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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) for each year from 2021 to 2023, what is the number of vaping feedback received by the Health Science Authority (HSA) from the public, educational institutions, Police and the Central Narcotics Bureau, respectively; (b) what is the size of HSA's enforcement team dedicated to vaping enforcement; (c) what is the number of summons on vaping offences issued by HSA in the last three years; and (d) how many summons are issued in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies.
- *2. **Mr Mark Lee:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider a classification framework for SkillsFuture courses, featuring a dual-index system with (i) a Mobility Index to assess the potential for career advancement of these skills within and across industries and (ii) an Industry Heat Index to gauge hiring trends in booming sectors; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry can collaborate with trade associations to ensure these indices accurately reflect industry demands, and integrate it into the MySkillsFuture portal for users to make informed choices.
- *3. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider offering Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme rental vouchers of more than \$300 a month for couples who are from families with lower household incomes and who stay in smaller flats.
- *4. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in the last three years, what is the average increase in open market rents for HDB 3-room, 4-room and 5-room flats; (b) whether the Government will consider raising the monthly household income ceiling of \$7,000 for families using the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (Open Market) Voucher to rent HDB flats from the open market; and (c) if not, how will the Government assist more young couples to afford interim rental properties in the open market.
- *5. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Defence in view of the recent incident where a private military conference call in a Singapore hotel was being intercepted (a) whether the Government is investigating the incident to identify and address specific vulnerabilities in our telecommunications infrastructure; and (b) whether there are measures in place to safeguard the security of communications lines originating from Singapore, especially during international meetings and military events which involve high-level foreign dignitaries.
- *6. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in view of JTC Corporation's plan to reclaim 44 hectares of land to expand the Woodlands Checkpoint from the third quarter of 2024 (a) whether the Ministry anticipates any disamenities to residents and commuters in the vicinity; and (b) if so, how will the Ministry mitigate the inconvenience to those who may be affected.

- *7. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Government intends to take into account the Environmental Impact Study that was undertaken during the development of the former Keppel Club site, which found ecological connectivity for birds between the Southern Ridges and Labrador Nature Reserve, when conducting environmental studies of the proposed development of Gillman Barracks; and (b) if so, how will the Ministry ensure that any future development of Gillman Barracks will not significantly compromise this important ecological connectivity.
- *8. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether rejuvenation plans for Gillman Barracks that were announced by the Singapore Land Authority in 2022 will be taken into account when studying the future development of Gillman Barracks; and (b) whether the environmental and heritage studies commissioned for the potential development of the area will be accessible to environmental groups and the wider public.
- *9. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the proportion and number of families who have received ComCare support in the past 24 months who do not live in public rental housing; and (b) whether the ComLink+ package can be extended to lower income families who do not live in public rental housing.
- *10. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are any restrictions on the employment or deployment of healthcare professionals who are undergoing investigation for charges relating to patient abuse; (b) for each year since 2010, what is the number of healthcare professionals who have been charged for patient abuse; and (c) of these, how many continued to work in the healthcare industry in Singapore.
- *11. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether he can provide an update on the progress made in the five mutually beneficial areas of collaboration that are identified in the first inaugural meeting of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable in September 2022; and (b) what is the Ministry's assessment on the role of the business community, in particular the Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, to achieve the desired outcomes laid down at the meeting.
- *12. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the fact that non-residents make up 83,500 of the 88,400 total employment growth in 2023, how will the Ministry ensure that the bulk of new jobs created in 2024 will go to Singapore citizens and residents, including those aged 40 and above.
- *13. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether he can make public the content and materials of the Character and Citizenship Education lesson on the Israel-Hamas conflict; and (b) whether any teacher has declined to deliver a lesson and, if so, how is such a situation dealt with.
- *14. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether primary school students are being taught about the Israel-Hamas conflict, either in the Character and Citizenship Education curriculum or otherwise; (b) if so, at which levels are students taught about the conflict; and (c) how are the contents differentiated among the different levels to take into account the different maturity levels of the students.
- *15. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) with many teachers implementing the Character and Citizenship Education lesson package, how will the Ministry ensure a safe space for students to share diverse views and arrive at their own conclusions on complex issues; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that students realise the importance of looking at such situations through the lens of Singapore's national interests and the need to maintain our social, racial and religious harmony.

