

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

FIRST SESSION

ORDER PAPER

FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2022

No. 54

10.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for wrongful dismissal claims lodged with the Tripartite Alliance for Dispute Management (TADM) since April 2019 (a) how many mediation requests have been refused by TADM; (b) what is the proportion of these requests which have been refused; (c) what are the typical reasons for such refusal; (d) whether TADM mediators assess and advise disputants on the validity of their claims; (e) if so, what laws empower them to do so; and (f) what qualifications are TADM mediators required to have.
- *2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the plans to improve information sharing and integration of processes between the three healthcare clusters to enhance patient experience; and (b) whether the Ministry is exploring the use of a single mobile app for the different healthcare systems so that patients and caregivers need not use multiple apps.
- *3. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what are the measures put in place by the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) to ensure that pre-schools remain a safe environment for our children and that any cases of violence by staff against any child can be detected and reported at the earliest opportunity.

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- *4. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) to date, what is the number of community gardens and urban farms that have been set up on unutilised HDB multi-storey carpark (MSCP); and (b) in view of Singapore's "30 by 30" goal, what is being done to facilitate and accelerate the conversion of unutilised HDB MSCP rooftops to community gardens.
- *5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the key learnings from the process leading to the landmark conservation of Golden Mile Complex in 2021; (b) whether the report on the two-year study on the conservation, or a summary thereof, can be made public; and (c) whether other modernist icons like People's Park Complex can be considered for conservation in view of heritage protection and carbon footprint reduction imperatives.
- *6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past two years, what percentage of special needs adults are gainfully employed and how does this compare to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels; (b) what sectors are most of these adults employed in; (c) among those who are capable of working but remain unemployed, what are the common reasons; and (d) what forms of targeted help are available to them if they are unable to find employment after tapping on the various career placement and development programmes.
- *7. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the occupancy cap for HDB jumbo flats can be increased from the current six persons to between eight and 10 persons.
- *8. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what support is available to assist pre-schools that are grappling with COVID-19 rules and manpower shortage issues as COVID-19 cases rise.
- *9. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the Vulnerable Families Pilot Programme announced in 2014 at the Ministry's Committee of Supply debate (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the implementation and assessed effectiveness of this pilot programme; (b) whether this pilot programme has been expanded or shelved; and (c) what have been the estimated long-term savings in resources by tackling these hardcore cases and whether these savings are realised.

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- *10. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the new guidelines for dog training and behaviour rehabilitation (a) when will the review of the use of animal training devices such as shock and prong collars be completed; and (b) whether NParks will consider imposing restrictions on their use while the review is being conducted.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Paper Cmd. 12 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 3 March 2022) (*3rd Allotted Day*).

Resumption of Debate on Question (3 March 2022)

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head V of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Liang Eng Hwa).

[For amendments to be moved in the Committee of Supply, see Supplement No. 11 dated 2 March 2022.]

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether an update can be provided on the proposed guidelines for insurers to adopt fair and responsible practices towards Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and those with mental health conditions, which were expected to be finalised by June 2021; and (b) what are the reasons for the delays in finalising the guidelines.

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2. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update regarding plans for a safe and dignified repatriation of refugees back to Rakhine state; and (b) how will Singapore work with ASEAN to ensure safeguards are in place and repatriation of refugees will be conducted in accordance with international law and standards.
 3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Ministry will consider banning smoking in casinos; and (b) what measures are in place to safeguard the health of people working in the areas of the casinos where smoking is allowed.
 4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development since the expansion of the ComLink initiative last year (a) how many families have received assistance; (b) what are the tangible targets to determine whether a beneficiary receives adequate support; (c) how does ComLink improve coordination between multiple agencies to streamline help for beneficiaries while preventing overlaps of assistance; (d) how many partner agencies dropped out midway; and (e) how does ComLink ensure this disruption to the beneficiary is minimal.
 5. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the plans for a new housing estate in the Mount Pleasant area (a) whether an update can be provided on the (i) preliminary lessons from the pilot heritage study on Mount Pleasant and its incorporation into the planning processes and (ii) development of the heritage impact assessment framework; and (b) whether the heritage impact assessment framework will require consultation with heritage groups and the public in upstream planning processes.
 6. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry will consider (i) providing subsidies to families using the Household Services Scheme (HSS) similar to the levy concession when hiring a migrant domestic worker and (ii) expanding the HSS to include workers from more countries; and (b) if not, why not.
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