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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current policy when charging a patient who chooses to stay at different classes of a general ward during each period of stay at a public hospital; and (b) whether a patient can choose to stay at different classes of a general ward when admitted to a public hospital and be charged the respective fee of each type of class.
- *2. Ms Joan Pereira: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry will consider requiring all drivers, both local and foreign, to attend periodic refresher courses; (b) whether the Ministry will consider enhancing preventive measures, such as but not limited to, the installation of speed limiters on all motor vehicles including passenger cars; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider imposing stricter non-financial criteria for ownership of vehicles and vehicle rentals.
- ***3. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the recent spate of major road traffic fatal accidents (a) what are the typical causes of such accidents; (b) what mitigation plans will the Ministry implement; and (c) whether there is a need to raise the relevant penalties under the Road Traffic Act 1961.
- *4. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) over the past five years, how many fatal accidents have occurred due to reckless driving and speeding; (b) whether there is a need to review the existing penalties under the Road Traffic Act 1961; (c) whether the Ministry and LTA will consider stricter enforcement measures or legislative changes to ensure greater accountability and discourage dangerous driving; and (d) whether there are plans to intensify campaigns or programmes in educating drivers on speeding and reckless driving and increase road safety awareness.
- *5. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what measures are being taken to improve road safety education for both new and experienced drivers.
- *6. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how is the Singapore Police Force ensuring the enforcement of traffic laws, particularly against reckless driving.
- *7. Mr Derrick Goh: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Government will consider imposing stiffer penalties on risky driving conduct; and (b) whether a major media campaign can be conducted to increase public awareness of responsible driving habits along with the new measures being put in place to curtail fatal road accidents.
- ***8. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what support systems are in place for families of road accident victims, especially when the victim is a minor.
- *9. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the significant increase of traffic accidents resulting in fatalities in 2023 and the recent road accident in Tampines that claimed lives, what measures can be taken to improve road safety for users.

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- *10. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the recent fatal traffic accidents (a) how will enforcement of road safety for both motorists and pedestrians be further enhanced; (b) whether the reporting of drivers' infringement of traffic rules by the public can be made easier; and (c) whether smart enforcement cameras can be installed at all major traffic junctions and zebra crossings.
- *11. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the recent fatal accident in Tampines (a) how can LTA deter the occurrence of similar accidents in high traffic areas; (b) how can driver awareness and education on road safety be enhanced, particularly on speeding and reckless driving; (c) how can LTA minimise accident risks in future through road design and traffic management; and (d) whether there are plans to enhance data collection and analysis to better address current and future road safety challenges.
- *12. Ms Poh Li San: To ask the Minister for Transport pending investigations into the fatal accident in Tampines that occurred on 22 April 2024 (a) how will LTA improve the traffic safety provisions at this junction; and (b) what are the lessons learnt that can be pre-emptively applied to similar cross junctions islandwide to prevent similar tragic accidents in the future.
- *13. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui: To ask the Minister for Manpower in line with the implementation of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests, what initiatives are being planned to support small and medium enterprises in offering flexible work arrangements to their employees and enhance workplace productivity.
- *14. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui: To ask the Minister for Manpower what additional measures are being considered to support Singaporean workers whose employer offer flexible work arrangements and remote work from potential job displacement, considering the increasing trend of companies hiring workers located overseas.
- *15. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the recent guidelines mandating the need for employers to consider requests for flexible work arrangements will make Singapore a less attractive place for companies to do business.
- *16. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the new Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests coming into effect, whether the Ministry has considered mandating a shorter timeframe for employers to communicate their decision on a request for flexible work arrangements instead of the two months' timeframe.
- *17. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what likely impact will the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests have on senior PMETs aged 45 and above; (b) which sectors may be more impacted by the implementation of the guidelines; and (c) what is the positive impact on the Singapore economy in adopting the guidelines.
- *18. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Manpower in view that all employers in Singapore must fairly consider requests for flexible work arrangements from 1 December 2024 under the new Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests (a) whether the Ministry can clarify what constitutes a "fair consideration"; and (b) how are employers held accountable for their decisions to accept or reject such requests.
- *19. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how has the Ministry ensured that employers are prepared to implement the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests, particularly regarding timelines and considerations for rejecting requests; (b) whether the Ministry can elaborate on the support and resources available, including any training initiatives, to assist businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises, in adapting to these new guidelines; and (c) how can we mitigate against employers turning towards outsourcing of work to overseas workers.

- *20. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Manpower with the introduction of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement (FWAs) Requests from December 2024 (a) whether there is any target or expected percentage of (i) firms that offer and (ii) employees that are covered by, formal FWAs; and (b) whether there are any legal ramifications for firms that do not adequately implement the guidelines.
- *21. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for Manpower following the acceptance of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests by the Government (a) what supportive measures will the Ministry be introducing to assist more companies during their transition in adopting these guidelines; and (b) whether there will be more resources made available to strengthen trust and harmonious workplace culture, including more avenues for mediation and dispute resolutions.
- *22. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Health what are the strategies to engage social media platforms and advertising on social media to raise awareness about the harms of vaping and to discourage the use of vapes and habit of vaping among youths in Singapore.
- *23. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Health as the Ministry carries out its supervision priority for Cordlife to rectify their shortcomings pending the investigations, whether there are strategies in place to ensure that (i) there will be open and clear communication between Cordlife and the parents affected and (ii) affected parents are well informed on potential ramifications of their decision to transfer their cord blood units to another private cord blood bank backed by scientific evidence, should they opt to do so.
- *24. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will assist customers whose cord blood units have been damaged while being stored by Cordlife with receiving a baseline level of compensation regardless of the type of service contract; (b) if so, how will this compensation be determined; and (c) if not, why not.
- *25. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the respective installed user base of (i) students and (ii) school staff, who are using Mobile Guardian's mobile device management application in schools; (b) whether the user management portal being compromised at the Mobile Guardian overseas headquarters has allowed remote reconfiguration of access privileges on user devices, including microphone and/or camera activation with screen sharing and remote access; and (c) whether the potential vulnerabilities differ across iOS and Android devices.
- *26. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Education following the recent data breach involving the Mobile Guardian app (a) what enhanced review and oversight mechanisms is the Ministry implementing to ensure the cybersecurity of apps and technology used in schools; and (b) whether the Ministry is planning any collaboration with cybersecurity experts to routinely assess such measures.
- *27. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Ministry has been informed of any identifiable lapses in data security practices that resulted in the breach of Mobile Guardian's user management portal that affected 127 schools; (b) whether there are more schools, than the reported 127 schools, that utilise the application; (c) how many parents and students were affected in total; and (d) what actions will the Ministry pursue to hold the external data vendor, and others providing such services, accountable.
- *28. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) will be conducting an investigation into potential violations of the Personal Data Protection Act in relation to the data breach of a user management portal that affected 127 schools in April 2024; (b) if so, what is the expected timeline for completing this investigation; and (c) whether PDPC will consider imposing financial penalties on the responsible parties if legal breaches are found.

