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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) for each year from 2019 to 2024, how many cases has the Ministry received from creators seeking help about the plagiarising of their artworks; (b) how many cases have been satisfactorily resolved and what are the remedies; (c) what steps are taken to ensure that businesses know of the need to engage the creators on using their intellectual property (IP); and (d) what avenues are available to creators to get affordable help to enforce their IP rights.
- \*2. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in respect of a recent retrenchment exercise by a multinational technology company with a global headquarters in Singapore (a) whether the Ministry will look into how the relevant union was informed only a day in advance; (b) when was the Ministry notified of the retrenchment; (c) whether the retrenched workers' incomes are within the broad middle-income range in Singapore; and (d) how can Singapore continue to be pro-enterprise and attract investment while maintaining tripartite best practices.
- \*3. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of the recent retrenchment exercise by a multinational technology company with its headquarters in Singapore (a) whether the Ministry will review and strengthen current protocols to better manage future retrenchments, including ensuring that unions are given more timely notice beyond just one day; and (b) what steps is the Ministry taking to enhance pro-worker guidelines that can simultaneously encourage multinational companies to maintain their presence in Singapore while safeguarding the welfare of workers.
- \*4. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in light of recent retrenchments by MNCs which involve professionals, managers and executives (PMEs) being laid off (a) whether the Ministry can take tougher enforcement action against companies that fail to comply with the tripartite advisories and guidelines on retrenchment of workers including PMEs; and (b) whether the Ministry can look into ensuring that companies notify the unions early in advance of impending retrenchments to allow for discussions, negotiations and preemptive assistance for affected workers and members.
- \*5. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each year from 2019 to date in 2024, what is the number of companies that failed to file a mandatory retrenchment notification (MRN) within the requisite period; (b) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing the existing exemptions from MRN; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider reviewing the MRN period to require MRNs to be submitted prior to retrenchment instead of post-retrenchment.

- \*6. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) of the current students who have secured places through the Direct School Admission for Secondary Schools, what percentage of them come from lower-income households and are on financial assistance schemes; (b) whether the policy outcome has shifted from its intent of identifying talents to favouring students who can afford enrichment and preparatory programmes; (c) whether the policy now benefits those with access to costly training such as interview coaching; and (d) how can more opportunities be given to students from lower-income households.
- \*7. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health what can be done to support public hospitals to attract and retain pharmacy technicians.
- \*8. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health what financial support can be given to public hospitals to allow them to offer competitive salaries to pharmacy technicians.
- \*9. **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.
- \*10. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider implementing guidelines for local universities to ensure that campus transport and food court services are sufficient for students' needs and well-being, in view of the recent overcrowding issues.
- \*11. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks the rates of food allergies in children; (b) if so, what is the current percentage of children who are estimated to have food allergies; (c) what are the trends observed over the last 10 years; and (d) whether the Ministry is undertaking any studies to determine what is causing it.
- \*12. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health how is the Ministry working with other agencies such as schools and those in the food preparation industry to increase public awareness of the potentially lethal nature of severe food allergy reactions.
- \*13. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the estimated cost of informal caregiving in Singapore valued at \$1.28 billion, whether the Government has studied or will the Government be studying the number of people who (i) are carrying out unpaid caregiving and their age range; (ii) quit their full-time jobs to conduct unpaid caregiving and their age range and (iii) may not have the means to support themselves when they themselves become seniors.
- \*14. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can review the current policy on the transfer of season parking transfers for electric vehicle (EV) owners to allow such owners to temporarily have season parking at two multi-storey carparks (MSCP), one where they reside and another where the EV charging facility is available, until EV chargers are installed at their primary MSCP.
- \*15. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has carried out inspections on licensed caterers providing food for migrant workers to ensure that food is prepared within four hours of the workers' lunch and dinner times; (b) if not, whether SFA will consider carrying out such inspections; and (c) if yes, how many inspections are carried out in 2023 and 2024.

