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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the projected economic and job creation benefits and which sectors will benefit from the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ); (b) whether the Government is concerned that some sectors will be adversely affected and certain investments and firms will relocate to JS-SEZ; and (c) whether there are Government incentive schemes such as productivity grants or investment incentives that can be extended to Singapore companies investing in the JS-SEZ.
- *2. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government has assessed the potential impact of a foreign-based social media platform with significant local presence manipulating its algorithms with the effect of privileging or disadvantaging the social media reach of a particular candidate or group of candidates during a general election period or the run-up period thereof; (b) whether this constitutes foreign interference under existing laws; and (c) whether existing laws such as the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 and Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Act 2021 are adequate to address this.
- *3. Mr Alex Yam Ziming: To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information in light of the recent announcements by Meta to eliminate fact-checking and reduce content moderation efforts (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the potential impact on the spread of misinformation and harmful content on Meta's platforms; (b) whether there are implications for Singapore's digital ecosystem and the safety of online discourse; and (c) what measures will be introduced or enhanced to promote information integrity and responsible digital citizenship in Singapore, particularly when global technology companies adopt more lenient moderation policies.
- *4. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the Grow Well SG personalised health plan initiative for children (a) how many hours of contact time will each child or family expect to receive on a yearly basis to discuss and develop the plan; (b) what sort of personnel will be involved in developing the plans; and (c) what will be the anticipated additional manpower requirements to meaningfully roll-out the initiative through schools, broken down into the types of professions involved.
- ***5. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what measures is the Ministry taking to disseminate information on Grow Well SG and the Guidance on Screen Use in Children effectively to parents and caregivers; (b) how does the Ministry plan to support parents in overcoming challenges related to the implementation of these guidelines; and (c) how does the Ministry monitor the effectiveness of the Guidance on Screen Use in Children given the rapidly evolving digital landscape.
- *6. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) when does the Government plan to review the Chinese-Malay-Indian-Others (CMIO) race model; and (b) what is the form that such a review will take.

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- *7. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Education with reference to the latest Government survey on household expenditure which found that families in Singapore spent \$1.8 billion on private tuition in 2023, an increase from previous years, what measures are being taken to address the potential impact that rising tuition expenditure has on educational equity, particularly for students from lower-income households.
- *8. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Education in view of the disparity in spending on private tuition between households of different income quintiles (a) whether the Ministry foresees a widening of social inequality as higher-income families gain disproportionate access to educational advantages; (b) whether the Ministry can share its assessment of the long-term implication of this trend, particularly on social mobility; and (c) whether any policies are being considered to mitigate these effects.
- *9. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for Health with the rise of flu-like human metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases in China (a) how does the Government ensure that cross-border transmission of HMPV will not pose public health concerns in Singapore; (b) whether the subsidised flu vaccination under Healthier SG is sufficient for the prevention of the spread of HMPV to seniors; and (c) what is being done to protect children, especially those aged 14 and below who are amongst those most affected by HMPV.
- *10. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what programmes are in place to help nudge community attitudes towards the adoption of the guidelines on healthy family boundaries as the accepted norm without criminalising or criticising parents who may currently hold alternative views.
- *11. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what programmes are in place to assist those who work with parents, families, or children in the community, public, or private sectors to better understand, follow and promote the guidelines on healthy family boundaries.
- ***12.** Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how does the Ministry assess whether behaviours that are inconsistent with the guidelines on healthy family boundaries are not simply poor parenting but are potentially child abuse.
- ***13. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government can install seats within long underground tunnels in MRT stations to provide respite to seniors and vulnerable individuals with mobility challenges.
- *14. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether Singapore is on track to meet the targets under the Singapore Green Plan 2030 to (i) reduce the amount of waste to landfill per capita per day by 20% by 2026 and (ii) reach 1.5 gigawatt-peak of solar energy deployment to meet 2 per cent of 2025 projected electricity demands; and (b) what is the current amount of (i) waste to landfill per capita per day and (ii) electricity demands met by solar energy deployment.
- *15. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the take-up rate of the Overseas Networks & Expertise Pass (One Pass) since 2 January 2024; (b) which sectors are these One Pass holders employed in; (c) how many of these One Pass holders are new entrants to Singapore and granted the One Pass not from a conversion of an existing employment pass; and (d) what are some of the key improvements that the Ministry is considering to better utilise One Pass and improve employment for Singaporeans.