- ***29. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the ultraviolet index in Singapore hitting extreme levels recently, what factors is the Ministry taking into consideration when ensuring the safety of the population, including students and workers whose workplaces are situated outdoors.
- *30. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in view of the "digital first but not digital only" approach (a) whether the Ministry regularly audits the service journeys provided by various Ministries and statutory boards to assess their digital inclusion; (b) whether the Ministry has received any feedback in the past five years about improving digital inclusion for specific Government agencies; and (c) if so, whether such feedback has been acted upon.
- *31. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng: To ask the Minister for Communications and Information how can the policy of "not digital only" be better enforced in all Ministries and Government-linked agencies to better support residents who are not digitally able.
- ***32. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether an update can be provided on discussions with Malaysia in respect of the Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ); (b) how SMEs can benefit from operating within the JS-SEZ; and (c) how local heartland SMEs can be helped to manage the challenges arising from any potential shift of spending from Singapore to Johor.
- ***33. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update on the Ministry's study on whether there is scope to amend the law to make it easier to establish fraud in renovation disputes; and (b) what is the outcome of the study.
- ***34. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Ministry can provide an update on the plans to introduce legislation making it easier to establish whether renovation fraud has occurred.
- ***35.** Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the accident on 9 April 2024 where a crane toppled and crushed a van while it was loaded up a truck (a) what are the existing safety measures imposed for the loading and unloading of cranes; and (b) whether the Ministry plans to impose stricter safety measures for cranes operating near public roads.
- *36. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will the withdrawal of VertiVegies, a local vertical farm which would have been one of Singapore's largest indoor vegetable farms boosting local production of greens by 10 per cent, affect Singapore's 30-by-30 food security goals; and (b) what are the other measures by the Singapore Food Agency to accelerate the growth of local vegetable production which accounts for around 4 per cent of total food consumption in 2022.
- *37. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Government will consider plans to support the leveraging or acquiring of requisite intellectual property by local agricultural firms that will support Singapore's 30-by-30 local food production goal; and (b) what support can be provided to companies with agriculture operational knowledge but without full project development capabilities for scale-up farms.
- *38. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the Francis Scott Key Bridge crash in Baltimore, USA (a) when will the independent marine safety investigation by the Ministry's Transport Safety Investigation Bureau be completed; and (b) whether the Ministry can (i) identify any preliminary lessons that will help prevent risk of future marine incidents and (ii) provide an update on the well-being of the crew of Dali.

- ***39. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether an update can be provided on the status of the investigation by the Transport Safety Investigation Bureau into the collision of the Singapore registered container vessel, the Dali, onto the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore, United States; (b) how long will the investigation take; (c) whether the Ministry will make public in full the Bureau's findings; and (d) whether the Ministry can share any preliminary findings uncovered to date.
- *40. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the Government will consider requiring all public sector e-services including smartphone apps to pass minimum usability tests for user interface and user experience; and (b) if so, whether these minimum standards can be decided with consultation among the Agency for Integrated Care, the Ministry of Social and Family Development, social workers, civil service organisations and volunteers of senior citizenry including Silver Guardians.
- *41. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will consider extending the SportCares programme to include children and young people in contact with the criminal justice system to assist with their rehabilitation.
- *42. Mr Darryl David: To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past three years, what is the percentage of students in each annual cohort at Government schools and institutions who attain the International Baccalaureate diploma; and (b) whether there are plans to have more places allocated to students who are keen to take the International Baccalaureate diploma programme.
- *43. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of people who have had their applications for private medical insurance rejected in each year from 2015 to 2023; and (b) if so, what percentage of the rejected applications involve (i) people with mental health conditions, past or present and (ii) people with disabilities.
- *44. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the last 10 years, how many people have paid for hospital treatments without insurance coverage beyond MediShield Life and who are (i) people with mental health conditions, past or present or (ii) people with disabilities; and (b) what is the average cost of treatment paid by these two groups of people who are outside the coverage of MediShield Life insurance.
- *45. Ms Hazel Poa: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs with regard to the planned expansion of Woodlands Checkpoint (a) why does the checkpoint need to be expanded by five times its current size when the number of daily travellers is only expected to increase between 33% to 40% by 2050; and (b) what is the expected increase in daily travellers who are Malaysian work pass holders.
- *46. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry: To ask the Minister for Law whether the Ministry will consider amending legislation and mandate licensed money lenders to allow borrowers from low-income backgrounds and who have borrowed unsecured loans of less than SGD15,000 opt for partial repayment at any point during the loan duration, so as to facilitate repayment and avoid recurring interest and late payment fees.
- *47. Mr Chong Kee Hiong: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many cases of feedback and complaints regarding (i) indirect discrimination and (ii) denial of reasonable accommodations at the workplace has the Ministry received over the last five years; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider including these as part of the definition of discrimination in legislation.
- *48. Mr Gan Thiam Poh: To ask the Minister for National Development in the past 10 years (a) how many applications has HDB received for the purchase of flats where one spouse is listed as the owner and the other spouse an essential occupier; (b) how many applications has HDB received for a change in flat ownership to one spouse where the flat originally lists both spouses as co-owners; and (c) whether the Ministry has data on the number of spouses listed as essential occupiers who buy a second private property without having to pay the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty.

