be done to ensure key telcos provide adequate redundancy and backups amidst increasing cyber threats.
- *12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the lessons learned from the disruption of Singtel's telecommunications network on 8 October 2024 to ensure that robust redundancies and backup systems are in place to minimise the impact on critical essential services from such disruptions; (b) what caused the fault and whether penalties will be imposed on Singtel; and (c) whether there will be an independent inquiry to identify vulnerabilities and prevent future incidents.
- *13. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what were the causes of the 8 October 2024 disruption on Singtel's telecommunications network; (b) whether Singtel is required to have operational continuity plans in place to address disruptions and, if so, why did it not work; and (c) how will the Ministry ensure that all telecommunications service providers achieve operational continuity and resilience so that essential services are unaffected at all times.
- *14. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information with regard to the disruptions to essential services caused by SingTel's outage on 8 October 2024 (a) how has businesses and the public been impacted; and (b) whether the contingency plans have been effective in mitigating the impact.
- *15. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the estimated number of calls to 995 and 999 that have been impacted by the Singtel landline outage on 8 October 2024; and (b) what penalties, if any, have been imposed by IMDA on Singtel for this outage.
- *16. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the outcome of the investigation into the disruption of calls to emergency services hotlines that occurred on 8 October 2024; and (b) what actions will be taken to prevent such disruptions from happening again.
- *17. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) when will the Ministry provide the next update regarding its study on whether Integrated Shield Plan (IP) insurance can be made portable in a way that is helpful for existing and future policyholders; and (b) what measures can be considered beyond the status quo to better safeguard the interests and market bargaining power of IP policyholders who currently face difficulty switching IP providers after their existing providers have significantly changed the de facto terms of policy coverage and access to policy benefits.

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- *18. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with the implementation of the passport-less clearance at Changi Airport (a) what has been the early experience of travellers and staff; (b) what refinements are needed; and (c) whether there has been any security issues.
- *19. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of families that will be affected when childcare centres are no longer mandated to operate on Saturdays from 1 January 2025; and (b) whether companies operating on shift hours especially on weekends have been engaged on this change.
- *20. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how will the Early Childhood Development Agency ensure that the wages of early childhood educators are not negatively impacted as a direct result of the removal of mandatory Saturday services at childcare centres which will come into effect from January 2025.
- *21. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the rationale for excluding policyholders aged below 40 years old from qualifying to redeem MediShield Life premium discounts using Healthpoints that are earned through the Healthy 365 app.
- *22. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether holistic measures are in place to support the families and friends of self-radicalised youths, including psychological, financial and social support, even after the youths have been released from detention.
- *23. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the effectiveness of current reskilling initiatives for mid-career professionals in Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry has plans to further enhance the support for such workers in sectors at high risk of displacement from automation and artificial intelligence.
- *24. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the progress of the three-year pilot to provide infant childminding services that was announced earlier this year.
- *25. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the work of the recently announced Bus Safety Tripartite Taskforce; (b) what are the key areas of focus of the Taskforce; and (c) to what extent has the Taskforce engaged different stakeholders to enhance bus and commuter safety.
- *26. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the Government's short-term and medium-term concerns and expectations arising out of the US Federal Reserve's 50-basis-point reduction in its key lending rate in relation to issues including (i) home mortgages (ii) retirement adequacy and (iii) business borrowing in Singapore; and (b) what steps is the Government taking or considering to quell any knee-jerk reactions to the cut in lending rate, especially in the property sector.
- *27. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the impact of the Singtel landline outage on affected healthcare institutions and services; (b) how many patients experienced delays in accessing medical services due to the disruption, such as appointment booking or emergency assistance; and (c) whether there are any adverse outcomes for patients as a result of the delays and what assistance has been rendered to them.