- *16. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what steps are being taken to regulate and ensure the safe use of ketamine as a treatment course for severe depression in Singapore; (b) how is the effectiveness of such a treatment being monitored; and (c) what safeguards are in place to prevent any potential misuse of the controlled drug.
- *17. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what evidence supports the efficacy and safety of ketamine as treatment for severe depression compared to other therapies; (b) whether there are plans to monitor long-term outcomes for patients using this treatment; and (c) what regulatory frameworks will be put in place to govern the distribution and use of ketamine for medical purpose while ensuring tight control to prevent diversion for recreational use.
- *18. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider according priority to owners of segmented HDB units that do not have direct access to lifts on the same level and where Lift Upgrading Programme is not feasible, when they apply for BTO flats with direct lift access, especially when they have household members with mobility issues.
- *19. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Government can strengthen bus connectivity within industrial estates or partially subsidise local business associations to offer loop services in industrial estates during peak periods.
- *20. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether current regulation of social media companies includes an ability to review the behind-the-scenes algorithms that such companies employ to push content to users; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider that in the next round of strengthening regulations to mitigate the risks of harmful social media content to Singapore users.
- *21. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Education (a) when were requirements for homeschooling in Singapore last reviewed; and (b) whether exemptions from requirements for home-schooling in Singapore can be granted for parents of children with mild developmental disabilities and are not able to fit into a mainstream school, but with a condition that does not qualify them to be enrolled into either NorthLight School or Assumption Pathway School.
- *22. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether Singapore is studying South Korea's and Britain's decisions to criminalise the creation or possession of sexually explicit deepfake images and videos, and consider these as a way to strengthen our legal regime against such forms of sexual harassment.
- *23. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Manpower as part of the Settling-in Programme for first-time migrant domestic workers in Singapore (a) whether a briefing is provided on the legal consequences of criminal acts related to elder and child abuse prior to their deployment; and (b) whether helplines for mental health support is provided.
- *24. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each year of the past three years, how many applications for interim housing have been received from elderly residents or couples without children awaiting HDB BTO flats; (b) what percentage of such applications are approved; and (c) whether the Ministry has plans to introduce more subsidised rental options to support groups who do not qualify for the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme or the Public Rental Scheme.

- *25. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how does the Ministry provide alternative support to kindergarten children with developmental needs when their parents decline the support from programmes such as the Development Support and Learning Support Programme.
- *26. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry whether the process of registering for a CorpPass account can be simplified or streamlined to ease the claims process for those who utilise their employers' SkillsFuture Enterprise Credit.
- *27. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) when were the definitions of specific classes of investors as specified under section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 last reviewed; and (b) in the past three years, whether MAS has received feedback that an individual's eligibility as an accredited investor should be premised on relevant knowledge, in addition to the individual's net worth.
- *28. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the rationale for restricting the ITE Progression Award (IPA) to ITE graduates pursuing eligible diplomas from 2024 onwards; (b) how this aligns with the Government's emphasis on lifelong learning and workforce development; (c) whether the Ministry has assessed the equity of excluding pre-2024 diploma graduates and plans to review their inclusion; and (d) what steps are being taken to ensure consistent financial support for ITE graduates pursuing further education across all time periods.
- *29. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can set up a medical panel at each of the three medical healthcare groups, staffed with senior or retired doctors who can provide a holistic view on patients' treatment plans, drug subsidies, and appeals for use of MediSave or MediFund funding for a select group of patients, especially those with chronic conditions, who are facing differing assessments from different healthcare institutions.
- *30. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there are any manpower training programmes tailored for local micro businesses with less than six employees, such as minimarts, to create real business value to the business owners that offset their increased manpower costs incurred by the Progressive Wage Model (PWM); and (b) whether the Ministry will consider targeted PWM exemptions or adjustments for these micro businesses to help alleviate their business costs.
- *31. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the changing void deck and common space use in HDB residential estates (a) whether HDB is actively reviewing the repurposing of such spaces for different uses such as eateries; (b) what considerations will be taken into account when making such reviews; and (c) whether there are differences in approach between mature and non-mature estates.
- *32. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) whether the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) has concluded its investigations into the disruptions to mobile, broadband and subscription television services in 2024; (b) if not, when does the IMDA expect to conclude such investigations and whether the findings will be made public; and (c) what actions have been taken against the service operators thus far, in respect of such disruptions.
- ***33. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Government has identified key barriers preventing Singaporeans from signing advance medical directives; (b) what specific strategies are being implemented to increase participation rates beyond existing public education campaigns; and (c) whether the Ministry is considering simplifying the certification process to encourage uptake.