- *49. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Transport whether an update can be provided on the prospects of a possible revival of the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, in view that the Malaysian government has recently shortlisted three consortia to build the HSR.
- ***50. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Prime Minister whether MAS intends to regulate index providers of indexlinked funds traded in Singapore in respect of discretionary decisions by these providers that may have an impact on capital allocation by the said funds, particularly in stocks and bonds.
- *51. Mr Pritam Singh: To ask the Minister for Education (a) when was the last time the Ministry increased the grants extended to the provision of Non-Tamil Indian Languages through the Board of Teaching and Testing of South Asian Languages; and (b) when will the Ministry undertake a review of the sufficiency of such grants in future.
- ***52. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the trend in the percentage of Singaporeans who eRegister with the Ministry when they depart from Singapore; and (b) how will the Ministry boost awareness of the benefits of doing so to increase the number of Singaporeans who eRegister.
- ***53. Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Health what training do healthcare professionals, including administrative staff, nurses and doctors receive in relation to providing support for patients who are neurodivergent or have disabilities, including their family members and visitors at healthcare settings.
- ***54. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the Police's follow-up actions upon receiving repeated police reports lodged against errant hairdressing salons for unfair or improper sales practices; and (b) whether enforcement actions will be taken in such situations.
- ***55.** Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider working with non-profit organisations to strengthen programmes to assist migrant workers manage their finances safely and responsibly.
- ***56. Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of rising household income levels, whether HDB can increase the eligible monthly household income ceiling for the purchase of a HDB BTO flat.
- ***57. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in view of the announcements to trial a pilot childminding service for children up to 18 months old, whether the Ministry will be looking into making available professional liability insurance for childminders to safeguard their interests.
- ***58. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what have been key concerns of owners of electric vehicles (EVs) on the use and viability of these vehicles on Singapore roads; (b) what steps does the Ministry intend to take to enhance its public education programme on adopting EVs; and (c) how is Singapore fairing thus far compared to developed economies in the transition into EVs.
- ***59. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) who is eligible to be the Returning Officer (RO) for Singapore's presidential and parliamentary elections; (b) how is the RO selected; and (c) what are the considerations behind the selection of the RO.
- ***60. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will (i) work with the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) to develop student and parent-friendly career resources which map MOM's Shortage Occupation List to the relevant education pathways (ii) provide counselling to link skills shortages to suitable courses of study (iii) organise industry outreaches to schools to highlight indemand jobs and the required qualifications and (iv) ensure that such career information is accessible to less-privileged families.

- *61. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Health with the recently released Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests (a) how will the Ministry track the effectiveness of these guidelines, especially in the community care sector which has limited staff strength and frontline facing jobs; (b) how will the Ministry support employers to overcome manpower limitations while creating a working environment with better work-life balance; and (c) whether the Ministry will incentivise employers who come up with alternative job-sharing solutions, besides the use of grants or financial incentives.
- *62. Dr Wan Rizal: To ask the Minister for Health what specific measures are in place to support flexible work arrangements for healthcare workers while ensuring that patient care standards are maintained.
- *63. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Ministry plans to include TikTok Shop in the annual E-commerce Marketplace Transaction Safety Ratings; and (b) in view that some e-commerce platforms have not put in place essential anti-scam measures as recommended by the Inter-Ministry Committee on Scams, whether the Ministry will consider legislation as a means to safeguard consumers who shop on such platforms.
- *64. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the rise in resident employment by 4,900 in 2023 (a) what percentage of the increase is due to non-residents becoming residents in Singapore; and (b) if this data is not collected in the annual labour market reports, why not.
- *65. Mr Ang Wei Neng: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many traffic junctions in Singapore currently allow motorists to make discretionary right turns; (b) in the last five years, what is the number of reported accidents involving discretionary right turns; and (c) of which, how many such accidents have resulted in serious injuries.
- *66. Ms Yeo Wan Ling: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether he can provide an update on the utilisation rates of facilities under the Dual-Use Scheme run by ActiveSG; and (b) whether the Ministry will be proactively looking to expand this programme and make available facilities from more schools.
- *67. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance in relation to the IRAS investigations into a "99-to-1" arrangement for stamp duty payment for property purchases (a) to date, how many referrals has IRAS made to (i) the Council for Estate Agencies and (ii) the Law Society; (b) whether there are any findings that the Government has to share about the results of this referral; and (c) whether the Government will be looking to assist individuals who have been misadvised by estate agents and lawyers to obtain compensation.
- *68. Mr Darryl David: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what measures are in place to ensure the safety and security of places of religious worship, especially during worship services or events when there is a large congregation of people.
- *69. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Manpower since 2014, what is the annual percentage of companies with (i) more than 30% of foreign PMETs employed and (ii) employees of a single foreign nationality accounting for more than 20% of all PMETs employed.
- ***70. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for National Development for ageing HDB flats of more than 50 years old but less than 70 years old and which have substantially deteriorated or are facing substantial recurring maintenance issues, whether the Ministry will consider requests from the residents of such flats for the Voluntary Early Redevelopment Scheme to redevelop their precinct if there is sufficient support.

