

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(SECOND SESSION)

ORDER PAPER  
TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

No. 141

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Education why the recently announced change in the Gifted Education Programme is not designed into a system where students can elect their choices of subject levels based on their ability, gifting and interest.
- \*2. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the average class size for primary school students in the same cohort (i) enrolled in the existing Gifted Education Programme (GEP) (ii) enrolled in schools offering the existing GEP but are not part of the GEP; and (b) how are average class sizes expected to change with the changes made to the GEP.
- \*3. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are any plans to improve existing well-being related resources for special education teachers to address stress and burnout risks.
- \*4. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the Government's assessment on whether the Point-to-Point Transport sector's current capacity is sustainable in the long term.
- \*5. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government monitors the trend in the number of drivers in the Point-to-Point (P2P) sector on the road in the past year; and (b) if so, what is its assessment on how the supply of P2P drivers compares with the demand for their services.
- \*6. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry monitors the earnings of point-to-point (P2P) taxi and private hire car drivers; (b) if so, what is the average trip fare earned by such drivers in the second quarter of 2024; and (c) how does this compare to previous quarters in 2023.
- \*7. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the new shared parental leave scheme (NSPL) announced on 18 August 2024 (a) what is the rationale for commencing the NSPL on 1 April 2025; (b) whether the Government will consider bringing forward the NSPL commencement date to 2024; and (c) if the commencement date cannot be brought forward, whether there are alternative support measures available to prospective parents who will otherwise miss out on the NSPL benefits.
- \*8. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what are the planned efforts with the Tripartite Partners to drive support for the new shared parental leave scheme, especially on the utilisation of paternity leave.
- \*9. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education in respect of the recent cybersecurity incident involving the Mobile Guardian Device Management Application which has affected students in Singapore (a) what is the Ministry doing to help students who have had their study notes wiped out; (b) whether the Ministry has reviewed such software installed in tablets used by students to ensure that similar incidents do not recur; and (c) what necessary action will the Ministry take against the supplier of the software.

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- \*10. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) why was Mobile Guardian's device management app continued to be used after its data security breach in April 2024 which caused the exfiltration of personal data of parents and staff from 127 schools; (b) whether contingency plans were instituted prior to the loss of internet access and classroom materials from students' personal learning devices in July 2024 and the cybersecurity incident causing students' devices to be remotely wiped in August 2024; and (c) whether affected students are adequately supported.
- \*11. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the recent cybersecurity incident involving the Mobile Guardian Device Management Application that has affected students in Singapore (a) whether an update can be provided on how the Ministry is helping students who have been affected; and (b) what steps are being taken to ensure that similar incidents do not occur again in the future.
- \*12. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Education following the cybersecurity incident involving the Mobile Guardian application (a) what targeted support is being offered to affected students experiencing distress, particularly those with existing mental health conditions; (b) for students whose data is unrecoverable, how is the Ministry assisting them to prepare for their upcoming examinations and ensuring their access to adequate learning materials; and (c) whether examination grades for the affected students will be moderated this year.
- \*13. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there will be a review of the usage of technology by our students after the global cyber-security breach of the Mobile Guardian Device Management Application that affected our secondary students.
- \*14. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there will be a review done of our students' usage of technology for learning to assess if there has been an over-reliance on technology to the detriment of our students, including losing learning notes that the students have recorded and kept on their school-issued devices.
- \*15. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) on what date did the Ministry first become aware of security vulnerabilities in the Mobile Guardian system; (b) what immediate steps were taken within the first 24 hours upon discovery; and (c) whether the vulnerability was immediately verified and patched, bearing in mind its critical nature and ease of exploitation and, if not, why not.
- \*16. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there is an update to the number of students in Singapore who had their devices wiped remotely as a result of the Mobile Guardian cybersecurity breach in August 2024 and, if so, how many; (b) how many students were unable to recover their data; (c) what impact did this incident have on these students' preparation for weighted assessments and examinations; (d) whether the Ministry has any backups of students' data; and (e) if not, why not.
- \*17. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how are schools managing the devices of students after the Mobile Guardian Device Management Application was removed from their devices following the security breach in August 2024; (b) whether the Ministry has plans to involve parents more in the management of their children's devices; and (c) what specific steps will the Ministry take to empower parents with the knowledge and tools to effectively manage their children's devices.
- \*18. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there is an update on the efforts to restore devices that are affected by the Mobile Guardian system glitch and cybersecurity breach; and (b) in particular, whether students taking their national examinations have all been able to restore their devices.