- *16. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) when will the Shared Responsibility Framework for phishing scams be released; (b) what is the take-up rate of the Money Lock feature offered by our local banks, broken down by ages of bank customers; and (c) whether the MAS will make it mandatory for all banking institutions to participate in this initiative in the near future.
- *17. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the past 10 years, what is the total number of referrals to specialist clinics at public hospitals from (i) polyclinics and (ii) general practitioners (GPs), respectively; (b) whether there is a difference in subsidies granted to patients referred by polyclinics and GPs; and (c) how many such patients referred by GPs have requested for and been granted further subsidies when hospitalised in Class C wards.
- *18. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the 2023 Joint Autonomous Universities Graduate Employment Survey, whether the Ministry plans to (i) discover why, when compared with their university peers, the arts, design and media graduates have poorer employment and salary outcomes and the health sciences graduates have poorer salary outcomes (ii) engage graduates of such courses on how to improve their employment outcomes and (iii) engage the relevant sector agencies and stakeholders to take steps to narrow the employment and salary outcome gap.
- *19. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the ownership of non-compliant active mobility devices and its batteries, whether the Ministry will consider working closely with Singapore Customs to prevent or reduce (i) the import of such devices by individuals, retailers and wholesalers in Singapore and (ii) the orders of such devices from foreign sellers through direct internet purchases by end buyers in Singapore.
- *20. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the different stages of planning for the Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme (VERS) that will be needed prior to the full details of VERS being made available to the public; (b) at which stage of planning is VERS currently at; (c) whether studies and consultations have commenced; and (d) if not, whether there are plans to do so.
- *21. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider (i) introducing measures to further close the gender pay gap (ii) issuing guidelines for pay transparency and (iii) establishing a Gender Pay Equality Alliance For Action to address this issue.
- *22. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Law in respect of the Guidelines on Reduction in Sentencing for Guilty Pleas, whether the Ministry will consider (i) requiring the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) to indicate its plea offer and sentencing position by Stage 1 of court proceedings and (ii) for the 12-week timeline to commence only upon AGC's indication, to better assist accused persons in making decisions and defence counsel in advising their clients.
- *23. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry performs horizon scanning of the potential impact of microplastics and nanoplastics on human health and, if so, how; and (b) whether Singapore's sustainability efforts can incorporate reducing the use of items which may contribute to microplastics and nanoplastics being introduced into the environment, food chain and daily life.
- *24. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many companies have provided the extra two weeks of Government-paid paternity leave announced in Budget 2023; and (b) if this data is not available, whether the Government will consider collecting this information.
- *25. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) since 2017, how many training providers have applied for SGenable's Capability Development Grant to develop customised training programmes for people with disabilities; and (b) how many of these training providers are from the disability or social sector.

- *26. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether Official Foreign Reserves and Reserves Management Government Securities assets are fully counted as net assets that are part of Past Reserves for the purposes of calculating the Net Investment Returns Contribution, in view that section 22 of the Currency Act 1967 which provides that the Monetary Authority of Singapore's assets must not be less than the face value of currency in circulation, is still in force.
- *27. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the steps undertaken by the Ministry to enhance the detection and prevention mechanisms within its financial aid schemes to safeguard against instances of fraudulent activities; (b) whether there are vulnerabilities or loopholes identified within the welfare mechanisms that may facilitate deceptive practices; and (c) if there are, how does the Ministry intend to address these systemic challenges to ensure the integrity of the social support systems.
- *28. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the quantitative and qualitative Universal Service Obligations set by IMDA for SingPost, including the provision and maintenance of posting boxes and post offices throughout Singapore; and (b) following SingPost's completion of its strategic review, whether IMDA's Universal Service Obligations and Quality of Service standards are expected to be lowered.
- *29. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in view that premiums for MediShield Life look set to increase, how will the Ministry (i) ensure continued affordability and accessibility to the scheme for all Singaporeans (ii) balance expanding coverage on ground-breaking treatments with maintaining affordable premiums and (iii) enhance public awareness about the various health insurance schemes, including private insurers' options, to help Singaporeans make informed decisions on healthcare coverage.
- *30. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past three years, how many incidents of domestic disputes have involved the use of knives or other weapons; and (b) how many of such incidents have involved a child or a minor.
- *31. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether it remains a policy goal to achieve a House Price-to-Income ratio of four for HDB BTO flat buyers since the Ministry's announcement of this goal in 2013.
- *32. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider allowing busking or singers at food centres to provide a conducive environment for diners at the food centres.
- *33. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether an Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD) deadline extension was granted to the developer of the Cuscaden Reserve and, if so, what is the reason for the extension and the terms and conditions associated with it; and (b) what is the number of residential projects with ABSD deadline extensions granted since the implementation of the remission of ABSD rules for developers, excluding that granted to all developers during the COVID-19 pandemic
- *34. **Mr Mark Lee:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) of the approximate 700 foreign nurses who were granted permanent residency (PR) each year between 2018 and 2022, what is the breakdown of the number who worked in (i) public and (ii) private healthcare sectors, particularly in voluntary welfare organisations; and (b) in the period leading to 2030, whether the Ministry plans to progressively increase the percentage of nurses who are granted PR status as a measure to mitigate the turnover of nursing staff in both sectors.

