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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether children who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination but whose parents do not approve of their vaccination, have their medical bills covered by the Government if they contract COVID-19; and (b) whether unvaccinated children have to be subjected to Vaccination Differentiation Safe Management Measures in schools and shared spaces in public.
- *2. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry can provide an update on (i) Singapore's ability to cope with increasing number of infections arising from the COVID-19 Omicron variant (ii) the breakdown by country of origin for imported COVID-19 Omicron cases and (iii) the strategies to mitigate imported cases.
- *3. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to containing the Omicron variant of COVID-19 (a) whether the Ministry has assessed a need for more vaccination doses after the booster jab; and (b) how does the Ministry plan to utilise the anti-viral pills as part of its strategy.
- *4. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry is continuing with its efforts to engage Singaporeans and permanent residents who refuse to be vaccinated and to educate them on the benefits of vaccination.
- *5. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can provide an update on the COVID-19 vaccination rate of those eligible for vaccination aged 18 and below; and (b) whether COVID-19 vaccination will be made a requirement for participation in group activities in schools and educational institutions.

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- *6. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many Singaporeans and permanent residents (PRs) respectively are deemed to be medically ineligible for COVID-19 vaccination; and (b) excluding these persons, how many Singaporeans and PRs respectively remain unvaccinated as of December 2021.
- *7. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant globally and subsequent tightening of border measures, what are the key quantitative or qualitative metrics and thresholds that the Government will consider before making a decision for domestic re-opening plans to be rolled back and safe management measures tightened.
- *8. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the Ministry's strategy in containing the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19; (b) what measures should Singaporeans expect to be taken; and (c) how will these measures differ from previous measures implemented to contain the spread of the Delta variant or COVID-19 virus generally.
- *9. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the expected impact on ICU utilisation based on the Ministry's modelling for the COVID-19 Omicron variant; (b) at what ICU utilisation rate will hospitals begin to defer non-urgent clinical services; (c) what is the number of healthcare workers working in ICUs currently as compared to December 2020; and (d) what permanent changes have been made to increase healthcare capacity and in particular ICU capacity and scalability since (i) the start of the pandemic and (ii) the start of 2021.
- *10. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are plans to offer non-mRNA COVID-19 vaccines to children in the age groups of 5-11 and 12-18; and (b) if so, when can these vaccines be expected.
- *11. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the impact from the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant on the plans for Singapore to live with COVID-19 as an endemic disease, in terms of the timelines for reopening the economy and permitting more social and cultural activities involving the gatherings of people.
- *12. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry has plans to apply vaccination differentiated measures to children aged between 5-11.
- *13. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Health with the US Food and Drug Administration granting emergency authorisation to the COVID-19 vaccine by Pfizer-BioNTech for children aged 5-11 years (a) whether the Ministry will bring forward its proposed vaccination for children below 12 years of age; and (b) in the past one year, how many children below 12 years of age (i) were infected (ii) have recovered and (iii) are still hospitalised, respectively.

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- *14. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether any local research is being done on possible side effects of mRNA COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11; (b) what are the protocols in place to manage any potential short and long-term post-vaccination side effects in children, especially that of heart inflammation; and (c) whether children are covered under the Vaccine Injury Financial Assistance Programme for COVID-19 Vaccination (VIFAP).
- *15. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the potential risks or side effects of taking COVID-19 vaccination for persons (i) between ages 12-18 and (ii) ages below 12; (b) whether the Government will consider not mandating vaccination for these groups of persons until more is known about the possible risks or side effects of the vaccination on them; and (c) whether there are plans to offer Sinovac or Sinopharm vaccines for children.
- *16. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education what are the Ministry's plans to seamlessly execute COVID-19 vaccination for primary school children without disrupting national exams, school exams, co-curricular activities and other classroom time and attendance.
- *17. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether vaccination differentiation measures will be adopted in pre-schools and schools with regard to children aged 5 to 11 who have not undergone COVID-19 vaccination; and (b) what support will be given to those young children (and their families) who have to miss school should they develop any adverse reaction to the vaccination.
- *18. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Education whether vaccination will be made a requirement for eligible children in order for them to attend school in person.
- *19. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the risks of airflow-related COVID-19 transmissibility at Changi Airport buildings given what we know about the Omicron variant transmission capabilities; and (b) what other enhanced measures can be taken to protect all our airport workers (frontline and non-frontline).
- *20. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport in relation to the COVID-19 Omicron variant virus, what key global and domestic indicators are being monitored to assess the need to change our border measures and adjustments to both the Vaccinated Travel Lanes, their land capacity, flight sales caps and allocated quotas; and (b) what is the 2022 outlook for our regional air and maritime hubs.