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- \*19. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students are unable to recover data from their devices following the Mobile Guardian cybersecurity incident in August 2024; (b) how will the Ministry assist these students; and (c) how will the Ministry manage mobile device security to prevent future incidents.
- \*20. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how may taxi and private hire vehicle drivers report vaping in their vehicles by passengers; and (b) what workplace protection will the Ministry avail to such drivers in order to alleviate worries about negative repercussion or penalty on their livelihoods.
- \*21. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider having or increasing penalties to prevent the misuse of personal mobility aids (PMAs) by able-bodied persons.
- \*22. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will consider implementing the guidelines as recommended by the Active Mobility Advisory Panel earlier, considering the increasing number of reported incidents between errant personal mobility aid users and other pedestrians and road users.
- \*23. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on LTA's efforts since March 2024 to prepare for the enforcement of new regulations for the use of personal mobility aids (PMAs) in 2025; (b) what efforts have been expended to engage current owners who will have to give up their PMAs under the new regulations; and (c) whether any efforts have been made to engage retailers to stop selling PMAs to buyers who will not be allowed to use PMAs under the new regulations.
- \*24. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in 2023, how many personal mobility aids (PMAs) have been impounded for being non-compliant with technical standards; (b) how many PMAs have been impounded because of egregious behaviour by the user such as riding on roads and reckless riding; and (c) what challenges does LTA face in enforcing against non-compliant PMAs and errant PMA users.
- \*25. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the follow-up actions taken by the Ministry after preliminary findings have revealed that the teleconsultation services provided by MaNaDr Clinic are likely to have involved clinically and ethically inappropriate practices regarding the issuance of medical certificates.
- \*26. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what programmes or resources are in place to help parents (i) recognise early signs of radicalisation of their children and (ii) provide guidance and support to a child who is at risk of radicalisation or is exhibiting signs of radicalisation.
- \*27. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what training are available to help teachers and school counsellors (i) recognise early signs of radicalisation amongst students and (ii) support students who are at risk of radicalisation or are exhibiting signs of radicalisation.
- \*28. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what are the avenues for young people to gather peacefully to discuss and learn about issues of collective interest or concern to reduce the risk of them seeking information or support on social media or the Internet.

- \*29. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the number of households from the 140 HDB blocks island-wide that do not have direct lift access on the same floor; (b) how many households have applied for the Lift Access Housing Grant (LAHG) since its inception and of which, how many are successful in their applications; and (c) whether HDB will consider enhancing the LAHG of \$30,000 for residents who are in urgent need of direct lift access due to medical conditions or mobility reasons.
- \*30. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many HDB households are still affected by not having a lift at their storey; and (b) how many HDB households have been helped by HDB to transit to alternative housing.
- \*31. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government will further raise the Lift Upgrading Programme cost cap for the remaining HDB flats that have yet to have direct lift access on the same floor; and (b) whether HDB will consider open-sourcing alternative engineering solutions and ideas to bring about lift accessibility for these flats.
- \*32. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted studies to determine the cost of CCTV installations in preschools; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider subsidy support to assist preschools in the mandatory installation of CCTVs.
- \*33. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how can the Singapore-Johor Special Economic Zone be value accretive to the Singapore economy and our land and labour resources; and (b) what are the expected developmental timelines.
- \*34. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Ministry will consider requiring (i) firms that have been awarded creative projects by Ministries and Government agencies to endeavour towards engaging Singapore-registered sub-contractors and local talents, crew, and facilities for their projects and (ii) these firms to dedicate a reasonable portion of their budget in engaging local talents and crew, so as to boost the capabilities of the Singapore creative workforce and growth of a creative economy.
- \*35. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many wrongful termination cases have been filed by work permit or S-pass holders in the last 10 years; (b) in how many of such cases were the workers successful in their appeals; (c) for successful cases, what redress has been offered to the workers; and (d) whether the majority of such workers have been allowed to continue working in Singapore.
- \*36. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the expected impact of the lowered loan-to-value (LTV) limit on aspiring homeowners transitioning from rental housing to purchasing a flat; (b) of the lower income households who may be handicapped or disadvantaged by the new LTV limit, how many are eligible for the increased maximum grant amount of S\$120,000 under the Enhanced CPF Housing Grant; and (c) of those who are ineligible, what is being done to minimise the impact of the lowered LTV limit on them.
- \*37. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are thermal runaway related regulations for electric vehicles (EVs); (b) if so, what are these regulations; (c) whether such regulations include an EV battery safety certification and a requirement to provide information on the battery manufacturer to consumers; and (d) if there are currently no such regulations, when will these regulations be set in place.