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- \*16. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what training and assistance are provided to prison officers to equip them to handle prison inmates who have intellectual disability; and (b) what measures are put in place for such prison inmates to seek help in the event of any abuse or mistreatment by others around them.
- \*17. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what are the specific support programmes available for prison inmates with intellectual disability during their incarceration especially when they have difficulties being separated from their caregivers.
- \*18. **Mr Neil Parekh Nihil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) which are some of the potential business sectors in Johor that Malaysia businesses are keen to collaborate with Singapore businesses under the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ); and (b) what are some of the infrastructural and operational areas in the JSEZ that continue to be of concern to Singapore businesses.
- \*19. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the payouts received by the participants of the proposed SkillsFuture Jobseeker Support scheme will be subject to income tax.
- \*20. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) in view that Singapore's total population is now expected to be significantly below the 6.9 million projected in the 2013 Population White Paper, how does the Government reconcile the 2013 projection with the current outlook; and (b) what is the revised projected resident population, consisting of Singapore citizens and permanent residents, for 2030.
- \*21. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the tender for a 99-year leasehold master developer site at Jurong Lake District (a) what are the reasons for the gap between developers' expectations of development feasibility and the URA's assessment of its reserve price; and (b) whether the URA plans to retain the master developer approach when tendering the land sites at Jurong Lake District.
- \*22. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there is any requirement for all EV charging stations to be insured against fire and damage to the building housing them and surrounding cars.
- \*23. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether postal services providers, including SingPost, which partner public sector agencies for services such as ICA passport collection are subject to service availability standards in HDB heartlands, including the requirements to ensure adequate alternatives when a post office closes down; and (b) whether IMDA has examined (i) the reasons for the closure of the Clementi Mall post office and (ii) the adequacy of the proposed alternative arrangements.
- \*24. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are any plans to offer second or third-language subjects in primary and secondary schools, which will not be assessable for academic credit, but rather focused on functional literacy.
- \*25. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many children under the age of 12 years currently living in Singapore are stateless; (b) how many young people aged between the ages of 12 and 18 years currently living in Singapore are stateless; (c) whether any person or entity in Singapore has legal parental responsibility for these children and young people; and (d) if so, who are they.

- \*26. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in respect of stateless children and young people under 18 years old living in Singapore, how does Singapore meet its obligations under Article 7 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which provides that every child has the right to be registered immediately after birth, to have a name and nationality subject to national law and obligations under the relevant international instruments.
- \*27. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to stateless children and young people under 18 years old living in Singapore, what services, support, or programmes are available to ensure that the child or young person has access to suitable (i) accommodation (ii) health care and (iii) education.
- \*28. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of graduates who are unable to find jobs within six months of graduation; and (b) whether job opportunities for new graduates have reduced or improved over the last three years.
- \*29. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the definition of disability for Singapore's social policies to cover neurodiverse conditions and learning disabilities, including attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and dyslexia; and (b) what the reasons are for these conditions not being explicitly classified as disabilities currently.
- \*30. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether there are any updates on when the Shared Responsibility Framework for certain types of phishing scams will come into operation; and (b) whether there are any updates on a compensatory framework for other types of scams such as those perpetrated by malware fraud.
- \*31. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) whether the Ministry can provide details on the safety audits and review processes that are regularly conducted by the SAF Inspector-General's Office at training camps; (b) what are the common safety lapses that continue to occur during the SAF's training and the reasons behind such occurrences and; (c) what steps have been put in place to ensure such lapses do not recur and the quality and standard of SAF's training is not compromised.
- \*32. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how many Singaporeans are residing in Israel and Lebanon, respectively; and (b) what assistance is the Ministry providing to Singaporeans in the Middle East who are staying near the conflict zones.
- \*33. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health given the relatively easy accessibility of generic medication in neighbouring jurisdictions, what is the reason for the non-availability of certain common pharmaceutical drugs, such as Febuxostat, in Singapore, especially in light of efforts to contain escalating healthcare costs.
- \*34. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current average number of annual leave days that resident workers in outsourced sectors, such as cleaning and security services, receive based on their years of service; and (b) for outsourced workers who remain in the same workplace, but whose employers change when service buyers switch service providers, how will the Ministry ensure that they are not left behind in their annual leave accumulation, despite their years of continued service in the same workplace.