- *71. Dr Tan Wu Meng: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA applies data analytics to ascertain which roads and traffic junctions have greater risk of accidents involving (i) vehicle-vehicle collisions (ii) pedestrians being hit by vehicles; (b) if so, whether the collation and analytics use artificial intelligence and has sight of (i) Traffic Police sensing (ii) reports of near-misses and (iii) crowdsourced feedback from the public; and (c) what is LTA doing to reduce the risk of pedestrian accidents and pedestrian accidents.
- ***72. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider enhancing existing penalties against bank employees who are found to have engaged in poor sales and advisory practices, having mis-sold banking products to customers in cases brought to the Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre.
- ***73. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to the current and projected rise in temperatures (a) whether there is a discernible rise in students getting heatstroke or heat injury in the past six months; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider mandating schedules for regular hydration breaks for students throughout the school day.
- ***74. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the senior-friendly fittings under HDB's Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE) 2.0 programme, which is not applicable to private housing, can be partially or fully extended to eligible elderly retirees living in non-HDB estates.
- *75. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development for older private estates which have completed the Estate Upgrading Programme (EUP), whether the Ministry can consider an enhanced version of EUP to further improve the living environment, including more senior-friendly features inside the homes for older residents in such estates, similar to the Home Improvement Programme II and Enhancement for Active Seniors Programme for public housing estates.
- ***76. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the assessment of per capita household income (PCHI) for subsidies for residential long-term care can be reviewed to exclude variable payments such as bonuses and commissions which fluctuate from year to year.
- *77. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether IMDA has plans to remunerate writers, authors and publishers who contribute their works for the purpose of training the National Multimodal Large Language Model (LLM) Programme and, if not, why not; (b) what steps are being taken for the launch of the National Multimodal LLM Programme; and (c) which communities is IMDA engaging with to obtain feedback on the creation of the Programme.
- ***78. Mr Mark Lee:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of employers of migrant domestic workers facing harassment from moneylenders, arising from love scams involving migrant domestic workers and debts incurred from such scams; and (b) what measures have been implemented to shield employers from such harassment by moneylenders.
- ***79. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether development plans for the Marina Bay Golf Course have been finalised; and (b) if not, whether SLA will consider offering an extension of its lease until development plans for the land site are finalised and the site is required for further development.
- ***80. Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower following the introduction of enhanced measures to protect outdoor workers from the risk of heat stress in October 2023 (a) how does the Ministry ensure compliance with the mandatory 10-minute rest break when the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature is met; (b) how many employers have breached the measure and what are the penalties imposed; and (c) whether the Ministry will look into tapping on technologies to ensure a higher level of compliance by employers to such measures.

- ***81. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many appeals have been received for unsuccessful applications for HDB Flat Eligibility letters; (b) what have been the common reasons for the unsuccessful applications; and (c) how many of such appeals have been approved subsequently.
- ***82. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the large number of Singaporeans who travel abroad, whether the Ministry will consider setting up a permanent facility where travellers can visit to raise their awareness of preventive safety steps to take before they depart and the knowledge of how to respond in emergencies when they are overseas, through simulated exercises, such as if they were caught in natural disasters such earthquakes, floods and storms, or incidents like terrorist attacks and military conflicts.
- ***83. Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he will consider delaying the wider rollout of the ERP 2.0 On-Board Unit (OBU) for cars to address users' feedback; (b) if so, how will the Ministry ensure a user-centric approach that incorporates users' concerns while avoiding a complete system reversal; and (c) how will users' experiences be prioritised during the development and implementation of new technologies related to a ERP system.
- *84. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Minister for Transport with the implementation of ERP 2.0 which involves the relocation of the processing unit carrying CEPAS (Specification for Contactless e-Purse Application) or NETS cards to the front passenger footwells or other technically feasible positions in motor vehicles, whether it can be made mandatory for all carpark operators to upgrade their systems so that it will no longer be necessary for drivers to tap their cards at carpark terminal stations.
- ***85. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister in each year since 2020 (a) how many (i) Singapore citizens and (ii) permanent residents (PR) who have a registered foreign address or been overseas for at least 12 months continuously were not included as part of citizen and PR population in the Population in Brief publication by the National Population and Talent Division (NPTD); (b) whether NPTD will consider publishing this figure in future editions of Population in Brief; and (c) if not, why.
- *86. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what are the plans under the framework promoting arts for health and well-being, to be developed by the National Arts Council in collaboration with healthcare entities, to upskill arts self-employed persons (SEPs) to meet the framework's desired outcomes; (b) how many art SEPs does the Ministry expect to upskill under such plans; (c) how will user demand be cultivated under the framework; and (d) what training support will be extended to SEPs under the framework.
- ***87. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will consider requiring social media platforms to collect the real names of individuals or individuals representing businesses who are seeking to publish advertisements on their platforms, in order to facilitate scam investigations.
- *88. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Manpower since the launch of the Foreign Worker Tenant Enquiry Service (FWTES) (a) whether there has been an increase in reports from homeowners on false declarations of migrant worker addresses; (b) how often does the Ministry conduct spot checks on addresses listed on FWTES; (c) what is the timeframe for inspections after a new address is registered on FWTES; and (d) how many (i) employers and (ii) employees have been penalised for falsely declaring addresses and what penalties did they face.
- ***89. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Law for those convicted in Singapore for their involvement in the billion-dollar money laundering case, whether there have been indications from other governments to the Singapore authorities that the offenders will face investigations into the relevant predicate offences upon being deported to their home countries.