- \*38. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government will mandate maximum charging limits for electric vehicles (EVs) in residential carparks for fire safety; and (b) how does the Government plan to reconcile EV adoption targets with the potential increased fire risks in high-density urban areas.
- \*39. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether an update can be provided on the integration programmes and the briefings conducted for foreign workers of all nationalities to ensure that they are apprised of the importance of racial and religious harmony in Singapore before their employment; and (b) whether more steps will be taken to educate foreign workers living in dormitories on racial harmony and in the language that they understand best after the incident of a Bangladeshi preacher who illegally preached at a dormitory on 9 August 2024.
- \*40. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the longest average waiting time per week at PSA ports since January 2024; (b) given the escalation of tension in the Middle East and other parts of the world, whether the Ministry can provide an update on the current port congestion situation in Singapore; and (c) what are the plans to further ease port congestion in the next 12 months.
- \*41. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) why do certain medical specialties require trainees to co-pay an additional monthly training fee for the entire duration of their training; and (b) whether the Ministry has studied the effects that such de facto additional training costs have on applications by junior doctors who are from families that are less well-off.
- \*42. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last 12 months, how many applicants for Build-To-Order or Sale of Balance flats have received more than one HDB invitation to book flats in different projects; and (b) why does HDB disallow the applicants from selecting a flat in a project with a later booking date in such situations.
- \*43. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the entry requirements for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore have become more stringent since 2019 to date and, if so, what are the reasons for this.
- \*44. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in each year of the past five years, what is the rate of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) in healthcare facilities; (b) what has the Ministry done to reduce the rate of HAIs; (c) what are the Ministry's targets for managing HAIs; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider publishing data reports on HAIs every few years to track progress and target weak areas.
- \*45. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each year of the past five years, what is the number and percentage of unsuccessful applications under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS); (b) whether married couples waiting for their Build-to-Order (BTO) flats are accorded priority for a PPHS flat in the same area as their booked BTO flat; and (c) if not, why not.
- \*46. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry can provide an assessment of the status and prospects of the Lao PDR-Thailand-Malaysia-Singapore Power Integration Project to import hydropower from Laos.
- \*47. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update on the review into extending the Award for Nurses' Grace, Excellence and Loyalty (ANGEL) scheme, which is a retention scheme to attract and encourage nurses to build a lifelong career in the public healthcare system, to the administrative and support healthcare workers who work alongside the nurses.