- \*35. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider making it compulsory for premises managers to set up at least one designated smoking area in the outdoor areas of their premises provided these are not places where smoking is prohibited.
- \*36. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many applications have been received under the Enterprise Financing Scheme - Mergers & Acquisitions Loan (EFS-M&A) since its inception; and (b) what measures are being considered to enhance support for SMEs engaging in merger and acquisition activities to help them build economies of scale, particularly in light of utilising the EFS-M&A scheme.
- \*37. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs following Singapore's vote in favour of UN General Assembly Resolution A/ES-10/L.31, whether Singapore will be (a) enacting a ban on imported products originating from Israeli settlements; (b) halting arms sales to Israel in cases where there are reasonable grounds to suspect they may be used in the Occupied Palestinian Territory; and (c) sanctioning individuals and entities involved in maintaining Israel's unlawful presence in the Territory and if not, why not.
- \*38. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in each year of the past five years, how many cases of physical violence which resulted in injuries have been reported in primary and secondary schools respectively; and (b) how many of such cases have corporal punishment meted out on students who are found to be violent against others in schools.
- \*39. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are standard operating procedures on how schools should handle bullying complaints expeditiously and appropriately; (b) if not, why not; (c) how does the Ministry ensure that (i) victims are protected, treated fairly and not blamed while investigations are ongoing and (ii) appropriate punishments are meted out; and (d) what avenues for recourse are available for victims, especially if the bullying persists in spite of corrective measures such as counselling.
- \*40. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the East-West MRT line disruption in September 2024 (a) whether proper procedures have been followed; (b) whether the rail track damage may well have been safely avoided; (c) what is the total cost of the disruption, including repair works and provision of bus services; and (d) how and who will cover the cost of the disruption.
- \*41. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what plans are in place for the Ministry to guide and monitor the fleet maintenance regime of MRT operators; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that best practices or digitalisation improvements to augment MRT fleet performance are implemented on a timely basis.
- \*42. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the train disruption on the East-West MRT Line (a) what measures are in place to ensure the welfare and safety of staff who work overtime during the disruption; (b) how does the Ministry ensure fair compensation for the overtime hours worked; and (c) whether details can be provided on the procurement procedures for engaging third-party services and sourcing of parts in emergencies such as the recent train disruption.
- \*43. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development why the Ministry did not issue a correction direction under the Protection from Online Falsehood and Manipulation Act to CNA when it published an article on 27 August 2024 that included an incorrect claim that the Lease Buyback Scheme computes sales proceeds based on a straight-line depreciation.

- \*44. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the annual attrition rate for early childhood educators over the past five years; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to provide guidance on how parents and early childhood educators can work together positively and respectfully to improve the well-being of early childhood educators.
- \*45. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what has been the cause of the accident between two Hunter armoured fighting vehicles during Exercise Wallaby in Australia on 24 September 2024, leading to 12 servicemen suffering injuries; and (b) whether there are any lessons from this incident which can be applied to improve training and operational safety.
- \*46. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there are plans to review the way hawker centres are catered for island-wide; and (b) whether it will be more efficient to have a single agency acquire and manage all hawker centres and HDB coffeeshops so that Singapore can take a masterplan approach towards making provision for access to good and affordable meals for all Singaporeans.
- \*47. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport following the Fare Review Exercise 2024 (a) what is the estimated financial impact on public transport operators and the overall sustainability of the public transport system from deferring the maximum allowable quantum for fares; (b) how will the deferment of the remaining quantum affect the funding available for planned service improvements or infrastructure projects; (c) what is the Ministry's assessment of potential scenarios for fare adjustments in the next review; and (d) whether there will be a continued phased approach.
- \*48. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the reasons that led the Public Transport Council to recommend a fare revision for bus and train fares to take effect at the end of December 2024; (b) what steps have the transport operators taken thus far to improve their service levels to commuters in light of fare revisions in the last three to five years; and (c) what are the big-ticket cost factors that the public transport operators have to watch closely in their operations.
- \*49. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are projections or analyses on how the cumulative fare adjustments recommended by the Public Transport Council for the past three years and in this year's review, will impact the cost burden on average commuters compared to past adjustments for different income groups; and (b) how does the Ministry assess the value of each Public Transport Voucher (PTV) in the current and future exercises to ensure fare adjustments remain fair and manageable for all commuters, especially lower-income households.
- \*50. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) with regard to funds collected by payment service providers and e-commerce platforms, whether current legislation restricts the settlement period to vendors and customers; and (b) whether current legislation requires customer funds to be separately managed for platforms with stored values.
- \*51. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there is data on the average Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) participation hours for students at (i) primary (ii) secondary and (iii) tertiary levels from 2021 to date and, if so, what are they; (b) what percentage of students of each level recorded below-average CCA participation hours and whether steps are made to re-integrate them into CCAs; and (c) whether measures will be considered to increase CCA participation hours to strengthen students' emotional, physical and physiological resilience for improved mental health outcomes.