- ***90. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in the past 10 years, how many schools have been built and designed with the dual use of sports facilities in mind; (b) of which, how many are onboard the Dual-Use Scheme (DUS); (c) how soon can the Ministry get the remaining schools onboard DUS; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider allowing DUS to operate during after-school hours on weekdays.
- ***91. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the National Wellness Committee for Junior Doctors has finalised its recommendations; (b) if so, what are the recommendations and whether any have been implemented; and (c) if not, what is the timeline for the recommendations to be finalised.
- ***92. Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the public feedback on the proportionality of the sentences meted out to the perpetrators of Singapore's largest anti-money laundering case, what is the Ministry's assessment of the deterrent effect of the anti-money laundering laws.
- ***93.** Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the objectives and key messages of the recent briefings by political officeholders to international banks operating in Singapore; and (b) whether there are plans to tighten anti-money laundering regulations and sentencing guidelines in Singapore following recent money laundering convictions.
- ***94. Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the upcoming changes to Personal Mobility Aid (PMA) regulations, how will the Ministry educate and engage online sellers of PMAs in the conduct of sales, especially regarding the sales of such devices to delivery riders.
- ***95.** Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what strategies are in place to ensure that members of the Youth Panels that are set up to help shape national policies are representative of the diversity of Singapore's youth; and (b) what training and support is provided to the Panel members to ensure that they are able to undertake their role competently and comfortably.
- *96. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the warning issued by the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore (CCCS) via a media release on 23 November 2023 on a hairdressing salon has been effective in deterring unfair practices among hair salons; (b) whether there have been similar new complaints received since then; and (c) whether the CCCS needs to demonstrate stronger deterrence and thereby be empowered to impose more effective enforcement measures.
- ***97. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs given the escalation of conflict in the Middle East between Iran and Israel, what are the steps that the Ministry will take to reach out to Singaporeans studying or working in the region, particularly those in neighbouring countries like Jordan and Egypt, to check in on their safety and to ensure their familiarity on evacuation plans out of the region in case of emergency.
- ***98. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider extending the Award for Nurses' Grace, Excellence and Loyalty (ANGEL) scheme which is a retention scheme to attract and encourage nurses to build a lifelong career in the public healthcare system, to nurses from private hospitals.
- ***99.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what is the current average, 25th and 75th percentile of rents being paid by hawkers operating at (i) NEA-managed hawker centres and (ii) Socially-conscious Enterprise Hawker Centres.

- ***100. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Anti-Scam Centre can be empowered to be a one-stop centre for scam victims to inform all banks to freeze their bank accounts to prevent and minimise further monetary losses from cyber theft.
- *101. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the progress of the upgrading works to Yishun Innova Junior College; and (b) when does the Ministry expect the upgrading works to be completed so that students and staff may return to the campus at 21 Champions Way.
- *102. Mr Lim Biow Chuan: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs over the last 12 months, how many fire incidents have been caused by the over-charging of personal mobility devices' batteries.
- ***103. Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development how can the heritage and cultural identity of places like Chinatown, Kampong Glam and Little India be preserved and not overly dominated by businesses of a specific nature which can afford high rentals to landlords.
- *104. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether companies receiving more than \$5 million in Government grants or tax subsidies are required to submit a skills transfer roadmap outlining how they will leverage the funding to upskill locals with specific targets; (b) whether future tranches of grant disbursements will be contingent on achievement of skills transfer milestones; and (c) if not, whether there are any terms and conditions on the grants that will ensure skills transfer to Singaporean workers.
- *105. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Manpower beyond the Capability Transfer Programme (a) what other programmes support skills transfer from foreign specialists, including employment pass holders, to Singaporeans; (b) what metrics are used to measure the impact of each programme; and (c) whether there are any targets or key performance indicators used to directly measure the effectiveness of skills transfer from foreign specialists to local employees across companies.
- *106. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Singapore Tourism Board intends to support the revival of trishaw services in Singapore in order to preserve our local culture and heritage; and (b) if not, how else can such local culture and heritage be preserved.
- *107. Ms Usha Chandradas: To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) when are redevelopment works at the Singapore Art Museum's (SAM's) two sites of the former St. Joseph's Institution building on Bras Basah Road and former Catholic High School building on Queen Street expected to be completed; (b) when are these two sites expected to reopen for public access; and (c) how will SAM's present space at Tanjong Pagar Distripark be utilised when these two sites are reopened.
- *108. Mr Murali Pillai: To ask the Prime Minister whether a digital platform for the collaborative sharing of money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing information and cases along the lines of MAS' Collaborative Sharing of Money Laundering/Terrorism Financing (ML/TF) Information and Cases (COSMIC) may be designed for use by gatekeepers such as law firms, trust and company service providers and accounting firms to increase these gatekeepers' ability to detect and deter criminal activity and preserve Singapore's reputation as a trusted financial centre.
- *109. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the new standards for managing operational disruptions for all taxi and ride-hail operators (a) what measures will the Land Transport Authority (LTA) take to ensure that the operators are motivated to minimise disruptions; and (b) how will LTA ensure that operators are held accountable to those affected by the disruptions especially drivers whose income will be adversely impacted.