- \*48. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for 2023, what is the mean and median number of days of paid annual leave provided to full-time resident employees aged 25 to 64 earning (i) below \$2,000 per month (ii) \$2,000 to \$4,999 per month and (iii) \$5,000 and above per month, respectively.
- \*49. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are regulations governing the obligations of taxi and private hire vehicle drivers when passengers refuse to wear seat belts for their transport despite reminders from the drivers; (b) if so, what are these regulations; and (c) what recourse is available to these drivers who are found guilty to be transporting unbelted passengers despite reminders.
- \*50. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what platforms and opportunities are currently available for our youths to have meaningful conversations and build community within their neighbourhood.
- \*51. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health in each year of the last two years (a) how many cases of unauthorised sales of GLP-1 agonist drugs for treatment of diabetes and obesity has the Ministry investigated; (b) how many unauthorised listings of such drugs on e-commerce platforms have been taken down; (c) whether there are any prosecutions under the Health Products Act for unauthorised sale of such drugs; and (d) whether there has been an increase in public interest in these drugs driven by endorsement from celebrities and influencers.
- \*52. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether there are other measures besides salary support to jointly resolve with employers the manpower challenges that arise from the upcoming increase in parental maternity leave.
- \*53. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry will amend the law to clarify if the exhalation of cigarette smoke to the open air outside of a HDB flat is a violation of the Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) Regulations when the individual is smoking within the flat; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*54. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the top five forms of emotional neglect identified from the emotional neglect cases investigated by the Child Protective Service in the past five years.
- \*55. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is being done to make the learning of Mother Tongue Languages in schools more interesting and enjoyable; (b) whether the Mother Tongue Language curriculum is designed to ensure students have a good functional use of the languages instead of learning idioms and phrases that are less likely to be used in conversation; and (c) whether lessons can be learnt from the private language centres that parents are sending their children to.
- \*56. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what efforts are being taken by the Ministry and its agencies to reduce the gap between the health-span and lifespan of Singaporeans; (b) whether, in the Ministry's assessment, employers have a role towards improving the health-span of Singaporeans; and (c) if so, how.
- \*57. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what standards or thresholds are used to issue Change of Employer (COE) letters to migrant workers who are victims of illegal acts or accused of wrongdoing but found not to be culpable at the conclusion of investigations; and (b) what are the most common reasons for not granting COE letters.

- \*58. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what measures are in place to prevent reoffending amongst pet business workers who are found culpable for animal cruelty and neglect offences; and (b) how does the Animal and Veterinary Service ensure that pet businesses, workers, and owners adhere to disqualification orders more broadly.
- \*59. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport what safety measures are in place in the event that a personal mobility device or a personal mobility aid catches fire on public trains or buses.
- \*60. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the average monthly fee per child presently charged by (i) Government-supported pre-schools and (ii) private pre-schools; (b) what is the difference in the amount of Government funding per child received by (i) Government-supported pre-schools and (ii) private pre-schools; and (c) how does the Ministry ensure a consistent quality of teachers and programmes across Government-supported pre-schools and private pre-schools.
- \*61. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information whether the Ministry will take additional steps to raise the understanding and awareness of biometric data usage and security among the public, especially for vulnerable groups like the elderly or migrant workers, in light of the recent case of private entities like Worldcoin collecting biometric data of users in exchange for monetary incentives.
- \*62. Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the factors that contributed to the decrease in number of suicides from 476 in 2022 to 322 in 2023, the lowest in more than 20 years; and (b) what measures has the Ministry taken to continue reducing suicide rates.
- \*63. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the rationale for (i) giving permanent residents the same benefits as Singapore citizens under the SkillsFuture Jobseeker Support Scheme (ii) payments that are stepped down with time (iii) not extending support under the scheme to workers earning above \$5,000 per month but with dependants like children and (iv) excluding those who have received such assistance in the last three years.
- \*64. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the newly announced Bus Connectivity Enhancement Programme announced in July 2024 (a) whether LTA is prepared to engage with opposition Members of Parliament as well as Grassroots Advisers in opposition-held constituencies on bus service enhancements for taxpayer benefit; and (b) whether LTA envisages the retention or reintroduction of bus services which may be relatively underutilised but provide convenience to senior citizens especially where new MRT stations have become operational.
- \*65. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has any data on students' self-reported sleep patterns; and (b) if not, whether there are any plans to track sleep deficiency among students, in view that sufficient sleep is critical to physical and mental health and well-being.
- \*66. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether there is currently any psychological safety training for senior management and board members of social service agencies to support the mental well-being of social workers in their organisations; (b) whether steps are being taken by the National Council of Social Service to support the mental well-being of these social workers by ensuring that those who express psychological difficulties do not face criticisms or reprisals within their organisations; and (c) if so, what are these steps.

