

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, 3 MARCH 2025**

No. 156

11.00 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.
Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member).
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance.
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).
Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Mr KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.
Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry.
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.
Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).
Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).
Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.
Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister.
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance.
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health and Government Whip.
Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Senior Minister.

Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member)

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok), Minister of State, Ministry of Law and Ministry of Transport.

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.

Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of Health.

Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member).

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Mr SHARAEEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITO H YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).
Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).
Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.
Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).
Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).
Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Digital Development and Information and Ministry of National Development.
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.
Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).
Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).
Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Digital Development and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.
Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).
Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).
Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).
Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

ABSENT:

Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

- 1 8 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 2 Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 33 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure
for FY2024/2025

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Main Estimates.

| <i>Head</i> | | \$ |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| E | Judicature | 204,600 |
| J | Ministry of Defence | 540,000,000 |
| M | Ministry of Finance | 84,455,000 |
| P | Ministry of Home Affairs | 144,060,300 |
| Q | Ministry of Digital Development and Information | 198,534,100 |
| T | Ministry of National Development | 1,094,124,600 |
| W | Ministry of Transport | 89,527,600 |
| Z | Financial Transfers | 1,733,079,800 |

Resolved, "That the sum of \$3,883,986,000 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the public services shown in the Supplementary Main Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, contained in Paper Cmd. 33 of 2025."

Resolution to be reported.

Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure
for FY2024/2025

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Supplementary Development Estimates.

| <i>Head</i> | | \$ |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| E | Judicature | 3,400,000 |
| J | Ministry of Defence | 60,000,000 |
| L | Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment | 17,673,400 |
| P | Ministry of Home Affairs | 86,148,200 |
| W | Ministry of Transport | 70,218,300 |
| X | Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth | 138,833,600 |

Resolved, "That the sum of \$376,273,500 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the public services shown in the Supplementary Development Estimates of Expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, contained in Paper Cmd. 33 of 2025."

Resolution to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 3 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 32 of 2025) – Committee of Supply (2nd Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Head F – Parliament –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head F of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Ms Sylvia Lim).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$47,784,400 for Head F agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$13,746,000 for Head F agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head J – Ministry of Defence –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head J of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Vikram Nair).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$22,099,590,500 for Head J agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$2,226,482,800 for Head J agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head N – Ministry of Foreign Affairs –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head N of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Vikram Nair).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$576,173,800 for Head N agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$36,600,000 for Head N agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head P – Ministry of Home Affairs –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head P of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim); Debate arising.

- 4 Extension of Sitting – Pursuant to Standing Order No 91(3)(d), Mr Speaker extended the sitting beyond the time specified for the Committee of Supply for a period of up to 30 minutes.

- 5 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Paper Cmd. 32 of 2025) – Consideration in the Committee of Supply resumed.

Head P – Ministry of Home Affairs –

Debate resumed on Question, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head P of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim); Debate arising.

With the consent of Mr Speaker, Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That progress be reported now and leave be asked to sit again tomorrow." – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), Ministry of Home Affairs).

Progress reported – (Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), Ministry of Home Affairs).

Committee to sit again Tomorrow.

- 6 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 7.37 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 4 March 2025.