- *110. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the findings to-date of the clinical study by the Integrated Women's Health Programme initiated by the National University of Singapore's Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine (a) whether the Ministry will consider using these findings to develop Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) for best practices in the management of perimenopausal and menopausal symptoms for Singaporean women; and (b) if so, how long will it take for such a CPG to be developed.
- *111. Mr Derrick Goh: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how may the Ministry better facilitate crosslearning of anti-scam best practices among e-commerce platforms; (b) whether there has been a shift in Meta's posture since calls for it to step up anti-scam measures; (c) how effective has the co-location of the staff of Carousell and Shopee at police's Anti-Scam Command office been in reducing scams arising from their business platforms; and (d) how does the Ministry intend to engage more e-commerce platforms to do the same.
- *112. Mr Chong Kee Hiong: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the progress of the Tripartite Advisory on reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities; (b) what is the target date for the advisory to be ready; (c) whether the Ministry will consider including the advisory's guidelines as part of the Workplace Fairness Legislation; and (d) how will the Ministry measure whether a reasonable accommodation has been implemented effectively.
- *113. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an update can be provided on the Parking@HDB initiative; (b) whether there has been feedback if pre-enforcement alerts have been helpful to motorists; (c) what areas of improvement have been identified for wider implementation of the smart parking system across Singapore; and (d) what is the expected timeline for the wider roll-out of Parking@HDB.
- *114. Ms Hany Soh: To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to HDB's Woodgrove Edge BTO project (a) whether LTA has conducted its own traffic impact assessment (TIA), independent of the appointed developer's assessment; (b) whether LTA's TIA, if conducted, included engagement with residents who live in the vicinity; and (c) if the TIA has not already been conducted by LTA, whether it intends to do so and gather the residents' feedback and concerns.
- *115. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what measures are in place to regulate financial advisers who advertise on estate planning and investment services in the heartlands, especially those targeting seniors; and (b) whether there are guidelines for such individuals to display their appropriate licences.
- *116. Ms Carrie Tan: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past five years, what is the annual number of marriages that involved parties under 18 years of age; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider disallowing such marriages under the Women's Charter 1961.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS Introduction of Government Bills

1. Second Minister for Finance:

ACRA (Registry and Regulatory Enhancements) Bill.

2. Second Minister for Finance:

Corporate Service Providers Bill.

3. Second Minister for Finance:

Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

- Cybersecurity (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 15/2024] (Minister for Communications and Information) – Second Reading.
- 2. Transport Sector (Critical Firms) Bill [Bill No. 16/2024] (Minister for Transport) Second Reading.

[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 20 dated 7 May 2024.]

MEMORANDUM

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

Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang : Supporting Breastfeeding Mothers at Workplaces. (Nee Soon)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

- Mr Don Wee: To ask the Prime Minister (a) what measures are there to enhance insurance protection for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) against internet crimes and scams; (b) whether MAS can work with insurers and SMEs in obtaining insurance coverage against such internet crimes and scams; and (c) whether the insurance sector has a strong pipeline of Singaporean actuaries managing the risks of such crimes.
- 2. Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan: To ask the Prime Minister in view of rising healthcare costs, when will be the next review on the maximum reimbursement of outpatient medical and dental expenses for civil servants since the last adjustments were made about a decade ago.
- **3. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Prime Minister what are the plans to supplement the manpower needs at existing ServiceSG Centres through secondments from other Public Service divisions or general recruitment.

- 4. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether the charges levied by banks or payment service providers on merchants for using PayNow to receive payments from end-consumers are being monitored and/or regulated; (b) if so, what steps are taken to regulate these charges to ensure that merchants are not to pass on such costs to end-consumers; and (c) whether the Government will consider legislation to prevent merchants from charging end-consumers when they make payments using PayNow, and if not, why not.
- 5. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Prime Minister in line with the implementation of the Tripartite Guidelines on Flexible Work Arrangement Requests, whether the Public Service Division will be introducing such flexible work arrangements and, if so, in what forms.
- 6. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Prime Minister how many persons who have voted in the 2023 Presidential Election (i) are subsequently notified that they did not vote (ii) have applied to have their names restored to the register of electors and (iii) to date, have since been restored to the register of electors, respectively.
- 7. Mr Chong Kee Hiong: To ask the Prime Minister with regard to the provision of insurance products and services to the disabled and neurodivergent persons, whether the Government will consider setting up a panel of third-party independent evaluators comprising persons with these disabilities, disability experts and organisation representatives, to which appeals can be made in instances of complaints about discriminatory insurance practices.
- 8. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Prime Minister how will the Government balance between using a strong currency to manage imported inflation and the competitiveness of its exports.
- **9. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for each of the Years of Assessment 2021, 2022 and 2023, what is the percentage of total income tax that was contributed by the top 5% earners.
- 10. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance with regard to the "99-to-1" arrangement for payment of stamp duty in a property purchase (a) how many audits have been conducted to date; (b) how many tax avoidance cases has IRAS found; (c) what is the total amount of unpaid additional stamp duty that has been clawed back by IRAS so far; and (d) how many instances has IRAS levied the 50% surcharge on the additional duty payable.
- 11. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the impact of the escalating tensions in the Middle East, arising from Iran's first direct attack on Israel, for Singapore.
- 12. Mr Christopher de Souza: To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the impact of possible intense tension in the Middle East, arising from the scale of the drone attack by Iran, for Singapore.
- 13. Ms Ng Ling Ling: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs for foreign wives on Long-Term Visit Passes and whose spouse and children are Singapore citizens, what are the considerations to grant them permanent residency or Singapore citizenship after the demise of their spouse or upon divorce, to ensure long-term stability in the upbringing of their Singapore citizen children.
- 14. Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how can Singapore develop a culture of responsible road users across different age groups; and (b) how can the Ministry create platforms or incentivise road users to actively practise safety rules and etiquettes.
- 15. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) with regard to the assets seized in one of Singapore's largest anti-money laundering operations, what are the expenses that have been incurred to preserve the assets seized in August 2023; and (b) how are these expenses going to be covered.

