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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **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.
- \*2. **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.
- \*3. **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.
- \*4. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of NParks' revised typology that segregates selected stretches of the Park Connector Network into pedestrian-only paths and shared paths, whether NParks can study how to encourage safe and considerate use of such paths for different users including those who are (i) on foot (ii) using strollers (iii) walking dogs (iv) using wheelchairs and (v) using different types of active mobility devices, and for users to keep left or give way, to minimise accidents and improve user experience.
- \*5. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of NParks' revised typology that segregates selected stretches of the Park Connector Network (PCN) into pedestrian-only paths and shared paths, whether NParks can consider the segregation of paths in a consistent manner and minimise frequent changes in the segregation of paths along similar stretches of PCN, including where the width of such paths have remained the same, so as to provide certainty and reduce confusion among users.
- \*6. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) how many past national servicemen above 60 years old will be eligible for \$200 in LifeSG credits under the 2024 Budget; and (b) how will the Government reach out to less technically savvy past national servicemen to assist them in claiming the \$200 credits, beyond asking them to approach the digital ambassadors located at the 16 digital community hubs.

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- \*7. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what specific factors have contributed to the lower hiring rate of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in the public sector compared to the private sector; (b) how the hiring rate of PWDs in Singapore's public service quantitatively compares with that in other developed countries; (c) what structural or policy-related constraints prevent Singapore Government agencies from increasing PWD hires; and (d) what steps are being taken to address these constraints directly.
- \*8. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider augmenting the policy refresh accompanying the Government's acceptance of the MediShield Life Council's recommendations for the MediShield Life 2024 review by better supporting fertility preservation for young cancer patients whose fertility may be compromised as a consequence of cancer or medical treatment for cancer.
- \*9. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what specific upgrades are planned for the national grid and energy infrastructure to accommodate new energy sources like small modular reactors and ammonia; (b) what is the projected timeline for implementing these upgrades; and (c) how is the Government ensuring that infrastructure and grid readiness align with the commercial availability of these technologies.
- \*10. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has conducted any post-implementation surveys or studies to assess the impact of providing digital devices on students' learning abilities, learning habits, academic performance, and attention span; (b) besides digital literacy, what other key performance indicators (KPIs) are considered in evaluating the effectiveness of providing these devices to students; and (c) how will these KPIs be measured.
- \*11. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether he can provide an update on the number of neighbourhood centres that have been selected for Revitalisation of Shops (ROS) scheme since March 2024; and (b) whether HDB will consider increasing the funding of ROS given the rapid rise of construction costs in the last three years.
- \*12. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Education whether Chinese dialects can be introduced as an elective as part of the (i) current conversational Chinese enrichment programme for students in primary and secondary schools and (ii) modular foreign languages programme pilot at the secondary level.
- \*13. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) in the past three years, what has been the progress of developing more Information and Technology (IT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) professionals under the Career Conversion Programme; and (b) what is the Ministry's plan in further developing this in the next three to five years.
- \*14. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development when will the review of the Animals and Birds Act 1965 and the Code of Animal Welfare be completed.
- \*15. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there is any room for the application process for financial assistance under ComCare schemes to be further expedited.
- \*16. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are plans to enhance the information on LCD systems above MRT train doors by (i) displaying both the current stop and a route map for easier reference by commuters at all times and (ii) ensuring consistent information display across all trains and lines; and (b) if so, when are these enhancements expected to be implemented.