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- *21. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether additional polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests will be required several days after arrival into Singapore for Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) travellers especially for those arriving from countries with high incidence of COVID-19 Omicron cases, in case the first PCR test upon arrival into Singapore does not pick up the infection.
- *22. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the freeze on new bus and flight ticket sales for the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) is necessary as Singapore moves towards treating the COVID-19 disease as endemic.
- *23. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how often does Changi Airport undergo studies of the presence, viability and infectivity of COVID-19 virus in its built environment, including in the air and on surfaces which members of the public or staff may come into contact with; (b) whether these studies are revisited when COVID-19 novel variants arise around the world with higher transmissibility such as Delta and Omicron; and (c) when was this last studied.
- *24. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in light of the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 (a) how does the Ministry review its border control measures for air travel with all countries as well as Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) and non-VTL travel with Malaysia, with the view to striking a meaningful balance between allowing travel to continue while minimising the risk of COVID-19 spread during travel; and (b) what measures can be expected from the Ministry in the coming weeks.
- *25. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the reasons for limiting Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) flights to only specific airlines; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider including more airlines, especially low-cost carriers, as well as more flights during festive periods like Chinese New Year and Hari Raya, to ensure that lower-cost options are available to those who need to travel.
- *26. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the effort to jumpstart the Singapore economy in 2022 and to gain momentum in the aviation sector (a) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to ensure the continued growth and success of Singapore's aviation industry; (b) if so, what are these steps; and (c) what are the additional efforts undertaken to ensure the success of the Singapore AirShow in 2022.

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- *27. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Government plans to (i) look into the survey findings of the Academic Freedom Survey 2021 published by AcademiaSG, notably that faculty who say they work on “politically sensitive” topics are more likely to feel constrained in their ability to research or engage the public compared with those whose work are not “politically sensitive” and (ii) take steps to improve the state of academic freedom especially in respect of Singapore studies and women academics, whom the survey reports as being more likely to feel constrained.
- *28. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what is the current strategy or practice in the social work and social services sector on the provision of therapy or support for families that have gone through family violence to aid in their psychological and emotional recovery from the trauma.
- *29. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the current capability and capacity of the social services system in providing support to survivors of sexual violence in their mental, psychological and emotional recovery; and (b) whether the Ministry is currently working or plans to work with educational institutions to ensure a trauma-informed and survivor-centric approach to post-violence care and support for youths.
- *30. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to male survivors of family or sexual violence, particularly those who have experienced such violence when they are young, what are the avenues of help available to these survivors in terms of counselling and support, awareness of legal rights and access to peer support groups.
- *31. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider, on its own or in partnership with other organisations, implementing programmes to encourage a more proactive approach towards preventing family violence which goes beyond contacting the Ministry’s family violence hotline to also include bystander intervention training and strategies to empower all members of the public.
- *32. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the types of cases which the Family Violence Specialist Centres (FVSCs) handle; and (b) whether the FVSCs render any assistance towards victims of non-domestic sexual assault or harassment in the workplace cases.
- *33. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many (i) nurses and (ii) allied health professionals left the public sector in 2021 broken down quarterly; (b) how these numbers compare with the preceding three years; and (c) how many nurses and allied health professionals (i) remain employed in Singapore in a professional healthcare capacity (ii) remain employed but outside the healthcare sector (iii) are in Singapore but have stopped working or (iv) have left Singapore, respectively.

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- *34. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the 1,500 healthcare workers who resigned in the first half of 2021 (a) what is the breakdown by age, job title and years of experience; and (b) whether there were efforts to convince them to stay on when such resignation notice was initiated.
- *35. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many nurses and allied health professionals were recruited for the public sector in 2021 on a quarterly basis; and (b) how does this compare to 2020 and 2019.
- *36. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many healthcare workers have engaged counselling services, helplines for employees and peer support programmes that are intended to support healthcare workers and look after their well-being to-date; and (b) what more can be done to encourage healthcare workers to come forward to seek support.
- *37. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health what more will be done to support the mental well-being of healthcare workers, particularly to prevent depression and self-harm.
- *38. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether there are specific policies and programmes in place to reduce the burnout rates and improve mental health among healthcare workers working in the public healthcare system, particularly given the prolonged pandemic; and (b) if so, what are these policies and programmes.
- *39. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what was the highest daily rainfall experienced in 2020 and 2021 respectively; and (b) what were the damage to public and private properties that resulted from the heavy downpours.
- *40. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) to what extent has Singapore contributed thus far towards combating COVID-19 globally and regionally, whether through COVAX or other multilateral or bilateral initiatives; and (b) what further contributions will Singapore make internationally towards combating COVID-19 in 2022.
- *41. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider allowing singles to purchase HDB resale flats from the Prime Location Public Housing (PLH) scheme so as to build a more inclusive community.
- *42. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the Prime Location Public Housing (PLH) model (a) whether singles will eventually be allowed to buy new or resale PLH flats; and (b) if so, what are the key considerations before current restrictions imposed on singles are adjusted.