- 16. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each year over the last five years, what is the number of traffic accidents involving foreign-registered vehicles; and (b) what is the recourse for local motorists should there be difficulty in making insurance claims following such accidents.
- 17. Ms He Ting Ru: To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in each year of the last five years, how many enforcement actions have been taken against drivers of vehicles who do not slow down sufficiently when approaching a pedestrian crossing as required under the Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Rules; and (b) whether the Ministry is studying any measures to reduce accidents as a result of motorists failing to slow down at pedestrian crossings.
- 18. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether there are plans to leverage on the smart electricity meter being installed by SP Group to make available monitoring and push alert services to caregivers of seniors living alone when there are anomalies in home usage.
- 19. Mr Desmond Choo: To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what has been the progress of helping Singapore companies to expand into ASEAN; (b) to date, how many companies have since expanded into ASEAN with the assistance from Enterprise Singapore; and (c) what are the challenges faced by companies which the Ministry has identified when helping them to expand into ASEAN.
- 20. Miss Rachel Ong: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether there are plans to leverage the smart water meter being installed by SP Group to make available monitoring and push alert services to caregivers of seniors living alone when there are anomalies in home usage.
- 21. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there are targeted materials and efforts to educate and protect seniors from dengue; and (b) whether there are partnerships with healthcare institutions to conduct further screening at dengue hot spots in Singapore.
- 22. Ms Joan Pereira: To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment how does the Ministry ensure that the seafood products which travellers carry to Singapore for personal consumption are not contaminated and are safe to consume.
- 23. Mr Don Wee: To ask the Minister for Education in light of the planned rotations for senior educational personnel in schools starting from 2027, how will the Ministry (i) minimise disruptions to the schools and (ii) ensure fair and equal opportunities for these personnel to serve in schools with different student profiles and resources.
- 24. Mr Sitoh Yih Pin: To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has any plans to implement additional measures besides the current guidelines for schools on hot weather conditions to ensure that students stay safe while participating in outdoor and strenuous activities in schools or at school-organised events, in light of the high temperatures and UV index hitting extreme levels recently.
- 25. Ms See Jinli Jean: To ask the Minister for Education in view of rising obesity rates among young people, how does the Ministry plan to work with coffeeshop and food court operators in the vicinity of schools to be deliberate and conscientious in (i) offering students healthier meal options and (ii) refraining from marketing to students unhealthy value-for-money meal sets.
- 26. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin: To ask the Minister for Education whether sexuality education in schools can incorporate menstrual health as part of the curriculum considering the low awareness of how existing symptoms may reflect potential fertility issues later in life.
- 27. Mr Derrick Goh: To ask the Minister for Education as building of the MOE Kindergarten at North View Primary School has been completed in 2022, when can Nee Soon Link residents resume booking and using the school's indoor sports hall for activities under the ActiveSG Dual-Use Scheme.

- 28. Mr Don Wee: To ask the Minister for Education (a) how does the Ministry ensure that the personal learning devices that it issues are equipped with the latest security software and are regularly updated to filter out harmful internet content; and (b) how does the Ministry ensure that its IT vendors are adequately certified and trained to conduct the appropriate support and checks.
- **29. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what measures will the Ministry implement to protect the students, parents and teachers in Singapore who are affected by the breach at the Mobile Guardian overseas headquarters from online harm and scams; and (b) how will the Ministry review and strengthen its online systems to reduce the risk of hacking.
- **30. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education in response to the data breach of Mobile Guardian's user management portal (a) what policy changes are being considered for the governance of third-party service providers handling sensitive personal data; and (b) whether he can outline improvements in incident management and response strategies for such future incidents.
- **31. Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Education how does the Ministry plan to enhance transparency and communication with parents and the public regarding data security measures and handling of data breach incidents for technologies deployed on educational platforms.
- **32.** Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim: To ask the Minister for Education what is the average application rate for co-educational schools as compared to single-gender schools in Singapore for each decade from 1980 to 2020.
- **33. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry can identify and facilitate the release of unutilised or underutilised public spaces within the community for social service agencies to better reach unserved and under-served persons with disabilities.
- 34. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in each year of the past five years, how many cases, where Care and Protection Orders have been ordered by the Youth Court, involve parents or guardians being ordered by the Youth Court to undergo counselling, psychotherapy or any other assessment, programme or treatment.
- **35. Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) which cancer treatments and drugs are not available at subsidised rates to patients hospitalised at Class C wards but are available to those in Class B wards at public hospitals; and (b) whether a review can be done to avail such treatments and drugs to patients hospitalised in Class C wards at subsidised rates so as to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses.
- **36. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will allow dental treatments not involving surgery to be claimable under MediSave in view that some non-surgical dental treatments can be essential yet costly.
- 37. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song: To ask the Minister for Health (a) what proportion of Singaporeans visit dentists at least every 12 to 18 months; (b) what is the prevalence of reactive dental care in Singapore; (c) if such data is not currently available, whether there are plans to collect such data in order to obtain a better understanding of the state of dental health in Singapore; and (d) whether there are plans to include dental care in the Healthier SG programme and, if so, when.
- **38. Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the prevalence of edentulism, or toothlessness, in the age groups of (i) 21-40 years (ii) 41-60 years and (iii) over 60 years; (b) how does the prevalence in each age group compare with 10 years ago; (c) how does it compare with developed countries in Asia and Western Europe; (d) what accounts for the difference across countries; and (e) what measures have been taken to reduce the prevalence of edentulism, especially among the elderly, in Singapore.