- *34. Mr Alex Yam Ziming: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what role can Singapore play in contributing to sustaining the recently brokered ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and increasing the likelihood of it leading to a longer-term resolution; (b) whether the ongoing tensions in the region pose any immediate or foreseeable implications for Singapore's diplomatic interests and regional stability; and (c) how is the Ministry working with international partners or organisations to support peace and humanitarian efforts in the affected areas.
- *35. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in the event of a change in land use and consequent change in land ownership across Ministries and Statutory Boards (a) whether the transfer price is conducted at fair market value based on the intended land use and intensification; and (b) whether the land cost is accounted for as an income and development expenditure of the relevant Ministries respectively.
- ***36. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Minister will consider developing and co-creating transformation and funding schemes for neighbourhood shops such as minimarts to provide employment and workplace incubation opportunities to vulnerable segments of society such as persons with special needs or persons with disabilities.
- ***37. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) in each year over the last five years, what is the average land price for state land sold to the HDB for the construction of public housing, as broken down by district; and (b) what is the cumulative and percentage change in public housing land value in the last five years.
- ***38. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the percentage of married couples in resident households where both husband and wife are employed has increased since 2020; and (b) if so, what is the overall current percentage and the percentage for each age group.
- ***39. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of the reduction of arms exports from Singapore to Myanmar between April 2023 and March 2024 as reported by the UN special rapporteur in June 2024 (a) what are Singapore's continuing efforts to further reduce and prevent arms exports to Myanmar since the second half of 2024; and (b) what are the challenges faced in our efforts to reduce or prevent such exports.
- *40. Ms Joan Pereira: To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many cases of human metapneumovirus (HMPV) have been detected to date; (b) which are the age groups most severely affected by HMPV; (c) whether there are any fatalities due to HMPV; and (d) what measures have been implemented to reduce the number of infections in Singapore.
- *41. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry will consider (i) bringing forward the deadline for lighter lorries to be required to have speed limiters and (ii) prioritising lorries used to transport workers when it comes to the installation of speed limiters.
- *42. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the outcomes of the retention schemes in the construction, marine shipyard, and process sectors to facilitate the retention of Work Permit Holders in these sectors; (b) whether any of these retention schemes or measures are still in place; and (c) if not, why not.

- *43. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to feedback received by HDB from residents on suspected excessive hoarding in a neighbour's flat (a) what is the protocol for HDB officers to verify and ascertain if the excessive hoarding is true; (b) what is the existing coordination protocol between HDB and SCDF under the inter-agency Hoarding Management Core Group to mitigate fire risks associated with reported excessive hoarding in HDB flats; and (c) whether the Ministry will review and enhance both protocols.
- *44. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the pre-requisites before construction can commence on an already-identified future slip road from the Tampines Expressway into the Rivervale Shores; (b) what is the intended start date of this project; and (c) whether this project can commence given the recent completion of the HDB estate in 2024.
- *45. Mr Alex Yam Ziming: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in light of recent indications that the United States may impose additional tariffs on certain imports (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the potential impact that such tariffs will have on Singapore's export-dependent economy; and (b) what are the measures that the Government will undertake to mitigate any adverse effects on local businesses and workers, particularly in sectors most exposed to US trade policy changes.
- *46. 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.
- *47. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry has initiated any further actions within the purview of the Co-operative Societies Act since Allianz Europe BV's (Allianz) withdrawal of its offer to acquire a 51 percent stake of Income Insurance Limited (Income) on 16 December 2024; and (b) what are the lessons learnt by the Government from the proposed sale of a controlling stake in Income to Allianz and the decision by Allianz to withdraw its offer.
- *48. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Transport whether LTA can consider increasing the frequency of Bus Service 112 or adding another bus service for Hougang Avenue 7 to handle the additional commuter load arising from new residents who shifted into the area in the past two years.
- *49. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government will consider allowing Singaporeans to use their MediSave to make payment or part payment for their shingles vaccination in view of the high cost of vaccination.
- ***50. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many incidents of passengers being left on aerobridges or locked out of arrival gates at Changi Airport have occurred in the past five years; (b) whether ground handling agents are required to report such incidents and what penalties apply for lapses; (c) how does the Ministry regulate adherence to protocols to assist vulnerable passengers during disembarkation; and (d) whether the Ministry requires measures to be implemented to ensure seamless coordination and prevent similar oversights in the future.

***51. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what channels exist for driving licence holders to clarify their demerit points status in situations where the Singpass app and Traffic Police online platforms provide different information to the user; and (b) how often is such information updated across Government e-services systems.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

1.Ms Hany Soh (Marsiling-Yew Tee):Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim (Chua Chu Kang):

SUPPORTING SINGAPOREANS IN STARTING AND RAISING FAMILIES: That this House calls for the continued review and updating of policies to better support families, as well as the marriage and parenthood aspirations of Singaporeans, and endorses a whole of society approach to build a Singapore Made for Families.