- *28. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there is a specific threshold of reach or impact that the Ministry considers before taking action to block websites linked to potential misinformation campaigns; (b) how effective is the blocking of these websites, considering the availability of tools like virtual private network (VPN) to circumvent such restrictions; and (c) whether there is a process for website owners to appeal or seek recourse if they believe their websites have been mistakenly blocked.
- *29. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how are sponsors and keynote speakers for the annual Singapore International Energy Week selected; (b) what is the amount paid by Aramco as the top sponsor of the event with a significant presence and a keynote speech; and (c) how will the views shared by the chief executive of Aramco during his keynote speech on 21 October 2024 affect the perception of Singapore's decarbonisation efforts, especially since his views run counter to Singapore's decarbonisation and energy transition goals.
- *30. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) organised by the Energy Market Authority (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the remarks by the chief executive of the key event sponsor, Aramco, in his keynote address; and (b) whether the organiser vets the headline speeches for factual errors and to ensure they espouse values compatible with Singapore given the impact of SIEW on Singapore's international reputation.
- *31. Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the current number of electric vehicles (EVs) registered for season parking in HDB carparks; and (b) whether there are plans to increase the availability of EV charging lots in HDB carparks where there is a higher number of EVs registered for season parking.
- *32. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what support mechanisms are available to young users and their families to mitigate the mental health impact on young users arising from interactions with artificial intelligence platforms, particularly those designed to simulate human interactions.
- *33. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of Australia's plans to impose an enrolment cap on the number of international students from 2025 (a) whether the Ministry has received any requests for assistance with visa applications from Singaporean students; and (b) how can the Ministry assist and support these students, especially those who are midway through their studies at Australian universities.
- *34. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider allowing policyholders above the age of 55 to opt out of the enhanced MediShield Life scheme, enabling them to pay premiums at the existing rate with the existing coverage, considering the premium increases resulting from the Government's acceptance of the MediShield Life Council's recommendations.
- *35. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update on the progress of the Inter-Ministry Committee (IMC) on Drug Prevention for Youths; (b) what are the initiatives rolled out by the IMC; and (c) what are its future plans.

- *36. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider introducing guidelines or regulations on employer's use of Automated Employment Decision Tools (AEDT), which are artificial intelligence technologies that substantially assist or replace discretionary decision-making in hiring or promotions, in order to prevent biases and including measures such as requiring companies to conduct a bias audit or to make disclosure where such tools are used to rank candidates or assess employees for promotion.
- *37. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the overwhelming demand from first-time single home buyers in the recent October 2024 HDB BTO exercise, what is the projected number of HDB BTO units to be launched from 2025 onwards which eligible singles can apply for.
- *38. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment when can companies expect to purchase carbon credits through Singapore's carbon market cooperation agreements with other countries.
- *39. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what specific measures will the Ministry be considering in the review of the Animals and Birds Act to strengthen penalties for animal cruelty; (b) whether the Ministry will consider increasing jail terms and fines; (c) how does Singapore's current penalties under the Act compare with those of other developed nations; and (d) what timelines are set for implementing changes to ensure effective deterrence against animal cruelty.
- *40. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has established guidelines to ensure that data captured by the proposed AI-enhanced bus camera system is used solely for stated purposes instead of general surveillance; (b) whether other Government agencies can request for permission to access the captured data; (c) whether the AI technology will identify faces and link them to the NRIC database; and (d) if so, what safeguards are in place to protect individual privacy and allay mass surveillance concerns.
- *41. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of a recent report that statements taken by two officers of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) were "inaccurate and unreliable" (a) what course of action has been taken by the CPIB against the two officers; and (b) whether the Government will undertake a review of the process by which statements are being taken.
- *42. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what tools and policies are in place to ensure that Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) in schools effectively support students' learning while limiting access to non-educational content during school hours; (b) how does the Ministry address cases where students attempt to bypass these restrictions; and (c) whether additional security or monitoring measures are being considered to improve adherence to usage guidelines.
- *43. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth why is another study by the National Heritage Board (NHB) needed to assess whether 38 Oxley Road has national historical, heritage, and architectural significance as to be worthy of preservation, in view that the Ministerial Committee on 38 Oxley Road had assessed in 2018 that it has "architectural, heritage and historical significance" based on a research report by NHB.