- \*67. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether there are any plans to further expand the Flexi-Medisave scheme for outpatient medical treatment for the elderly.
- \*68. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether it is a mandatory requirement by the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) for applicants to submit all supporting documents through ICA website; and (b) whether ICA can allow elderly residents who are not IT savvy to submit applications and supporting documents physically at the ICA office.
- \*69. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year over the last five years, what has been (i) the total number of 2-room flexi flats launched in BTO exercises (ii) the total number of 2-room flexi flats set aside for singles to apply and (iii) the average application rates for singles applying for a BTO flat.
- \*70. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Government is working with South Korean authorities and conducting its own investigations into Singapore-based Qoo10 regarding payment delays at its e-commerce platforms in South Korea; (b) whether the Ministry is aware of any similar payment delays faced by merchants in Singapore; and (c) if so, what recourse and assistance are rendered to merchants who may be facing such issues.
- \*71. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Cyber Security Agency (CSA) is assisting the Ministry in investigating the Mobile Guardian hacking incident in August 2024; (b) what is CSA's role in assisting other agencies in investigating security vulnerabilities in IT systems owned, operated, or otherwise used by the Government; and (c) whether the task force set up to bolster Singapore's tech resilience following the CrowdStrike outage will also be assessing the Mobile Guardian incident in August 2024.
- \*72. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health in each year of the past three years (a) what is the number of appeals received from patients to draw from their MediSave account beyond the annual withdrawal limit; and (b) of these, what are the respective rates of successful appeal.
- \*73. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year from 2019 to date, what is the amount of Community Improvement Projects Committee (CIPC) funding that is extended to each respective Town Council, expressed in dollar terms.
- \*74. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for each year from 2019 to 2023, how many reports relating to errant users of personal mobility devices, power-assisted bicycles and personal mobility aids have been made via the MyTransport app; (b) what percentage of such incidents are reported via the app; (c) what alternative platforms are available for those who are not adept in using mobile apps to report such incidents; and (d) whether such function can be integrated into the One Service app.
- \*75. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether, in MAS' review of Allianz's plan to acquire Income Insurance Ltd, it required a commitment from Allianz to provide a capital adequacy injection to grow Income Insurance Ltd across all its business lines beyond the \$2.2 billion that Allianz will be paying; (b) if so, how much and over what time period is this commitment; and (c) if not, how will MAS ensure Allianz will not be allowed to rationalise Income Insurance Ltd's business after its purchase.



- \*76. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA and other road traffic agencies systematically track the incidences of reported road traffic (i) near misses (ii) accidents without injury and (iii) accidents with injury where insurance claims arise but no police report is made; and (b) whether LTA will consider installing portable CCTV cameras at traffic junctions where the public have given feedback on safety concerns so as to enhance detection and analysis of such situations.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Platform Workers Bill [Bill No. 26/2024] – (Minister for Manpower) – Second Reading.  
*Resumption of Debate on Question (9 September 2024)*  
“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Minister for Manpower).  
[For amendment on the Bill, see Supplement No. 23 dated 10 September 2024.]
2. Casino Control (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 24/2024] – (Second Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
3. Building Control (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 23/2024] – (Minister for National Development) – Second Reading.

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### MEMORANDUM

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

Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi : Shaping Foreign Policy in a Less Predictable World.  
(Nominated Member)

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of the study on Singapore’s current resident labour force participation rate as reported in Macroeconomic Review published by MAS in April 2024, what will be the potential increase in the number of women participating in the labour force (i) for each percentage point of decline in gender pay gap and (ii) if the gender pay gap is eliminated.
2. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) in the past five years, how many enforcement actions has MAS taken against financial institutions that breach the rules for motor vehicle loans; and (b) what is MAS’ stance on social media advertisements that tout zero downpayment for purchase of premium luxury vehicles that are targeted at consumers.

3. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether MAS has assessed the risks of Worldcoin's operations in Singapore, including issues relating to data privacy, scams and cryptocurrencies; and (b) how will measures be enhanced to deter criminal activities relating to Worldcoin in Singapore.
4. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what percentage of National Research Foundation (NRF) research grants are awarded through grant calls administered directly by NRF instead of through statutory boards; (b) for statutory board-administered grant calls, what percentage of evaluators have significant relevant research experience; and (c) why has an ARPA-like model, where expert programme managers autonomously set strategic research directions and funding, not been adopted.
5. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether polls can be opened earlier than 8 am on Polling Day of an election to further assist voters who are working on Polling Day and have difficulty getting time off during polling hours from 8 am to 8 pm.
6. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the current cumulative fiscal position of the current term of Government; and (b) whether this includes the full amounts of special transfers, including top-ups to endowment and trust funds as allocated in annual Government budgets.
7. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in each year from 2016 to 2023 and for the first half of 2024 on a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted basis, in nominal terms (a) what is the growth in labour productivity of the overall economy excluding construction and other services industries as measured by (i) value-added per worker and (ii) value-added per actual hours worked; and (b) what is the growth in the average (i) monthly earnings of residents and (ii) gross monthly income among full-time employed residents including CPF contributions by employers.
8. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in respect of the business cost structure of the Information and Communications Sector in 2022 cited in the Economic Survey of Singapore 2023, what is the percentage of such business cost spending on (i) Singapore-registered businesses for the item "Professional Services" and (ii) Singaporeans for the item "Contract labour and work given out".
9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in each year of the past five years, regarding the micro, small and medium-sized companies that have applied for grants under the Enterprise Sustainability Programme (a) what are the mean and median amounts of grants disbursed to each company; and (b) what are the top uses of the grants by (i) micro (ii) small and (iii) medium-sized companies respectively.
10. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Defence in light of the recent noise disturbance incident linked to RSAF fighter jets training out of an air base in Western Australia, what are the steps taken during overseas training to ensure compliance with local laws and to maintain good neighbourly relations with the local residents and users near the proximity of such training sites.
11. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in the past three years (a) what is the number of incidence of drivers aged 21 years and below who are (i) caught for drink driving and (ii) involved in traffic accidents as a proportion of the population of drivers aged 21 and below; and (b) how do these figures compare with the wider population of all drivers.

12. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Singapore Civil Defence Force is looking into the risks of fire for overcharged electric vehicles (EVs) in basement car parks; and (b) whether it will implement any risk mitigation measures taking into consideration practices in certain jurisdictions which ban EVs with battery charged over 90% from entering underground parking in residential buildings.
13. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many fire incidents in residential premises involving active mobility devices (AMDs) are reported in the first half of 2024; (b) whether an increasing trend of such cases is observed over the past five years; and (c) whether additional measures are being considered against errant consumers and retailers of non-compliant AMDs or parts.
14. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many visa-free visitors to Singapore have been arrested or identified as persons of interest for criminal offences each year from 2021 to June 2024; (b) what is the breakdown of these offences by type, number, and country of origin; (c) what enhanced screening measures are being considered to prevent and counter crime by visitors on visa-free travel; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider implementing an electronic travel authorisation system similar to other jurisdictions to better vet visa-free visitors.
15. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry has data on how effective the Small Claims Tribunal (SCT) has been in resolving contractual disputes between suppliers and consumers in the past three years and, if so, what is the data; (b) whether there are plans to further increase the current limit of \$20,000 (or \$30,000 with consent) for claims that can be brought in the SCT; and (c) whether additional legal support can be provided to reduce the overall cost of seeking such claims.
16. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what criteria are used by National Environment Agency (NEA) officers to determine if an elderly or disabled person is unable to return their tray at hawker centres; (b) whether all NEA officers and tray return ambassadors are briefed on these criteria so they do not advise or issue summonses to such persons for not returning their trays; and (c) whether notices in hawker centres can make clear that such persons are not obligated to return their trays.
17. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many complaints has the Committee for Private Education received each year since 2016; and (b) what are the top ten categories of these complaints.
18. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education with the discontinuation of the Gifted Education Programme (GEP) in its current form and primary schools identifying their own high-ability learners and implementing their own enrichment programmes (a) how will the Ministry ensure that the quality and effectiveness of these programmes are consistent across all schools, given varying resources and expertise; and (b) whether the perceived differences in programme quality will lead to increased competition for Primary 1 places in certain schools.
19. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the amount of the SkillsFuture Credit (SFC) used by Singaporeans for courses offered at private education institutes (PEIs) in 2023; (b) which are the top five PEIs receiving the SFC in 2023; and (c) what proportion of the SFC has been used at the PEIs in 2023.
20. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the trend of hearing loss across the different resident age groups over the past 10 years; and (b) what are the measures in place or to be introduced to stem avoidable hearing loss among Singaporean youth.