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- *43. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will look into ensuring social workers are provided with counselling services similar to the confidential and free counselling service administered by the Law Society of Singapore (LSS) in conjunction with its partner company for members of the LSS.
- *44. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of potential breaches of COVID-19 safe management measures and disamenities that may occur at sky gardens located at HDB blocks, whether the Ministry will (i) review its policy and consider gating up these sky gardens and (ii) provide key card access to residents.
- *45. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) in the past five years, how many cases of unauthorised sale of consumers' personal data did the Personal Data Protection Commission investigate; and (b) of the investigated cases, how many were successfully prosecuted.
- *46. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the COVID-19 anti-viral drugs Paxlovid and Molnupiravir (a) whether the Government (i) has signed a purchase agreement for Paxlovid and (ii) is considering to sign further purchase agreements for Molnupiravir; (b) what is the number of courses purchased for each of these drugs; (c) what stage of HSA's evaluation process is Paxlovid currently at; and (d) what is the expected timeline for approval for use of Paxlovid in Singapore.
- *47. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the current entry quotas of migrant workers in the construction, marine shipyard and process sectors and the food and beverage sectors who are allowed to enter Singapore daily; (b) on average, how many of these migrant workers enter Singapore daily; and (c) how do these numbers compare with those in the period before the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of ratios.
- *48. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what are the upcoming measures to help our industries cope with the shortage of workers that is expected to continue into 2022.
- *49. **Mr Chong Kee Hiong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of rising inflation rates and the potential further tightening of border restrictions due to the recent surge in COVID-19 Omicron cases, whether there will be further measures to alleviate manpower cost pressures on businesses.
- *50. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the recent revisions on the total debt servicing ratio will impair the ability of first-time owners to own their homes.

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- *51. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the cooling measures for private residential and HDB resale markets announced on 15 December 2021 (a) what is the impact of the tightened total debt servicing ratio (TDSR) from 60% to 55% and lower loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for HDB loans from 90% to 85%, on first-time home buyers; and (b) whether home ownership is even more out of reach for young couples now.
- *52. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the impact assessment on first-time home buyers with the recent tightening of the loan-to-value limit and total debt servicing ratio.
- *53. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for National Development with the revisions to the total debt servicing ratio (TDSR) threshold and the loan-to-value (LTV) limit for loans (a) how will such changes affect young Singaporeans' ability to own their first HDB flat or private property; and (b) whether this will result in an even longer wait for their first HDB flat or private property.
- *54. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the decreases in the Loan-to-Value limit from 90% to 85% for HDB loans and the Total Debt Servicing Ratio from 60% to 55% (a) what is the assessed impact on first-time HDB BTO buyers especially young couples, gig economy workers and the self-employed who will now have to set aside more cash to purchase a home; (b) whether there are plans to assist these first-time buyers; and (c) whether there will be concessions for individuals with special circumstances such as single parents.
- *55. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the hiring of migrant domestic workers (MDWs) in Singapore (a) whether the backlog of MDWs' entry into Singapore has been cleared; and (b) whether the costs of hiring new and transferred MDWs have stabilised or reduced over the past two months.
- *56. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the relief framework under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act (COTMA) can be expanded to include material costs to assist built environment sector firms cope with rising material prices; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider establishing a dedicated BCA team to assist these firms in applying for and exercising their rights under COTMA.
- *57. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what have been the activities and achievements of the Nuclear Safety Research and Education Programme (NSREP) in the past five-year funding period; (b) how many talents have been groomed under the Nuclear Education and Training Fund; (c) whether the NSREP is exploring safe nuclear energy technologies for our own use; and (d) what are the plans for the next tranche of funding.