- *44. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the terms of reference for the National Heritage Board (NHB)'s current study of 38 Oxley Road to assess if the site has historical, heritage, and architectural significance; and (b) how does the present NHB study differ from the terms of reference of the Ministerial Committee on 38 Oxley Road formed in June 2016 and which assessed that the building has historical, heritage, and architectural significance.
- *45. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health in the past three years (a) how many applications have been made by Singaporean seniors to the Agency for Integrated Care for funding to purchase hearing aids outside of, or not having qualified for assistance under, the Seniors Mobility and Enabling Fund or the Assistive Technology Fund; and (b) of which, how many succeeded in their applications and what is the range of funding allowed for the successful applicants.
- *46. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each year of the past two years, what is the average number of foreigners who remain in Singapore illegally after the expiry of their visit passes issued by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority; and (b) what is the total number of overstayers who have not yet been arrested by the authorities.
- *47. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the status of the anti-discrimination legislation first announced by the former Prime Minister at the National Day Rally 2021.
- *48. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) when does LTA expect to conclude its feasibility studies on a proposed new rail line in the north and northeast regions as indicated in the Land Transport Master Plan (LTMP) 2040; and (b) whether an update on the new rail line will be provided in the next update of the LTMP.
- *49. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in respect of the Shared Responsibility Framework which requires financial institutions to impose a cooling-off period upon activation of digital security tokens (a) whether MAS can consider extending or adjusting the cooling-off period based on the type of high-risk activities to prevent rapid fund depletion; and (b) whether there are plans to enhance the real-time fraud surveillance threshold of more than half of a balance of at least \$50,000 in the detection of rapid draining of accounts to cover smaller but significant losses.
- *50. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Ministry expects local vernacular print and digital media to continue projecting Singapore's voice internationally; and (b) whether sufficient funding is available to support such initiatives.
- *51. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education how does the Ministry plan to further engage parents to alleviate the pressure of the PSLE on students and parents to prevent their mental burnout.
- *52. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the current guiding principles for how doctors in the accident and emergency (A&E) departments of public hospitals treat patients and decide on the diagnostic tests to order; and (b) what are the safeguards in place to prevent incidents where the conservative ordering of diagnostic tests can lead to critical health situations being missed out and treatment delayed.
- *53. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many individual requests for assistance have been received by the redesigned and unmanned Neighbourhood Police Posts in the last 12 months.

- *54. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the existing services or programmes that focus on supporting female youths who are not in employment, education or training (NEET); and (b) if there is no such programme, whether the Ministry will look into developing one given that about two in three NEET youths are female.
- *55. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider allowing private bus operators to provide direct connection bus services for residents in Fernvale to and from the Central Business District (CBD) during the morning and evening peak periods as residents still find that the additional trips by SBS Transit City Direct Bus Service 671 to and from CBD not quite sufficient.
- *56. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) in the last three years, what is the total annual cost booked to GovTech as a cost centre; (b) whether there are plans to increase the revenue-generating capacities of GovTech and its associated departments; and (c) if so, what are the key milestones and timelines.
- *57. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what are the reasons for the rescheduling in the opening of Punggol Regional Sports Centre to 2026.
- *58. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Defence how the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) continues to strive for operational readiness matched with safety in light of the recent incident during Exercise Wallaby.
- *59. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the typical intervention steps or approach taken by primary school staff for the handling of physical bullying by students under the age of 14 years; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider providing the intervention guidelines to parents so that they are aligned with the school on the steps to take given that referring such cases to the Police may not be the best channel as the perpetrators are children.
- *60. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether the civil nuclear cooperation agreement which Singapore signed with the United States of America on 31 July 2024 precludes Singapore from co-operating with other countries on civil nuclear research or applications.
- *61. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Health whether Medishield Life coverage can be extended to include maternity charges so as to reduce a financial burden on expecting parents.
- *62. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many stateless persons with Special Passes to reside in Singapore are there currently; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing the current position of not allowing them to have access to Singpass accounts; and (c) if not, why not.
- *63. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry conducts checks on MyCareersFuture portal to ensure that salary ranges for jobs listed on the portal are accurate.
- *64. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how often does BCA review regulations and guidelines for periodic facade inspections; (b) whether BCA has considered updating the regulations and guidelines to account for more extreme weather as a result of climate change; and (c) whether BCA will be conducting additional inspections of buildings considering the possibility of earlier deterioration due to more extreme weather.