- *35. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA issues letters or advisories to residential Management Corporation Strata Titles informing them that they are expected to fund the construction of sheltered walkways that link their developments to the nearest bus stop when requested by their residents, even if such walkways are located on land that is managed by LTA.
- *36. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Prime Minister for each year since 2015, how many appeals have been made to the Monetary Authority of Singapore relating to issues with getting insurance coverage by (i) people with disabilities (ii) individuals on the autism spectrum and (iii) people with mental health issues.
- *37. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what were the circumstances that led to the omission of a sentence in the electronic Lasting Power of Attorney document which was discovered in October 2023; (b) how did the Ministry discover the omission; (c) whether the Ministry has assessed the potential loss or harm suffered by donees and donors as a result of this omission; and (d) what steps are being taken to ensure that such an omission does not take place again.
- *38. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) why was the omission of the sentence as required by law in the electronic Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) document not discovered prior to October 2023; (b) what are the legal implications for such LPA documents without the required sentence; (c) whether there are process checks such as proofreading, vetting or end-user experience validation when such key documentary processes are digitalised; and (d) if so, whether such process checks are conducted by legally trained or laypersons.
- *39. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider allowing the use of MediSave to cover the costs of root canal treatment specifically for seniors above 55 years old.
- *40. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) as part of the National Education programme, what have been some of the latest topics which Nexus, a platform that seeks to deepen Singaporeans' commitment to Singapore, has developed as resource packages; (b) who are the beneficiaries of these resource packages; (c) whether any resource package has been developed about the current on-going conflict between Israel and Hamas; and (d) if so, what are the key messages conveyed in this resource package and whether they are conveyed to National Servicemen.
- *41. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the Global Education Programme (a) whether there is any standard framework that is applied to assess if the planned overseas destination is unsafe or no longer suitable; (b) what support is given to Institutes of Higher Learning and schools in determining whether the destination poses a security risk; and (c) what other measures are taken to maintain the safety of students while they are taking part in the programme.
- *42. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to provide adult Singaporeans access to affordable health planning programmes; and (b) whether the Ministry will support the growth and development of professional health and wellbeing coaches to cater for such health planning needs.
- *43. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year in the past five years, how many building owners have applied for grants under the Accessibility Fund for the construction costs of (i) lactation rooms and (ii) lactation pods; and (b) if the data is not available, whether the Ministry will consider collecting this information.
- *44. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many deepfake-related scams have been reported in 2023; (b) what kinds of media type are the scams conducted in, such as live video, voice, uploaded video, etc; and (c) what measures will the Ministry undertake that is specific to the elderly population to educate them against deepfake-related scams.