- \*52. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the increase in the per capita household income (PCHI) has been matched with the increased cost of healthcare services and, if not, how does the Ministry intend to close the gap; and (b) whether the Ministry aims to increase the frequency of reviewing the PCHI, given the rapid increase in healthcare cost.
- \*53. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the employees of foreign-owned firms who earn a gross monthly income of above \$12,500, what percentage of these are Singapore residents and non-residents, respectively.
- \*54. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to Malaysia's Road Transport Department's (JPJ) statement on 27 September 2024 that Singapore private vehicle owners will be issued a warning for not having obtained a Vehicle Entry Permit before leaving Malaysia from 1 October 2024, whether the Ministry has engaged the Malaysian authorities to ensure Singapore's private vehicle owners do not get unduly penalised for travelling into Malaysia.
- \*55. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider increasing the intake of pharmaceutical students in Institutes of Higher Learning to allow more pharmacy technicians with diplomas in pharmaceutical science to pursue a degree in pharmacy.
- \*56. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the impact on energy prices and inflation in Singapore will be significant following the escalation of conflicts between Israel, Lebanon and Iran; and (b) whether the Singapore economy will be severely affected by the widening conflict in the Middle East.
- \*57. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry keeps track of the problems faced by Singapore motorists when they cross the Causeway after the implementation of Vehicle Entry Permit (VEP) scheme by Malaysia, especially there are difficulties obtaining VEP; and (b) whether the Ministry can engage the Malaysian authorities to open up more VEP centres in Johor Bahru and Singapore.
- \*58. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health given that the moratorium on Integrated Shield Plan premium increases has ended, whether the Ministry will be providing guidance to insurance companies on (a) the quantum and range of increases in premiums they may make; and (b) set the permissible frequency and quantum of future increases.
- \*59. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) for each year in the past three years, what is the (i) number of feedback (ii) percentage of feedback submitted through National Environment Agency (NEA)'s online feedback form on second-hand tobacco smoke from neighbours; and (b) whether NEA will consider if feedback on second-hand tobacco smoke from neighbours warrants a specific category in the form.
- \*60. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Government does economic analyses of various modes of transport to determine and track the public benefits of each mode of transport in order to guide related policies such as infrastructure planning; and (b) if so, how is such input taken into consideration in the policymaking and planning process.
- \*61. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the Government's review to better support working caregivers, whether the provision of mandatory paid parent-care leave by employers was considered; and (b) if so, what were the considerations in determining its feasibility.

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- \*62. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on how ease of maintenance and maintenance costs have been factored into the design of upcoming BTO estates, including those launching in October 2024; (b) whether the Ministry has a forecast of the projected operating expenses for these new estates, including the horticulture and conservancy costs; and (c) whether the projected operating expenses in these new estates are higher or lower compared to older estates.
- \*63. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what role does the Ministry envisage for Student Care Centres (SCCs) to play as part of the overall education system in Singapore as an increasing number of students are enrolled in SCCs.
- \*64. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) to date, how many cases of high-rise littering in Fernvale constituency of Ang Mo Kio GRC have been resolved under the revised frame work where presumption of guilt is placed on flat owners or tenants of the HDB flat since its implementation from 1 July 2023; (b) how many waivers based on medical or other compassionate grounds have been granted for such cases; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider acquiring and deploying more surveillance cameras in Fernvale constituency.
- \*65. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what steps has LTA taken in response to the difficulties faced by Singaporeans in registering for the Malaysian Vehicle Entry Permit (VEP), especially for those needing to travel to Malaysia for business regularly; (b) whether LTA has engaged with Malaysian authorities to mitigate issues such as long delays in VEP application approvals, non-responsive customer support, and uncertainties on the enforcement of the 1 October 2024 deadline.
- \*66. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the designs of new HDB precincts have taken into account the variability and range of inclement weather, including heavy rain and strong winds; (b) whether the assessments have considered the prospects and implications of wind-swept rain entering lift shafts and affecting lift equipment; and (c) what rectification measures have been considered by HDB for new precincts where wind-swept rain has raised concerns about lift durability.