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang : Helping our Charities Make a Global Impact. (Nee Soon)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the National Quantum Office (NQO) has identified specific quantum technologies breakthroughs which Singapore aims to achieve; (b) whether building infrastructure without defining target breakthroughs is NQO's strategy; and (c) what historical precedents support this approach's effectiveness.
- 2. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in view of the fourfold increase in the number of family offices between 2020 and 2024 (a) how many jobs have they created in total; (b) how many more jobs are they expected to create, as a whole, over the next five years; (c) how many jobs are filled by Singapore citizens and permanent residents, as opposed to foreigners; and (d) what is the total tax revenue that these family offices are expected to contribute in the current fiscal year.
- 3. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) over the past four years, how many single family offices (SFOs) that have been set up have been awarded tax incentives; (b) whether MAS has any plans to seek SFO licensing and regulation under the Securities and Futures Act (SFA), similar to multifamily offices; and (c) if not, what considerations may lead MAS to decide to do so.

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- 4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry in view that households which sell electricity to the grid are paid significantly lower than the purchase price of electricity (a) whether the Ministry will conduct a review of its policies in order to create a more incentivising framework for private household solar power generation; and (b) what further steps will be taken to maximise the potential contribution of private homeowners towards Singapore's renewable energy goals.
- 5. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the reduced fluency in mother tongue languages amongst Singaporeans have impacted the opportunities for the hiring and promotion of Singaporeans by overseas firms with offices in Singapore; (b) if so, what is the extent of such opportunity loss; and (c) how does the Ministry plan to strengthen the ability of Singaporean workers to capture such opportunity.
- 6. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many local minimarts are currently (i) chain-operated and (ii) operated by sole proprietors; and (b) how many of these minimarts are currently (i) operating under leases with private landlords and (ii) leasing directly from HDB.
- 7. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what support systems are available for adolescents found using drug-laced e-vaporisers; and (b) how is the Ministry working with social service agencies to provide rehabilitation and counselling services to these adolescents.
- 8. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs from July 2023 to January 2024 (a) what is the number of accidents involving lorries that are ferrying passengers; and (b) what are the numbers of casualties and deaths from these accidents, respectively.
- 9. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the arrests and detention of three men under the Internal Security Act (ISA) in November 2024 (a) why are these actions not made public immediately; and (b) whether future detentions under the ISA will be made public immediately and, if not, why not.
- **10. Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each year from 2015 to 2024, how many cases of (i) elder abuse and (ii) child abuse by domestic helpers have taken place; (b) what are the penalties for such abuse cases; and (c) what is being done to reduce such abuse cases.
- 11. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is the number of speeding violations caught by red-light cameras to date since the speed enforcement function in red-light cameras was activated on 1 April 2024.
- 12. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what is being done to ensure that illegal and unregistered weapons are not produced within Singapore through the use of 3D printing techniques that produce 3D objects from digital models.
- 13. Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what is the difference between the median monthly rent for hawker stalls in 2023 and the median monthly rent for hawker stalls tendered out (i) up to three years ago (ii) between three to six years ago and (iii) more than nine years ago, with a breakdown by those managed by NEA and those at the Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres.

- 14. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether there are plans to work together with waste collection and recycling companies to increase the capacity of rubbish bins and recycling bins in spaces accessible to the members of the public including HDB estates, to encourage and ensure timely and proper handling of recyclables as well as general waste.
- 15. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Education (a) what initiatives are in place to educate students and parents about the dangers of using e-vaporisers laced with substances like etomidate and ketamine; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to collaborate with social service agencies to address this issue.
- 16. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Education in view of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) study of adults' literacy in the latest cycle from 2022 to 2023 which awarded Singapore a score that aligns with the OECD average, whether measures are being taken by SkillsFuture Singapore to improve adaptive problem-solving skills among adults.
- 17. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Education what proportion of Yale-NUS College (YNC) faculty members hired before the closure announcement in 2021 will be taking up positions at the National University of Singapore after YNC's closure later this year.
- 18. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the rationale for secondary schools with affiliated primary schools to receive reductions in secondary one entry scores; (b) whether the Ministry exercises oversight over the magnitude of the reductions in entry scores applied by each school; and (c) how effective have these secondary schools been in ensuring that the high-scoring students do not fall behind relative to their peers that entered with lower scores.
- **19. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) since 2021, what is the take-up rate, in absolute and percentage terms, for work-study diplomas and degrees across sectors and the retention rate of each sector; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider disbursing higher grant support by tranches over the programme period so as to defray the costs of catering for structured training and factoring time to proficiency, for the learners that are borne by the participating organisation.
- **20. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the number of primary schools which required balloting for Primary 1 registration in Phase 2A in 2023 which also had its intake reduced compared to 2003.
- 21. Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Minister for Education whether the recent assault incident on 7 January 2025 in Admiralty Secondary School has triggered a review of current punishment and procedures for handling assault and bullying cases in schools with a view to shifting the current balance between punishment and rehabilitation.
- 22. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for 2023, how many single unwed parents were at the time of the birth of their child (i) below 35 years old (ii) between 35 and 36 years old and (iii) 36 years old and above, respectively.
- 23. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Government can consider (i) requiring social work graduate interns to be paid an allowance during their period of internship or (ii) providing Government-funded subsidies for approved social service agencies hosting graduate interns to provide basic allowances during their internship.