- **39. Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for 2021 to 2023, what is the breakdown on the annual number of approvals for renovation works issued for private residential properties and HDB flats respectively; (b) what is the corresponding pollution and environmental impact from such renovation works; and (c) what measures are introduced to stem such impact.
- **40. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether he can provide an update on HDB's 2021 pilot project to introduce barrier-free parking at HDB carparks; (b) whether the technology employed for the project is compatible with ERP 2.0; and (c) how effective is the system in detecting vehicles in respect of which parking charges have not been paid.
- 41. Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether an update can be provided on the progress of implementing Parking@HDB, the new smart parking system, beyond the current pilot sites; and (b) what are the lessons learnt to refine the system, particularly on (i) raising awareness amongst motorists of such smart parking systems and (ii) enforcement for any parking offences relating to such smart parking systems.
- **42. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of rising temperatures and effects of El Nino (a) what are the measures in place to protect our marine ecosystems; and (b) whether the Ministry conducts any studies to understand the implication of a warmer temperature on marine animals in Singapore.
- **43. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to HDB carparks with redwhite parking lots that allow for parking during the prescribed times by those who do not hold season parking tickets (a) how many carparks are such bi-coloured lots gazetted for (i) overnight season-only parking holders and (ii) daytime season-only parking holders; (b) whether HDB has studied if the above has led to public expectation of norms set by the colour combination; and (c) if so, what is being done to avoid confusion among members of the public.
- 44. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang: To ask the Minister for National Development in each year from 2021 to 2023 (a) how many applications with applicants having shared care and control of their children were received by HDB to purchase or rent a flat respectively; and (b) of these, what is the number of applications that were (i) rejected as applicants were unable to obtain the consent of their ex-spouse to list their children for the application and (ii) approved without requiring the consent of their ex-spouse.
- 45. Mr Liang Eng Hwa: To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether NParks and the relevant agencies are adequately equipped to carry out surveillances of bird-feeding at the heartland estates; and (b) whether both the surveillances and current enforcement actions pose effective deterrence to the perennial bird-feeding situation.
- **46. Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) whether the Ministry has received feedback that scam callers are now able to spoof local handphone numbers that do not have the "+65" prefix; and (b) what is the Ministry's plan to combat this beyond public education efforts.
- **47. Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the basis for Cultural Matching Fund (CMF) incentives being applied only to donations made to registered charities and Institutions of Public Character (IPCs); and (b) whether the Ministry will consider applying matching incentives similar to the CMF, to the earned income of registered charities and IPCs derived from the supply of goods or services by such entities.

- **48. Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what is the basis for disallowing Cultural Matching Fund grants from being applied to (i) staff bonuses and welfare benefits (including overseas travel costs) and (ii) legal expenses incurred by registered arts and heritage charities and Institutions of Public Character.
- **49. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Manpower how does the Ministry regulate employment agencies of migrant domestic workers (MDWs) to ensure that these agencies do not unduly influence a MDW's views against an employer.
- **50. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what is the process for investigating possible infringements in the employment of migrant domestic workers while ensuring that employers will have a fair chance at explaining their side of the dispute.
- 51. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are common misconceptions that still prevail about the closure of the CPF Special Account for members aged 55 years and above from early 2025; (b) what steps will be taken to clear these doubts; and (c) what role can the trade associations, chambers of commerce and tripartite partners play to address the concerns of the workforce and employers on this matter.
- 52. Mr Yip Hon Weng: To ask the Minister for Manpower since the implementation of enhanced measures to reduce heat stress for outdoor workers (a) whether the measures are reducing the number of reported heat-related incidents; (b) how many employers have been issued fines for non-compliance; (c) how is the Ministry working with employers to ensure that the measures are sustainable; and (d) how does the Ministry support employers in making their workplaces more heat-resilient in the long term.
- **53. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of mandated considerations for flexible work arrangements under the tripartite guidelines that are leading local employers to hire foreign workers with minimal skill differentiation and greater flexibility in working hours and expected salaries (a) what measures are available to address employers' concerns; (b) how will the Government convince them on the benefits of local hiring; and (c) whether the Ministry has studied the impact of such guidelines on the employability of Singaporeans.
- 54. Mr Leong Mun Wai: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether he can provide the wage or salary breakdown of local and foreign PMETs in each industry for each year from 2020 to 2023; and (b) if not, why not.
- **55. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether foreign workers who have filed wrongful dismissal claims with the Tripartite Alliance for Dispute Management are allowed to remain in Singapore while their claims are being adjudicated, even when the employers have cancelled their work passes; (b) if not, why not; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider allowing such foreign workers to remain in Singapore so as to strengthen the safeguards in preventing unfair treatments of migrant workers.
- **56. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in the last five years (a) what is the annual number of employment pass applications for jobs that are initially posted on the MyCareersFuture portal of the Government; and (b) how many employment pass applications are rejected as a result of employers deemed to have not giving due consideration to Singaporean applicants on MyCareersFuture.
- **57. Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what foreign manpower concessions are provided to participating companies under the Shared Stay-in Senior Care Services sandbox; (b) whether there are any other sandbox or pilot schemes in which foreign manpower concessions are given; and (c) if so, what are they.

- 58. Mr Don Wee: To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the semi-permanent Quick Build Dormitories located at 5A, 7A, and 11A Choa Chu Kang Grove will be demolished, considering that these single-storey dormitories were constructed to combat the transmission of COVID-19 virus among migrant workers during the peak of the pandemic; and (b) if so, when.
- **59. Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has any concerns on the bicyclesharing market in view of the exit of SG Bike which leaves only Anywheel and HelloRide as the remaining operators; and (b) whether this development will adversely affect Singaporean users of such services in terms of price and experience.
- **60. Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is being done to fortify Changi Airport against extreme rainfall scenarios amidst climate change, including incidents of prolonged torrential rain; and (b) what lessons can be drawn from similar incidents at overseas air hubs where flight connectivities have been disrupted.
- 61. Mr Saktiandi Supaat: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether he can provide an update on the safety of the existing fleet of Singapore-registered vessels; and (b) how does the Ministry assess the ability of the eight ship classification societies to continue to ensure that Singapore-registered vessels comply with all statutory requirements.
- 62. Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how does LTA track actual usage of vehicles whose owners have failed to renew their road tax, beyond checking records and sending reminders; and (b) what efforts are being made to ensure that such vehicles are not being used on the roads.
- **63. Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry has considered extending the concessionary fares for students who have just completed their current course of studies, such as GCE "A" Level or International Baccalaureate and are awaiting entry into the next stage of education where they will be eligible for concessionary fares, if proof of admission is provided.
- 64. Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis: To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what has been the assessment of the current hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicle trials in Singapore; and (b) whether such trials, the associated infrastructure and vehicle types will be expanded as part of Singapore's National Hydrogen Strategy.