- *65. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the reasons why the Youth Courts are still not ready to implement the legislative changes passed in 2019 to include youth suspects aged 16 and 17 years old within its juvenile justice system; and (b) what are the limitations that have contributed to this delay.
- *66. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what technology is presently available to detect second-hand smoke in homes; (b) what are the limitations preventing the use of such technology, if any; and (c) when did the Ministry last conduct a review on the technology available to detect second-hand smoke in homes which is causing disamenities to neighbours.
- *67. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how much of the tax rebates for electric vehicles flow through to the end-consumer in the form of lower cost of vehicle ownership; (b) whether these tax rebates are absorbed by the car dealers by marking up the prices of electric vehicles or by bidding higher for Certificates of Entitlement (COE); and (c) whether the Government needs to do more, including by reforming the COE system, to hasten the uptake of greener vehicles.
- *68. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether MAS will introduce regulations relating to the fees and charges that banks and financial institutions charge for the refinancing of property loans.
- *69. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry has any specific plans to encourage philanthropic giving to minority arts groups.
- *70. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the Ministry's plan to incorporate Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) into public clinics and hospitals, in the event a patient's condition does not improve or worsens while undergoing a course combining both TCM and mainstream healthcare treatments, which doctor in charge will make the decisions for the patient and who will bear the responsibility for the patient's outcome.
- *71. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether essential landline hotlines such as 995 and 999 have a hot-swappable alternative telco backup contingency to address the possibility of a single telco failure such as the 8 October 2024 disruption to Singtel's telecommunications network; (b) if not, why not; and (c) whether there will be a comprehensive after-action review to harden Singapore's hotlines robustness for emergency services against telco disruptions due to technical failures or cyber sabotage.
- *72. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of recent reports on layoffs by various companies (a) whether the Ministry has received any reports of irresponsible and unfair retrenchment as defined under the Tripartite Advisory on Managing Excess Manpower and Responsible Retrenchment; and (b) how is the Ministry supporting these retrenched employees.
- *73. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year in the past five years, what are the mean and median costs borne by the National Parks Board for the costs and expenses incurred in the maintenance and treatment of animals seized during investigations.

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- *74. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) under what circumstances do police officers arrest youths below 14 years old in physical assault and bullying cases; (b) whether there are guidelines based on severity of harm or injury before police intervention is justified for incidents in schools; and (c) if not, how does Police determine which cases are handled by Police and which cases fall outside Police intervention so that parents are aware of the appropriate recourse channels when a child suffers physical assault by a peer.
- *75. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether any plans are underway for the active development of new music festivals in Singapore.
- *76. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA will consider installing lifts at overhead bridges in Fernvale for the benefit of seniors and families with young children.
- *77. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are any ongoing or planned studies in Singapore to explore the usefulness of body roundness index as a predictor of obesity and related health risks for the population.

* 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 Bills

1. **Minister for Law:**
Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution (Amendment) Bill.
 2. **Minister for Digital Development and Information:**
Electronic Gazette and Legislation Bill.
 3. **Second Minister for Finance:**
Customs (Amendment) Bill.
 4. **Minister for Health:**
Communicable Diseases Agency Bill.
 5. **Minister for Home Affairs:**
Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.
 6. **Minister for Home Affairs:**
Protection from Scams Bill.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 41/2024] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry) – Second Reading.
 2. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (Amendment) and Other Matters Bill [Bill No. 35/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
 3. MediShield Life Scheme (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 39/2024] – (Minister for Health) – Second Reading.
 4. Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 38/2024] – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Second Reading.
 5. Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 37/2024] – (Minister for Sustainability and the Environment) – Second Reading.
 6. Singapore International Commercial Court (International Committee) Bill [Bill No. 36/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
 7. Community Disputes Resolution (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 30/2024] – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Second Reading.
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS
1. Second Minister for Finance:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND TREASURY BILLS: That this Parliament, in accordance with Article 144(1)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore, resolves that a higher amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Billion Singapore Dollars (S\$1,515,000,000,000) be specified for the purposes of section 11(2) of the Government Securities (Debt Market and Investment) Act 1992. 1 3

**2. Mr Leong Mun Wai (Non-Constituency Member):
Ms Hazel Poa (Non-Constituency Member):**

HAWKER CULTURE: That this House calls on the Government to review its policies relating to hawkers and the management of hawker centres to provide better support for hawkers to sustain and grow Singapore's hawker culture so that Singaporeans can continue to enjoy good and affordable hawker food. 1 3