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- \*17. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) since the implementation of the LCD display systems, how many feedback reports have all the train operators and LTA received regarding the clarity of information on the LCD display systems above train doors; and (b) which MRT line received the most of such feedback.
- \*18. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) in the past five years, whether MAS has received complaints against online "finfluencers" who discuss financial content; (b) if so, how many; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the Financial Advisers Act 2001 to regulate the "finfluencer" sector.
- \*19. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what processes exist to regulate the usage and operating hours of sports facilities within the premises of private educational institutions including international schools; (b) how do the processes compare with the norms for SportSG facilities; and (c) what is the approach taken by agencies in addressing disamenities which may arise, including light pollution caused by unshaded spotlights shining into the nearby homes of residents during late night hours or past midnight.
- \*20. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is the progress on the introduction of video recording in taking statements for law enforcement investigations.
- \*21. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with reference to the speech at the CBD Leadership-in-Action event (a) what number and percentage of the 25.3% of female board directors mentioned are (i) executive directors and (ii) non-executive directors respectively; (b) what proportion of senior management or "C-suite" roles of the top 100 SGX-listed companies are performed by female executives as at June 2024; and (c) what further steps can be taken to address possible institutional factors that cause gender inequality in specific roles, levels and sectors.
- \*22. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry has completed the review of the Formula 1 contracts and tender processes as stated during the parliamentary session in February 2024; (b) if so, what specific irregularities or compliance lapses have been identified in the review; and (c) whether the Ministry will publicly release the full findings to ensure transparency and restore public confidence.
- \*23. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the average monthly public transport fare expenditure for adult users who commute to work using public transport; (b) how is the pricing of the Adult Monthly Travel Pass (AMTP) determined; and (c) what is the average value utilised by AMTP holders based on equivalent adult fares for trips taken in a month.
- \*24. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the costs for in-vitro fertilisation treatments at public hospitals and private clinics respectively have increased over the last 10 years; and (b) if so, what is the rate of increase.
- \*25. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the breakdown by industries of the number of full-time resident employees aged 25 to 64 who in their first year of employment received only seven days of paid annual leave.
- \*26. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry has made efforts to identify and reach out to elderly men who have allegedly been eating leftovers in the hawker centre at People's Park Centre and, if so, what assistance has been rendered to these elderly men.

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- \*27. **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.
- \*28. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for the past five years, how many cases of feedback has the Ministry received from public transport commuters on loud conversations carried out by fellow commuters using voice recording messaging or from playing loud videos on handphones on buses or trains; and (b) what measures have been taken to address this issue.
- \*29. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) which HDB estates currently have a Pneumatic Waste Conveyance System (PWCS) installed; (b) what is the breakdown of each system's monthly operational costs per dwelling unit, including maintenance and electricity; (c) how do the monetised cost savings compare quantitatively to traditional waste disposal methods; (d) who benefits directly from these savings; (e) who bears the operational costs of the system; and (f) whether there is an evaluation process in place for assessing PWCS' cost savings and return on investment.
- \*30. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the anticipated impact of planned increase of 20,000 additional COEs on Singapore's 'car-lite' ambitions; and (b) whether the Ministry expects the plans to result in increased adoption of private car use for transport.
- \*31. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the specific parameters which the Ministry will take into consideration in deciding when to start distance-based charges under the ERP 2.0 system in view of the additional 20,000 COEs to be injected into the vehicle population in Singapore.
- \*32. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the Court of Appeal ruling that the Singapore Prison Service (SPS) and Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) acted unlawfully by disclosing and requesting prisoners' letters, including confidential correspondence with their lawyers (a) how will prisoners' correspondence be handled by SPS and AGC going forward; (b) how will attorney-client privilege for prisoners be ensured; (c) what actions are being taken against the officers and decision-makers responsible for the breaches; and (d) what remedies will be provided to affected prisoners or their families.
- \*33. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry has studied or plans to study the use of artificial intelligence analytics to enhance detection and audit of accident near-misses at traffic junctions to guide future road design improvements; and (b) if so, whether the junction of Jalan Lempeng and Faber Drive can be considered for study.
- \*34. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the various oil pollution incidents which happened within our Singapore port waters this year (a) what are the further lessons learned on the (i) prevention of oil pollution (ii) early detection of oil pollution and (iii) mitigation measures to prevent or minimise the spread; and (b) what are the effects of oil pollution to our waters and coastal areas.

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 42/2024] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.
  2. Administration of Justice (Protection) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 34/2024] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading.
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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

1. **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.