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### 1. **Minister for Transport:**

A Safe, Reliable, and Resilient Rail System.

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**  
**Introduction of Government Bills**

1. **Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry:**  
Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill.  
*(President's recommendation signified).*
  2. **Minister for Social and Family Development:**  
Child Development Co-Savings (Amendment) Bill.  
*(President's recommendation signified).*
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 32/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance).  
*Resumption of Debate on Question (14 October 2024)*  
“That the Bill be now read a second time.”. – (Second Minister for Finance).
  2. Multinational Enterprise (Minimum Tax) Bill [Bill No. 33/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
  3. Elections (Integrity of Online Advertising) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 29/2024] – (Minister for Digital Development and Information) – Second Reading.
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

Mr Leong Mun Wai : Realising the Vision of a 45-Minute City under the Land Transport  
(Non-Constituency Member) Master Plan 2040 in the West of Singapore.

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the UBS Global Wealth Report 2024 which reported Singapore’s Gini coefficient index as being up to 70 per cent in 2023 (a) what are the factors that have contributed to the increase despite the Government’s various measures and subsidies, when most other parts of Asia have moderate increases or reductions in their Gini coefficients; and (b) which segments of Singapore’s population have faced wealth stagnation and what more can be done to uplift these affected segments.

2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the case of some members of a Japanese money laundering syndicate residing in Singapore (a) how did these fugitives enter Singapore without being detected; (b) whether the Ministry has previously received any information about their criminal activities; and (c) whether the Ministry was informed by the Japanese authorities when a wanted notice against these persons was issued in August 2024 and, if so, what action was taken.
3. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry will consider simplifying the process of enforcing awards ordered by the (i) Small Claims Tribunal and (ii) Employment Claims Tribunal on companies; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider amending the law to impose criminal consequences on companies that fail to comply with the awards ordered by the Small Claims Tribunal and Employment Claims Tribunal.
4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Law with regard to the case of the members of a Japanese money-laundering syndicate setting up companies in Singapore (a) what is the accountability of the lawyers who acted for such companies as Corporate Service Provider; and (b) whether the current verification process by lawyers to do background checks on clients will be reviewed.
5. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Singapore Food Agency will implement more measures to improve the business viability of our farms in Lim Chu Kang, Neo Tiew and Kranji by working together with other agencies to (i) support more farmers' markets in the heartlands and (ii) increase visitation and footfall to farms by improving or subsidising transport connectivity.
6. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry has data on the operating surplus generated by each Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centre (SEHC); and (b) if so, what is the data for each year of the past five years.
7. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in each year of the past five years, what percentage of hawker stalls in (i) NEA-operated hawker centres and (ii) Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres have terminated their rental contracts early; and (b) what are the main reasons for the early termination.
8. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education with the announced plans to allow more students to study their mother tongue languages at a higher level (a) whether there will be a change in role of the Ministry of Education Language Centre (MOELC); and (b) whether Higher Mother Tongue will still be taught at MOELC to allow for more interactions and exchange between students of differing abilities, background and schools, leading to a more enriching learning experience of the subject.
9. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Education in view of the concerns from residents about the limited options for Tamil language instruction, particularly within Bukit Panjang at the secondary school level, whether the Ministry can consider increasing the number of schools offering Tamil language instruction within the constituency.
10. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past five years, what are the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of reported instances of gangsterism and violence in schools annually; and (b) how are schools with higher incidence of reported gangsterism and violence addressing the root causes of these issues.

11. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education in the last five years (a) how many applications are received from parents in each year to homeschool their children; (b) how many of such applications are approved; and (c) what is the breakdown of the applications received based on age of the children.
12. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the ratio of persons with disabilities hired by the public sector compared with the private sector; (b) among the public agencies, which have the highest proportion of people with disabilities in their workforce; (c) have other public agencies been able to learn from their best practices; and (d) if the private sector has a higher proportion of disabled workers, what lessons can public agencies learn from it.
13. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information what criteria are used by the Government to determine whether or not to issue correction directions under Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act when factual errors are published.
14. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what percentage of movies and TV programmes on free-to-air television are shown in Chinese dialects; (b) of these, what is the percentage as further broken down by the type of Chinese dialect; and (c) how has the percentage changed over the last five years.
15. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development for the past five years, what is the average proceeds received by each family from the HDB Lease Buyback Scheme for each type of HDB-room flat.
16. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year for the past five years (a) how many animal cruelty and abuse cases involve the court making an order for the convicted person to pay the costs and expenses for the maintenance and treatment of the animal under the Animals and Birds Act 1965; and (b) what are the average and median amounts ordered in each case.
17. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each year for the past five years, how many instances of enforcement under the Wildlife Act and Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act, respectively, are conducted with enforcement officers being accompanied or assisted by non-enforcement officers with the necessary training, qualifications or experience to assist in the specialised handling of animal species.
18. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what number and percentage of HDB coffeeshops in Hong Kah North SMC are currently halal food stalls; (b) over the past five years, what percentage of halal food stalls in Hong Kah North SMC have given up their tenancies; and (c) how does this percentage compare with non-halal food stalls.
19. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what feedback has URA received from developers regarding the CBD Incentive Scheme and Strategic Development Incentive Scheme; (b) whether these schemes will be renewed after they end in November 2024; and (c) if so, what parameters of these schemes will be changed, if any.
20. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether an update can be provided on the specific additional measures, beyond issuing warning letters, financial penalties, and suspending or revoking property agents' registration with the Council for Estate Agencies (CEA), that are being considered to strengthen the enforcement of the practice guidelines on ethical advertising issued by CEA.

21. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether workers who are on Special Pass issued for a specific purpose such as assisting in investigation, attending court and for stateless persons residing in Singapore can hold a Singpass account; and (b) if not, how can workers who are on Special Pass access the Ministry's eServices portal, to check the status of any ongoing salary or work injury claims.
22. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) for each year from 2019 to 2024, what is the percentage of residents earning a gross monthly income of above \$12,500 that worked in foreign-owned firms; and (b) what is the sectoral breakdown of these residents.
23. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the criterion that an applicant to the SkillsFuture Jobseeker Support not live in a property with an annual value of more than \$25,000 also applies to applicants who are renting the property in which they reside.
24. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what specific risks does the CPF Board believe CPF members will face if allowed to invest directly in US equity index funds that are not already present in the current CPFIS-approved products; (b) how are these perceived risks quantified; and (c) whether these risks outweigh the demonstrated long-term outperformance of US equities.
25. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the measures in place to (i) deter frivolous and bogus reports of errant use of personal mobility devices, power-assisted bicycles and personal mobility aids by delivery workers and (ii) exercise fair fact-finding of the reports lodged without placing the burden of proof on the delivery workers solely.
26. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the plans by the Land Transport Authority to increase connectivity, specifically bus services, between the farms and businesses in the Lim Chu Kang, Neo Tiew and Kranji areas and the estates in Choa Chu Kang, Limbang and Yew Tee, so that more residents and employees of such businesses can benefit from it.
27. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the energy conservation initiative where lighting at selected bus stops and covered linkways are switched off between 1am and 5am and whether there are plans to expand this initiative to all constituencies; and (b) if so, what is the envisaged timeline.
28. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the root causes of the recent MRT disruptions; (b) what measures are taken to prevent similar disruptions from occurring and to ensure that maintenance schedules are adhered to; (c) whether affected commuters are eligible for compensation and, if so, what is the process for claiming compensation; (d) what investments will be made in maintenance and upgrading of the MRT network; and (e) what accountability measures will be taken against those responsible for the maintenance and operation of the MRT network.
29. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry is studying the new European Union mandate for the installation of Intelligent Speed Assistance technology in all new vehicles this year to reduce road accidents and associated injuries and fatalities.
30. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how are members of the Active Mobility Advisory Panel (AMAP) selected; and (b) whether AMAP members are required to have professional or academic expertise relating to active mobility or transport.

- 31. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) for each month in 2024 to date, how many units of ERP 2.0 On-Board Units (OBU) have been installed; (b) how many of these units have been found to be faulty and needed servicing; (c) how many of these units have required replacement; and (d) how many instances have there been where individual parts of the OBU have been replaced.
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