- *45. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he will consider imposing licensing conditions on companies with a significant market share of the taxi and private hire transport sectors to offer telephone booking and cash payment options so as to cater to passengers who are not technology-savvy.
- *46. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are plans to allow students who have passed their GCE A-level examinations but fare poorly to retake the examinations as a school candidate instead of a private candidate; (b) whether one or more pre-University institutions can be designated as a school where such students can opt to study for and retake their GCE A-level examinations; and (c) whether the Edusave account can be expanded to fund the retaking of such national examinations.
- *47. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what is the extent of MAS' regulatory oversight of the Central Depository Pte Ltd (CDP) and its relationships and obligations towards individual customers; (b) what avenues for assistance are available for CDP customers who are not digitally literate or savvy, including persons whose accounts have been suspended; and (c) whether MAS considers these avenues adequate in light of some CDP customers being of elderly age and not digitally literate.
- *48. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development regarding recent incidents involving intimidation, physical, emotional and mental abuse of young children in certain pre-schools (a) whether ECDA audits the compliance with the incident reporting policies required of all pre-schools; and (b) whether ECDA will look into cases of staff dismissals for potential abuse cases.
- *49. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to increase the capacity of assisted reproductive treatment centres at public hospitals; (b) if so, what is the timeline and the expected increase in capacity; and (c) if not, why not.
- *50. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the policy guiding HDB's decision-making on (i) whether to have purely red season parking lots in a particular multi-storey carpark (MSCP) and (ii) the number of lots or decks of purely red parking lots to be allocated in a particular MSCP.
- *51. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry will consider making available (i) the outdoor fields and indoor sports halls of the Institutes of Technical Education and the Institutes of Higher Learning for the Dual-Use Scheme (DUS) and (ii) other spaces for non-sport DUS purposes including classrooms to be used for continual education programmes; and (b) if not, why not.
- *52. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in view that MediShield Life coverage is set to expand, how will the Ministry ensure that healthcare costs do not rise proportionally; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider implementing audits in public hospitals to assess the prudence of recommended medical treatments, especially those requiring advanced technologies like robotic surgery.
- *53. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past 10 years, how many drivers have refused to take the Breath Evidential Analyser (BEA) test for alcohol consumption when stopped by the Traffic Police; and (b) what alternatives and recourse does the Traffic Police have if such drivers delay taking the BEA test in the hope that their breath-alcohol readings will be reduced when checked later.
- *54. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether management corporations of strata title developments are allowed to use management or sinking funds for the construction of sheltered walkways from their development to the nearest bus stop for the safety and convenience of their residents.

* Members may postpone their Questions to a later sitting day if their Questions are not reached by the end of Question Time (QT). For such Questions, Members may email to parl_cop@parl.gov.sg in advance a postponement notice that will be effected after QT. Members must submit their notices to the Clerk within one hour after the end of QT (SO 22(3)). Questions will be given a written answer if no such notices are received by the Clerk within the stipulated time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 12/2024] – (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
 2. Law Enforcement and Other Matters Bill [Bill No. 14/2024] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
 3. Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 11/2024] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading.
 4. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 10/2024] – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth) – Second Reading.
 5. Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 13/2024] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading.
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MEMORANDUM

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

Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim : Building a Culture of Gender Equality.
(Nominated Member)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the initiatives introduced by the Government to guide young persons to develop financial literacy, including the sensible investing in digital assets; (b) what is the percentage of young persons participating in these initiatives; and (c) what are metrics that the Government is monitoring to evaluate the initiatives' effectiveness.
2. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what strategies and policies is the Government planning to implement to address Singapore's low fertility rate; and (b) how will these initiatives support families and encourage higher birth rates.
3. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) for each of the years from 2021 to 2023, how many people in the labour force are working as insurance agents; and (b) what is the breakdown for such persons in terms of full-time employment, part-time employment, educational qualification, age, gender and nationality.
4. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister as at 31 December 2023, what is the breakdown of civil servants employed as permanent full-time staff in the Ministries and Statutory Boards respectively whose ages are (i) below 40 years old (ii) 40 to 49 years old (iii) 50 to 59 years old and (iv) 60 years old and above, respectively.

5. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Prime Minister as at 31 December 2023, what is the breakdown of civil servants employed as permanent full-time staff in the Ministries and Statutory Boards respectively who are past their retirement age and are re-employed.
6. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister in view of Seatrion's announcement that it has reached in-principle settlement agreements with the Brazilian authorities, whether an update can be provided on the CPIB investigations into Seatrion and individuals of the company for alleged corruption offences that occurred in Brazil.
7. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister when will the enhanced pre- and post-transaction safeguards to be undertaken by financial advisers for Selected Clients be implemented.
8. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether Cuscaden Reserve is the first residential project in which the developers have been granted an Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty deadline extension besides extensions that are granted as part of the temporary relief measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (b) if so, what are the reasons for granting the extension; (c) if not, what are the other projects which have been granted a similar extension; and (d) what are the criteria which IRAS applies in deciding whether to approve such a request.
9. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding key countries which Singapore has partners in for Singapore's economic development, what steps is the Ministry taking to improve the quality and breadth of its senior diplomatic staff in these countries to ensure that they are well equipped with the knowledge of economic, financial and trade issues in a deglobalising world so that Singapore's interest remains paramount at all times.
10. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) as of 1 March 2024, how many Singapore citizens have declared their membership in foreign legislatures and political organisations respectively under section 79 of the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021; and (b) whether the Immigrations and Checkpoints Authority screens applicants for permanent residency and Singapore citizenship for participation in foreign legislatures and political organisations.
11. **Mr Gerald Giam Yeap Song:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how does the Government ensure that foreign-owned companies that have re-domiciled in Singapore and are now known as Singapore companies adhere strictly to Singapore's laws and regulations even as they continue to operate in their home countries and elsewhere in the region.
12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) why is lane splitting by motorcyclists allowed on our roads; (b) whether there are plans to ban or regulate lane splitting in the interest of road safety; (c) what measures are being taken to encourage defensive riding practices among motorcyclists; and (d) whether there has been any study done on the growing problem of aggressive road culture.
13. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether membership by Singaporean citizens and permanent residents in foreign entities such as the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Chinese Overseas Friendship Association are permissible so long as (i) they register with Singapore authorities and (ii) their activities are deemed as not directed toward a political end in Singapore.
14. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there are any common trends among women who resort to abuse of drugs or use of illegal substances; and (b) what is the approach by the Central Narcotics Bureau to tackle the increase in use of illegal substances especially among young women and those with children.

15. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry tracks the number of migrant domestic workers who have fallen prey to scams; and (b) what measures have been taken by the Ministry to raise awareness of such scams to these workers during their training prior to their commencement of work in Singapore.
16. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry will consider showcasing products and merchandise by different Singaporean visual asset creators and artists on its platforms for Singapore's heartland businesses; and (b) what are the Ministry's plans to boost economic opportunities for these visual asset creators.
17. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Ministry keeps track of companies which re-domicile to Singapore to operate their headquarters out of Singapore rather than out of their countries of origin; (b) whether it has assessed if this practice presents any risks for Singapore with regard to its reputation and relations with major trading partners; and (c) if so, what specific measures the Government is taking to mitigate this risk.
18. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the proportion of companies in Singapore that are profitable over the last three years; and (b) how has the profitability of the companies changed over the same time period.
19. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the measures in place to ensure that food and beverage companies accurately represent the nutritional content of their products in advertisements; and (b) how does the Ministry detect and enforce misleading advertisements in the food and beverage sector, particularly those related to health and nutritional claims.
20. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what are the considerations when the Ministry decides to update the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) materials to cover the conflict in Gaza; (b) whether there are any organisations or entities outside the Ministry which are consulted on the proposed new materials before they are taught to students; and (c) what are the learning points regarding the manner and process of incorporating sensitive social issues into the national CCE syllabus.
21. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider reducing class sizes to increase teachers' effectiveness and empower students.
22. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education how is the Ministry monitoring and reducing cyber bullying in schools.
23. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education what efforts are being made by the Ministry to meet the increased need for counsellors in schools to assist students with non-academic struggles.
24. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education for students studying all types of degrees at our local universities in 2023 (a) what are the total fees paid by local and international students respectively; and (b) what are the total subsidies including allowances and stipends given to local and international students respectively.
25. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are any measures in place to ensure that educators are not involved in illegal activities, such as drug consumption and possession; and (b) how do public educational institutions collaborate with law enforcement agencies to prevent and address drug-related offences within the education community.
26. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the respective estimated number of years that a recipient of the Ministry's Tuition Grant Scheme for (i) polytechnics and (ii) universities will have to work and pay taxes before the costs of the grant are recovered.

27. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider incorporating PayNow as a payment method in addition to the current NETS-only method when parents make payments from the Child Development Account to approved institutions.
28. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year in the past five years, how many Enhanced Care and Protection Orders have been applied for and ordered by the Youth Court respectively.
29. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health whether more support can be given by increasing home caregiving assistance for caregivers of elderly with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
30. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government can increase the number of dentists in public healthcare institutions by 2030 to meet the dental care needs of Singaporeans.
31. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health in the last three years, what is the breakdown of expenditure on the key components of public healthcare such as drugs, manpower, medical technology, research, administration and real estate.
32. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health in the last three years, what is the total expenditure by the Government on subsidised medical care for (i) Singapore citizens (ii) permanent residents and (iii) foreigners.
33. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health for each year from 2021 to 2023, what percentage of patients' healthcare expenditure was paid by (i) the Government (ii) employers (iii) MediSave (iv) MediShield and (v) individuals, with a breakdown by citizens, permanent residents and foreigners.
34. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can elaborate on the rationale behind the current limitations on cast application at polyclinics and general practitioner (GP) clinics, including backslabs, which can only be done at the accident and emergency (A&E) department; and (b) whether there are plans to extend cast application to polyclinics and GP clinics, equipping them with the relevant resources so as to reduce waiting times at A&E departments.
35. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health in each of the last five years, how many cases of shingles have been recorded for those aged (i) under 50 years old (ii) between 51 to 75 years old and (iii) over 75 years old.
36. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry tracks the administration of vaccines available for shingles; and (b) if so, how many doses have been administered to patients in each of the last three years.
37. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the Ministry's plans to slow down the growth of kidney failure cases; and (b) whether the existing dialysis care infrastructure is sufficient for the number of cases.
38. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether he can provide an update on (i) the effectiveness of the use of sniffer dogs to detect wildlife and wildlife products trafficking at border checkpoints and (ii) the number of illegal shipments of wildlife and wildlife products which the sniffer dogs have detected thus far.
39. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the total number of multi-storey carparks (MSCPs) in all HDB estates currently; and (b) how many of these MSCPs have at least one or two decks of exclusively or a majority of red season parking lots.

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40. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry is tracking the trend of the combined monthly income of young couples between the age of 20 and 35 years old who are applying, whether successfully or otherwise, for a HDB BTO flat over the recent years; and (b) whether HDB will consider increasing the BTO housing income limit to allow for more of these young couples to be able to apply for BTO flats.
41. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) for how long will the livestreams of parliamentary sittings be retained on MCI's YouTube channel; and (b) whether MCI will consider permanently retaining all livestreams of parliamentary sittings on its YouTube channel and, if not, where will they be archived.
42. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Ministry sets guidelines for the editorial policy of vernacular news media pertaining to guest writers; (b) whether there are any reviews done on the content produced for the "Crossroads" series of articles in Lianhe Zaobao; (c) whether the Ministry is aware of the content produced by Mr Philip Chan Man Ping for the "Crossroads" series of articles; and (d) whether public funding of SPH Media Trust will be tied to a criterion of not encouraging foreign interference.
43. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the People's Association conducts any background checks on individuals that it plans to appoint to grassroots positions such as patrons of Committees; (b) whether there are code of conduct requirements for individuals holding such grassroots appointments; (c) whether such requirements preclude an individual appearing at a foreign country's political event or organising events to promote specific political causes.
44. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many children under the age of five years old currently have active CPF Special Accounts; (b) what proportion of the parents who topped up such accounts live in HDB flats; and (c) what is the median sum of money in such accounts as of 31 December 2023.
45. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) with more Singapore and Malaysia cross-border travellers allowed to use e-gates, whether LTA has observed an increase in median waiting times for cross-border bus services in line with the increased speed at which travellers are clearing immigration checks; and (b) whether LTA will consider increasing the frequency of cross-border bus services during peak hours (including weekends) to reduce congestion caused by travellers waiting for buses at the checkpoints.
46. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the average daily ridership of Bus Service 405 during the current Qing Ming period; and (b) whether Bus Service 405 can be re-routed to provide commuters with direct access to Choa Chu Kang Columbarium.
47. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the conditions required for vehicles to be registered as Goods-cum-Passenger Vehicles; (b) whether there is a way to prevent those driving high-end vehicles of this nature, such as Jeeps, from being registered as such, thus depriving legitimate drivers of commercial vehicles of Certificates of Entitlement.
48. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether business aviation flights are required to use 1% Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) from 2026 and pay SAF levies; and (b) what is the basis for this levy being charged.
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