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**MEMORANDUM**

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

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim : The Road to Decarbonising our Corporations.  
(Sengkang)

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Ministry will consider expanding SGX's sustainability reporting requirements to include disclosures about human capital management such as the working conditions inside a firm to reflect that fair and progressive treatment of workers is material to the quality of value created by the business.
2. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what is the dollar value of the projected investment and interest income over the remaining lifetime of the Pioneer Generation Fund and Merdeka Generation Fund, respectively; (b) whether the sum total of the projected investment and interest income and current fund balances are currently projected to exceed the estimated liabilities of both funds; and (c) whether these figures can be published in the Government Financial Statements annually and, if not, why not.
3. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government is planning to conduct another pre-feasibility study on nuclear energy, specifically on the use of small modular reactors in Singapore, given technological advances since the last study in 2012.

4. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what current proportion of the about 63,000 workers in the creative industries are (i) employees and (ii) freelancers; (b) what is the average ratio of employee to freelancer for creative (i) micro-enterprises (ii) small enterprises and (iii) medium to large enterprises; and (c) for the past 10 years, what is the multiplier of the indicated value-add per worker to the average pay of (i) employee and (ii) freelancer.
5. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how many extremist websites or Internet domains are banned in Singapore to prevent extremist narratives from taking root.
6. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there are plans to improve the use of landline emergency services hotline for the Singapore Civil Defence Force and the Singapore Police Force; (b) what are the measures taken to ensure that emergency services remain contactable in the event of future landline outages or other similar incidents; (c) whether there are alternative emergency services contact other than the landlines; and (d) if so, what are the steps taken to raise awareness of these contact avenues.
7. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in respect of the estimated five tonnes of oil reported to have overflowed during the bunkering operations off Changi (a) what are the steps taken by the Ministry with its agencies and other bodies to ensure that the waters around the affected area are cleaned up and do not endanger human and marine life; and (b) what are the plans by the Ministry to work with the relevant agencies and MPA to ensure that such incidents do not happen again.
8. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider (i) reflecting information on the presence of pollutants from oil and chemical spills in its water quality advisories for popular recreational beaches that are published on the NEA website and (ii) placing regularly updated physical signages with water quality advisories at popular recreational beaches.
9. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has considered adopting certain aspects of the Japanese school lunch programme such as involving students in serving, cleaning up, and recycling to foster civic-mindedness and responsibility among students; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the initiative for students to clean their own classrooms, including whether the initiative is ongoing and whether the scope and duration can be expanded to further instill these values in students.
10. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Education with the completion of the new Indoor Sports Hall at North View Primary School in 2022, when will the dedicated public access route to the Indoor Sports Hall be completed so that Nee Soon Link residents can resume booking and using it for activities under the ActiveSG Dual-Use Scheme.
11. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to school-issued devices given out in secondary schools, over the past five years, what is the data on (i) students' usage of these devices for gaming and social media instead of on educational purposes (ii) the number of school-issued devices that were intentionally reset back to factory settings by students to bypass restrictions and (iii) the number of students who managed to bypass restrictions placed on the school-issued devices using other methods.

12. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the top three most commonly breached bond terms signed under a Care and Protection Order in cases of non-compliance by parents which are followed up on by the Child Protective Service (CPS); and (b) how many such cases involve the CPS removing the child from the home.
13. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) how many children are currently under the care of Child Protection Services; (b) how many of them are being taken care of by (i) Government agencies and (ii) non-Government agencies; (c) whether the current capacity is sufficient; and (d) how many of these children are not eligible for fostering, and what are the reasons for their ineligibility.
14. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year since 2019 (a) what are the numbers of freelancers and self-employed persons who are eligible for each unique Government paid leave scheme, respectively; (b) what are the numbers of persons from this group who have submitted claims yearly for each unique scheme during the same time period, respectively; and (c) how does the Ministry plan to increase (i) awareness and (ii) absolute take-up of the schemes.
15. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what has been the take-up rate of the Enabling Mark since its introduction in 2020 and whether it shows an upward trend; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider introducing financial incentives to encourage more employers to adopt it as a form of recognition for progressive employment practices.
16. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recent increase in number of individuals caught and fined for possessing or using e-vaporisers, especially among youths, what additional preventive, educational, and enforcement measures are being planned or implemented in collaboration with agencies like the Ministry of Education and the Health Promotion Board to curb vaping in schools and institutes of higher learning.
17. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how effective are current enforcement strategies in reducing the availability and use of e-vaporisers, including their online availability; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide updated statistics on recidivism rates among individuals previously penalised for vaping offences.
18. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the average response time for private ambulance providers to reach a patient's location; (b) whether private ambulance providers are required to obtain the same standard of training qualifications and expertise as compared to SCDF ambulance personnel; and (c) under what circumstances in a medical emergency will private ambulance providers advise a patient or their family to call for an SCDF ambulance.
19. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry is conducting or has plans to conduct further research into (i) the estimates of informal care time and monetary costs associated with those caring for seniors aged 75 and above and (ii) time-use studies for informal carers to better understand the needs and well-being of informal carers.
20. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many new Active Ageing Centres (AACs) have been set up since January 2024; (b) of these, how many AACs were set up in private estates; and (c) what are the challenges of setting up new AACs.

21. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) why it is the established practice for the Government to approach mainstream media outlets to correct inaccurate information instead of issuing a correction direction under the Protection from Online Falsehood and Manipulation Act 2019 (POFMA); and (b) why does the Government not provide non-mainstream media outlets or other persons with the opportunity to correct inaccurate information before issuing a correction direction under POFMA.
22. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what is the estimated total of AI-specific computing power currently available in Singapore's data centres; (b) whether there are plans to establish a national cloud for AI research and education; (c) if so, what percentage of this computing power does it aim to secure; (d) what legal frameworks are being considered to mandate contributions from private AI data centres to such a national cloud; and (e) how do these potential frameworks compare to those in other leading AI nations.
23. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider implementing a minimum age requirement for the purchase of red-eared slider turtles as pets.
24. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development in 2023 and 2024 (a) what is the number of appeals related to the Ethnic Integration Policy received by HDB; (b) how many appeals were acceded to; (c) of the appeals acceded to, how many were assisted through the buyback assistance measure; and (d) what is the breakdown of the above figures by ethnicity.
25. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is HDB's policy regarding the disposal of flats that have been compulsorily acquired or bought back via the Ethnic Integration Policy buyback assistance measure; (b) how many of such flats currently remain under HDB ownership; and (c) whether HDB has any plans to sell or rent these flats to the public and, if so, how.
26. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether he can provide an update on the outcome of the investigation into the partial collapse of the two shophouses along Syed Alwi Road.
27. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development why was a warning issued to the contractor for using non-compliant paint which resulted in algae-stained walls on HDB blocks in Sengkang and Punggol instead of imposing financial penalties on the contractor.
28. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the gaps in the Singaporean core workforce identified by foreign chambers of commerce in term of (i) specialised skills (ii) technical skills (iii) knowledge and (iv) experience including overseas exposure; and (b) what are the interventions which the Ministry is undertaking on its own or with other Ministries and parties to address such gaps in the next three years.
29. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are any underlying causes of the recent oil spill incidents in Singapore's waters such as the management of vessel traffic and other operating protocols.
30. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the recent oil spill during bunkering operations for a vessel off Changi (a) what are the investigations and measures taken to ensure that such bunkering operations do not result in overflow; (b) what oil spill containment measures have been activated to contain the oil spill in the affected area; (c) whether these measures are sufficient; and (d) what measures will be taken against any errant or negligent party that have caused this oil spill incident.



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31. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can elaborate on the rationale for the current structure of COE categories, especially regarding the use of power output as the basis for categorisation, in view of the influx of new electric vehicle brands which has crowded the pool of COEs in Category A and impacting COE prices and affordability for families; and (b) what adjustments are being considered to balance sustainable EV adoption with accessibility to and affordability of mass-market family cars.
  32. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the injection of COEs from February 2025, whether the Ministry can conduct a study on how the increase in the number of COEs will impact the point-to-point transport sector in terms of the number of taxis and private-hire vehicles.
  33. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government will consider allowing parents of children who are eligible for a Child Concession Card to apply for it online via the LifeSG app and have the card delivered to their registered home address after verification via Singpass.
  34. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on the status of the investigation by the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau into the collision of the Singapore-registered container vessel, the Dali, onto the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, United States on 26 March 2024.
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