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan : Building Respectful and Harassment-Free Workplaces for Teachers and
(Pioneer) Educators.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of more large companies in the private sector requiring employees to return to work in the office five days a week (a) whether the Civil Service will continue to support flexible working arrangements; and (b) whether the Government has conducted any studies on the benefits of working from home on businesses such as environmental impact from lesser commuting and financial impact from lower operating and rental cost.
2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance apart from large construction and info-communications technology tenders, what are the next five largest categories of goods and services procured by the Government in value terms.
3. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in the last five years, for companies currently granted concessionary corporate income tax rates via tax incentives, what is the estimated annual dollar amounts of foregone corporate income tax revenues based on the difference between their effective tax rates versus (i) average effective corporate income tax rates and (ii) the statutory corporate income tax rate.
4. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the tax relief for Parent Relief/Parent Relief (Disability) which recognises individuals supporting their parents or parents-in-law can be broadened to include dependants who are (i) above 50 years old or (ii) earning an annual income not exceeding \$5,000, so as to encourage seniors to stay active in the workforce for as long as possible.
5. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the impact on Singapore's diplomatic position or language following the recent directive by the International Criminal Court (ICC) to update its terminology to use "State of Palestine" in submissions and particularly in light of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC which officially recognised Palestine as a member state in 2015, following Palestine's deposit of its instrument of accession to the Rome Statute.
6. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether the Ministry has received any representations from the United States relating to the case of an American citizen who was sentenced to nine weeks' imprisonment on 7 October 2024 for National Service defaulting offences; and (b) if so, what has been the Government's response.
7. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what is the average waiting time for an applicant to start lessons for a Class 4 driving licence in the past one year; (b) whether demand for these lessons has exceeded supply significantly; and (c) if so, how does the Ministry plan to resolve the backlog of applicants due to the shortage in driving lesson slots.
8. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how has social media accelerated the radicalisation of youths; (b) how will artificial intelligence (AI) play a role in the radicalisation of youths in the next five years; and (c) what are the plans to address the adverse impact of social media and AI on youth radicalisation.
9. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in each year of the past five years, what are the rates of recruitment and resignation for the Singapore Police Force Volunteer Special Constabulary and Volunteer Special Constabulary Community, respectively.

10. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what steps will SCDF take to tighten oversight by the certification body entrusted to handle applications for doors to be certified fire-proof to ensure that fire safety labels are not abused; and (b) whether there are authentication tools such as a unique QR code on the fire safety labels or certifications for any party to verify the validity of the labels.
11. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether he can provide an update on investigations into an incident involving several migrant workers holding placards at a worksite on 24 October 2024.
12. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the first and second generation hawkers ageing and increasingly unable to work for long hours, whether the Ministry will consider some form of co-sharing of hawker stalls to optimise the provision of food services to residents.
13. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has received any complaints about merchants misrepresenting thawed frozen meat as fresh meat in the past five years; and (b) what are the signs that consumers can look out for to help them identify such misrepresentations.
14. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the amounts of littered waste collected yearly from 2021 to 2024 at local urban, recreational and nature environments respectively; (b) what are the measured environmental impact including carbon footprint of these littered waste for such period; and (c) what is the progress in respect of the on-going initiatives towards a litter-free Singapore.
15. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what resources, guidelines or training are available to assist parents and teachers in managing their students' use of Personal Learning Devices responsibly, both in school and at home; and (b) whether the Ministry plans to introduce additional measures to support the development of balanced digital habits by students.
16. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether research has been conducted on the impact of the usage of personal learning devices on students' attention spans and academic performance; and (b) whether there are plans to refine the use of these devices based on findings regarding their effectiveness and any identified distractions.
17. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of mainstream school students with reported special education needs, what is the current breakdown in percentage of those who have (i) autism spectrum disorder (ii) intellectual disabilities (iii) sensory disabilities (iv) physical disabilities (v) neurodiverse conditions other than autism and (vi) multiple disabilities, respectively.
18. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of national examinations which are conducted in schools (a) whether examiners are trained on the quantitative and objective criteria to make decisions during the examinations such as considering a request to replay the audio tracks for a listening comprehension examination; and (b) under what conditions are examination personnel permitted to make decisions based on subjective criteria.

19. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education over the past five years (a) what are the enrolment and graduation rates of female students in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning courses across Singapore's universities and polytechnics; (b) how do these figures compare to that of the male counterparts; and (c) what targeted measures are being implemented to increase female participation and retention in AI-related academic programmes.
20. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) for the past five years, what is the annual number of recipients of Government assistance who are on debt repayment arrangements; (b) whether the Ministry can consider reviewing the income eligibility criteria for its assistance schemes and grants to accommodate applications from families in financial hardship that are contributed in part by formal debt repayment arrangements or who are financing the long-term care of dependants including aged relatives; and (c) if not, why not.
21. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) whether there are any plans for a mosque to be built in Tengah New Town; (b) if not, why not; (c) if so, where is the planned location of the mosque; and (d) when will the mosque be completed.
22. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of Singaporeans who have sought dental treatment in Johor Bahru (JB) in the past year; (b) what is the average cost difference between comparable dental procedures in Singapore and JB; (c) how many dental clinics in Singapore have closed in the past five years; and (d) what specific measures is the Ministry implementing to enhance the competitiveness of Singapore's dental industry against regional competitors.
23. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of Singtel's outage on 8 October 2024 which affected calls to the police and SCDF (a) whether the Government has data on the number of users who were not able to access (i) emergency hotlines and (ii) essential services; (b) how did the Ministry and Singtel assist the impacted Ministries and providers to attend to affected users; (c) how quickly was this assistance rendered; and (d) what measures are being introduced to address such vulnerabilities and their impact on seniors and less digitally connected persons.
24. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Censorship Review Committee (CRC) can consider looking into online media streaming platforms such as Netflix, Disney+ and Amazon Prime and seek their consideration to provide alternative versions of certain content but in age-appropriate categories; and (b) whether CRC will endorse these platforms where they provide certain content in different versions according to age-appropriate categories.
25. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether more proactive enforcement measures can be taken against recalcitrant illegal bird-feeders to supplement existing surveillance and enforcement efforts; and (b) whether the recalcitrant feeders can be provided with or mandated to receive counselling including psychological support to address potential underlying behavioural issues.
26. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of the 445 development projects where directions have been issued under section 10 of the Wildlife Act on wildlife-related measures for development or works since 2020 (a) what are the most common types of directions issued; (b) what steps does the Ministry take to verify compliance with the directions; and (c) what are the consequences for the three projects which have recorded contraventions.

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27. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the median processing time for the HDB Flat Eligibility (HFE) letter from (i) the point of application and (ii) the point all required documents are submitted to HDB; and (b) whether the Government can consider extending the validity period of the HFE Letter to minimise the need for re-application.
28. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for National Development to what extent are artists presently involved in the city planning work of the Urban Redevelopment Authority.
29. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many illegal bird feeders are caught in 2024; (b) how many are repeat offenders; and (c) what have been the means and the number of manpower deployed to carry out the surveillances of illegally feeding birds and enforcements.
30. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the Hoarding Management Framework (HMF) led by the Municipal Services Office (MSO) and involving multiple agencies (a) what are the top challenges faced under the current inter-agency approach; and (b) whether the Government will consider streamlining enforcement powers and put the responsibility of tackling all hoarding issues under a single agency to address these challenges more effectively.
31. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development over the last five years (a) how many coffee shop operators received warnings or instructions to find replacement halal food stallholders within the same tenancy period; and (b) how many coffee shop operators did not have their tenancy agreement with HDB renewed as a result of not providing at least one halal food stall.
32. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what has been the outcome of the National Arts Council's Sector Transformation Fund; and (b) whether it has achieved its intended goals.
33. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry has considered appointing independent panels or juries composed of members from the arts community and outside of it when assessing the programming for major Government-supported arts events such as the Singapore Art Week and the Singapore International Festival of the Arts; and (b) if so, what factors has the Ministry taken into consideration in its deliberations.
34. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) which are the US Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF) equity index funds that CPF members can currently invest in directly under the CPF Investment Scheme (CPFIS); (b) given that the CPFIS-approved list includes only Singapore-based ETFs and that US equity exposure is available only through unit trusts with higher expense ratios, whether the Ministry plans to include direct investment options in US ETF equity index funds under CPFIS; and (c) whether CPF will proactively seek to add low-cost US ETF index funds to improve returns for CPF members.
35. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the oil leakage from a Shell land-based pipeline between Bukom Island and Bukom Kecil on 20 October 2024 (a) whether an active monitoring or alert system is in place to detect oil sightings in Singapore's water; and (b) what are the lessons and experiences from previous oil leaks and spills that the Government is applying to ensure that the recovery efforts are more effective and expedient.

- 36. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on (i) the progress of noise barrier installations along MRT viaducts near the Nuovo condominium in Yio Chu Kang (ii) plans to conduct another round of noise level assessments at Ang Mo Kio Avenue 6 given that the previous studies are conducted about five years ago (iii) the effectiveness of ongoing maintenance efforts on ageing MRT tracks to minimize noise and (iv) further collaborative measures with relevant agencies to address noise concerns in residential areas where barrier installations may be challenging.
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