

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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FIRST SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2022

No. 50

11.30 am

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport with the recent surge in COVID-19 infections among bus drivers reported on 15 February 2022 (a) what has been the impact on public bus transport; (b) whether this has resulted in longer waiting times for commuters; and (c) what are the mitigating measures to ensure public bus transport availability.
- \*2. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health regarding the approximately 21,800 people aged 18 and above whose COVID-19 vaccination status had lapsed on 14 February 2022 (a) what is the general profile of these individuals; (b) whether the Ministry has information on why these people do not take their booster jabs; and (c) whether there are plans to reach out to these individuals to assist them to receive the booster jab.
- \*3. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what measures are being taken to reduce the negative impact on sensitive intertidal habitats like Changi Beach in view of increased visitorship; and (b) what is the Government's position on managing public access to sensitive intertidal habitats.
- \*4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether visitation numbers to Changi Beach have increased in the past two years and, if so, by how much; (b) what is the impact of such an increase on marine life in the intertidal zone; (c) what are the measures implemented by NParks to curb the increase in human traffic and destructive human activity to marine wildlife; and (d) whether there are plans to extend the Parks and Trees Act to the intertidal areas of beaches in Singapore to deter destruction of marine life.

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- \*5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the proposed legislation on workplace discrimination which the Government is considering (a) whether the Government will consider including a prohibition against attendance bonus, which is a disincentive for employees taking medical leave when they are sick; and (b) if not, why not.
- \*6. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current number of foreign remote employees hired by companies based in Singapore; (b) what is the number of foreign remote employees broken down by industry; and (c) what measures is the Ministry taking to discourage excessive offshoring of quality jobs.
- \*7. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether JTC's mandatory solar deployment scheme can be expanded to all tenants, with JTC offering (i) incentives for tenants with short remaining leases to make up for the inconvenience and (ii) to own solar installations and lease these to tenants with the shortest remaining leases.
- \*8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether there are any plans to develop a set of landlord-to-tenant solar energy purchasing guidelines and to promote such arrangements, given the mutual benefits of lower-cost rooftop solar energy.
- \*9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) whether there are any COVID-19 safe management measures in place for full-time national servicemen (NSFs) who book out but are required to return back to camp before the end of the same day; (b) if so, what are they; and (c) whether there has been an increase in COVID-19 infections in camps brought in by these NSFs.
- \*10. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of reports by health experts which find that physical development markers such as the Body Mass Index (BMI) can have a negative impact on a child's mental well-being (a) whether BMI data can be sent to school health services for follow-up instead of being listed in the student's report book; and (b) what is being done in schools to assist students with weight and body image issues.
- \*11. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) where do migrant workers who are living in dormitories recover when they are infected with COVID-19; (b) what is the current capacity of such facilities or arrangements; and (c) whether there are plans to increase the capacity of such facilities or arrangements.

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- \*12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has conducted surveys to assess the proficiency of local employers at managing remote work by using technology such as assessment tools and collaboration technology; (b) whether employers have adequate support to help them improve in managing remote and hybrid-work teams; and (c) whether the Ministry is equipped to mediate disagreements over employee assessment due to reduced in-person work and resulting change in assessment criteria.
- \*13. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what preventive measures are there to reduce the number of fire and gas leakage cases in hawker and food centres; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider installing gas, smoke or fire detectors in these centres.
- \*14. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Prime Minister given that special arrangements were made during the 2020 General Election for those on Stay-Home Notice at designated facilities to vote at these facilities away from other voters (a) whether the Government has any plans to provide similar arrangements for other groups of voters at future elections; and (b) whether the Government will also consider mail-in voting for Singaporeans who are overseas.

\* 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](mailto: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.

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## AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### Introduction of Government Bills

#### 1. Minister for Finance:

Supply Bill.

*(President's recommendation signified).*

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**2. Minister for Finance:**

Second Supplementary Supply (FY 2021) Bill.

*(President's recommendation signified).*

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**ORDER OF THE DAY**

1. BUDGET STATEMENT: *Resumption of Debate on Question (18 February 2022) (Allotted Day)*, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.". – (Minister for Finance).
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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

1. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Prime Minister whether MAS has plans to introduce grants that support banks in developing green and sustainability-linked liabilities frameworks so as to take in green deposits to fund banks' green and sustainability related loans.
2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether service commitments to feedback from residents can be standardised across the various Government agencies and statutory boards for matters requiring a simple response; and (b) where matters are complex or delays expected, whether responses can be designed to provide more transparency and opportunity for direct follow-up so that residents know when they can expect an update.
3. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to the reverse mortgage tie up between CPF and DBS to help seniors unlock equity from their private homes while they continue to live in them (a) whether the Government has data on the take-up rates since it was offered; and (b) whether the Government will implement measures to promote reverse mortgages and increase awareness among these seniors who are asset-rich but cash-strapped.
4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the incident where a bus driver was assaulted by intoxicated passengers after being advised by the operations control room to stop the bus and lock its doors (a) whether due consideration was given to the safety of the driver and passengers when the advice was given; (b) whether the Ministry will be looking into enhancing public safety under such scenarios; and (c) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the installation of protective barriers in buses.

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5. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the estimated utilisation rates of unsheltered bicycle parking racks at or near transport facilities; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider building shelters for existing bicycle parking facilities to increase usage by commuters.
  6. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what contingency measures are in place at Changi Airport's air cargo processing facilities to minimise disruption from ground staff becoming infected by COVID-19; (b) what are the reasons for the reported delays in early 2022 despite this; (c) how severe have been the knock-on effects to supply chains using Singapore as a hub; and (d) will Changi Airport increase operational resilience to safeguard Singapore's hub reputation.
  7. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the Ministry's findings from its assessment on the need and demand for night-time childcare, particularly in areas where low-income families reside; and (b) when will the findings be available if the assessment is not yet complete.
  8. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether it is a prerequisite for qualification under the MediSave700 scheme that all of a patient's conditions must be treated at only one hospital; and (b) if so, what is the reason for this policy.
  9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider studying the effects of the ban on third-party puppy and kitten sales under Lucy's Law in England; (b) if so, whether the Ministry will consider implementing a similar law in Singapore which is adapted to our local context; and (c) if not, why not.
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## PAPERS PRESENTED

	2022		<i>Date Presented</i>
S.L.	487	Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) (Amendment) Rules 2022	..... 18 February 2022

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<i>2022</i>			<i>Date Presented</i>	
Cmd.	12	The Revenue and Expenditure Estimates for the Financial Year 2022/2023	.....	18 February 2022
Cmd.	13	Second Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the Financial Year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022	.....	18 February 2022
Misc.	3	Statement of the Minister for Finance [Under Article 147(4)(a) of the Constitution]	.....	18 February 2022
Pres. Co.	49	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Hijacking of Aircraft and Protection of Aircraft and International Airports (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 2/2022]	.....	21 February 2022
Pres. Co.	50	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 3/2022]	.....	21 February 2022
S.	208	Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	.....	21 February 2022
S.	209	Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	.....	21 February 2022
S.	210	Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	.....	21 February 2022
S.	211	Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	.....	21 February 2022

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S.	212	East Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
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S.	215	Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	216	Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	217	Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	218	Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
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S.	220	Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	221	Sengkang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	222	Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	223	Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S.	224	West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021	..... 21 February 2022
S. L.	488	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022	..... 23 February 2022

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