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21. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many cases of health products containing banned substances has the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) detected annually in the past three years; and (b) whether HSA plans to step up public education to inform consumers to purchase health products from reputable pharmacies, retailers' websites, and those with an established retail presence in Singapore.
22. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to HDB households lacking direct lift access (a) how is HDB addressing the accessibility needs of households that have approached them for assistance, and what is the success rate of these efforts; (b) how is HDB helping residents beyond the Lift Housing Grant that requires them to leave their community support systems; and (c) what are HDB's plans to ensure inclusivity and accessibility for the elderly, pregnant women, those with young children and those with disabilities.
23. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for HDB flats ineligible for the Lift Upgrading Programme, whether the Ministry can provide an update on alternative engineering and technical solutions that have been explored to improve lift accessibility, including the duration and scale of the trials and reasons for their unsuitability; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider tapping on external or foreign consultants for these solutions.
24. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year for the past five years (a) how many reports have been made on veterinarians carrying out procedures to debark dogs without due justification and how many of these reports have been investigated; and (b) how many of these cases have led to (i) written warnings (ii) composition fines (iii) suspension of veterinary licence and (iv) revocation of veterinary licence, respectively.
25. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the effectiveness and relevance of the Central Business District Incentive and Strategic Development Incentive schemes to date; and (b) whether these schemes will be modified or extended for the Draft Master Plan 2025.
26. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether zebra crossings are allowed to be installed in HDB carparks; and (b) if not, whether the Government will consider allowing zebra crossings to be installed in HDB carparks in the interest of pedestrian safety.
27. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has performed any studies to ensure that existing multi-storey car parks (MSCPs) will maintain their structural integrity for an all-electric vehicle fleet; and (b) whether there are any plans to upgrade MSCPs that may not meet safety standards.
28. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past three years, how many enforcement actions have the Ministry taken against companies for flouting Progressive Wage Model (PWM) requirements; (b) whether there is an increasing trend; and (c) if so, what is the Ministry's plan to enhance deterrence.
29. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA calculates Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) values in their Transport Impact Assessments for developments based on different (i) subzones (ii) planning areas or (iii) regions of Singapore to determine which areas are under-served by public transport; and (b) if so, which are the (i) subzones (ii) planning areas or (iii) regions that have the lowest PTAL values and are considered under-served by public transport.

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30. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA can work with HDB to make public the Public Transport Accessibility Level values of new BTO developments, so that prospective applicants can consider the accessibility of BTO developments by public transport; and (b) if not, why not.
31. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in each year since 2010, what is the percentage of land allocated to roads and carparks respectively; (b) in light of Singapore's zero-growth rate policy for cars and motorcycles, whether the Government will also pursue a policy of zero-growth in the percentage of land allocated to roads and carparks and begin reallocating land allocated to roads and carparks for other social purposes; and (c) if not, why not.
32. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether any guidelines or regulations are issued to public transport operators to ensure that bus services (i) alight passengers closer to the kerb so that elderly persons do not have to jump to reach the kerb (ii) reduce instances of jerky driving and (iii) ensure that bus captains pay closer attention to traffic lights to reduce incidents of sudden braking that can lead to passengers falling down and getting injured.
33. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the average observed headways and crowding levels on Bus Services 180, 992 and 993 plying Bukit Batok Road during the weekday peak hours; (b) what are the congestion levels on Bukit Batok Road during the weekday peak hours affecting the buses; and (c) whether there is any need for additional steps to relieve congestion on Bus Services 180, 992 and 993 plying Bukit Batok Road.
34. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the current average ridership and cost per passenger for operating Bus Service 825; (b) whether electric minibuses which operates on Bus Service 825 can be similarly deployed on bus routes plying narrow roads and where there is low ridership, to improve connectivity throughout the public transportation system; and (c) if not, why not.
35. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the tender documentation for the ERP 2.0 On-Board Unit (OBU) specifically indicated that the OBU will need to satisfy (i) automotive grade temperature ranges or (ii) the International Electrotechnical Commission's IEC-60068 and IEC-60529 standards.
36. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are any policy measures that currently prevent the parking of large numbers of goods vehicles in private residential estates, causing disamenities to residents; and (b) if so, what are they.
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