- 24. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the increase in newly reported child abuse cases in 2021 as compared to 2020 as published in the Domestic Violence Trends Report 2024 (a) what proportion of such reports have been made by (i) the public unrelated to the abused or perpetrator and (ii) public institutions such as schools, hospitals or religious institutions; and (b) how is the Ministry tracking the effectiveness of its various campaigns to raise awareness of domestic violence and the reporting of child abuse.
- 25. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether pre-schoolers spending extended hours of over 40 hours a week in childcare correlate with poorer English and Mathematics performance in primary and secondary schools in Singapore; (b) how many pre-schoolers spend over 40 hours a week in childcare; (c) what proportion of these pre-schoolers are from dual-income households; (d) how many of those parents have flexible work arrangements; and (e) how does ECDA ensure that preschools have the resources to nurture children who spend extended hours in childcare.
- 26. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the measures are in place to ensure that the Productivity Solution Grant vendors are motivated to update the pricing of their pre-approved automation and digital solutions when there is continual lowering of the cost of such technological products in the commercial marketplace; and (b) how can businesses provide feedback to the Government on the value-for-money quality of pre-approved technology products to ensure that such grant can be best optimised.
- 27. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Digital Development and Information (a) what are the e-services or transactions with the Government that rely on the user providing their NRIC number and NRIC date of issue; and (b) whether there are any plans to re-evaluate the security of these e-services in light of the recently reported case of unauthorised change of addresses for NRICs.
- 28. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for National Development in respect of divorced or widowed foreigners with a Singapore citizen child below the age of 21, whether they are eligible to retain ownership of the matrimonial flat or purchase a new BTO flat or resale HDB flat in the open market to enable the family to meet their housing needs.
- **29. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is Singapore's green cover as of end-2024; and (b) whether Singapore is on track to meet its commitment under the OneMillionTrees movement to plant one million more trees across Singapore by 2030.
- **30. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) as of 31 December 2024, what is the number of approved applicants for public rental flats who have not yet selected their flats; and (b) what has been the waiting time for rental flat selection, broken down into regions.
- **31. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry currently provides any funding support for Town Councils to carry out additional municipal maintenance works for climate-related wear and tear such as waterproofing repair for older HDB buildings; and (b) if not, whether the Ministry will consider introducing additional schemes to enhance municipal resilience amidst inclement weather occurrences.
- **32. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the median, lower quartile and upper quartile time periods that elapse between the application for a HDB BTO flat and the flat's booking date.

- **33. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what percentage of full-time resident employees who receive only seven days of annual leave are from the bottom 20th percentile wage group; (b) what are the top five sectors where workers commonly receive only minimum annual leave entitlement; and (c) among these workers, what percentage are employed by companies with annual revenue exceeding \$10 million.
- 34. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past three years, how many cases of inflated job titles to avoid paying overtime have been investigated and what proportion of such cases are substantiated; (b) what are the safeguards to prevent such practices and whether targeted audits are planned; (c) whether the Ministry has conducted studies to assess the impact of non-compliance with overtime regulations on burnout among workers; and (d) what enforcement measures are being considered to combat this issue.
- **35. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the technical limitations in implementing platform screen doors for the LRT system, similar to those implemented for overground MRT stations in terms of (i) existing trains and (ii) existing platforms respectively.
- **36. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the LTA accepts feedback on bus services based solely on data from the MyTransport.SG app and not from third-party applications that utilise LTA-provided Application Programming Interfaces; and (b) if so, what are the reasons for this limitation.
- **37. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how does the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) collaborate with international bodies to obtain and disseminate threat intelligence to Singapore-registered carriers; (b) what criteria are used by CAAS to determine the safety of air routes; and (c) whether CAAS requires Singapore-registered carriers to ensure flight crews are trained and equipped to manage security risks during flights near conflict areas.