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- *58. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the energy crunch has resulted in any change to the Government's stand on using nuclear energy; and (b) what is the Government's response to Indonesia's plans to build a nuclear power plant after 2025 to support national energy demand.
- *59. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for National Development considering the 38,500, 51,400 and 87,800 HDB BTO flat applicants from 2018 to 2020 respectively and in view of the widening supply-demand gap of BTO flats over the past three years, what are the plans to reduce this gap given that HDB will be launching only up to 23,000 BTO flats each year in 2022 and 2023.
- *60. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the widening supply-demand gap of HDB BTO flats, whether the Ministry will consider to transition from Build-To-Order housing to providing a ready stock of available housing ahead of demand to reduce the waiting time.
- *61. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in view of the updated COVID-19 protocols to self-test and recover at home, whether individuals who are self-isolated and unable to work after receiving a positive antigen rapid test result, but are not subjected to an Isolation Order, Quarantine Order, mandatory Leave of Absence, Stay-Home Notice or hospitalisation, are still eligible to apply for the Courage Fund for lower-income households.
- *62. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education with no formal exams for several levels of primary school children, especially those in the lower primary in 2021, how does the Ministry effectively assess the academic merit for the different categories of the Edusave Awards.
- *63. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education with minimal school co-curricular activity sessions in 2021, especially in primary schools, how does the Ministry assess students for qualification for the Edusave Award for Achievement, Good Leadership and Service (EAGLES).
- *64. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the current average waiting times to seek a first appointment and follow-up appointment with a mental healthcare professional at any government healthcare facility; and (b) whether the current alternative forms of support have been effective in helping patients faced with long waiting times to stay on track of their treatment.
- *65. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether cruises and merchant ships stopping at our ports will be impacted by new border restrictions driven by the COVID-19 Omicron variant; (b) whether any Omicron cases have been detected among incoming ships at our ports; and (c) whether the Ministry will review the current safety measures and testing protocols at our ports.

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- *66. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development with the move towards higher adoption of electric cars, whether existing petrol kiosks will be repurposed in due course.
- *67. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the Government's effort to push for electric vehicle (EV) transition (a) what are the respective take-up rates of internal combustion engine vehicles and EV to date; and (b) what changes will be made to the energy grid system in areas where current capacity is insufficient to support EV chargers.
- *68. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether there have been recent occasions of insufficient capacity at NEA's crematoria to meet demands for cremation; (b) what plans does NEA have to increase capacity at its crematoria to deal with increased demands; and (c) whether NEA will explore more environmental-friendly ways to cremate bodies with a view to reducing the release of carbon dioxide produced upon cremation and use of energy for the process.
- *69. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) whether there are any updates on the rationale for reducing the amount of childcare leave from six days to two days when a child turns seven years old; and (b) whether the Government is reviewing this especially for working parents who are essential or frontline workers and are unable to work from home.
- *70. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what proportion of public healthcare workers have been unable to clear at least 50% of their accumulated leave in 2021 despite the ongoing public healthcare manpower crunch; (b) what is the average cap on leave that can be encashed for 2021 for these workers; and (c) what proportion of healthcare workers have had to forfeit their leave as they have exceeded the cap on leave encashment.
- *71. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry will consider implementing for healthcare workers (i) a minimum and maximum number of hours worked in a week (ii) a maximum number of call backs for those on leave or time-off and (iii) a guaranteed leave or time-off; and (b) how does the Ministry strike a balance between managing manpower resources for spikes in COVID-19 cases and allowing employees to go on leave.
- *72. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since January 2021, how many cases of abuse of public healthcare workers have been reported; (b) whether there is a rising trend and, if so, what could have contributed to this; and (c) what has been done to protect healthcare frontliners from unjustified behaviour against them.

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- *73. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there have been studies done by the Ministry to understand the issues faced by women who are not in formal employment which prevent them from joining the workforce; and (b) what are the recent measures that the Ministry has put in place to encourage (i) employers to employ these individuals and (ii) these individuals to return to work after time away from the workforce.
- *74. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in the past year, what are the common issues brought up to the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment Practices (TAFEP) in relation to mediation cases on flexible work arrangements (FWAs); and (b) whether there have been any studies conducted on the impact of FWAs on work-life harmony and performance appraisals.
- *75. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what are the Ministry's observations of the job market in terms of emerging trends or developments where female professionals are coming forward to apply their skill sets in emerging industries like digitalisation and sustainability.
- *76. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how will the Ministry build on the success of the Singapore national football team at the AFF Suzuki Cup 2021 in the near and medium terms.
- *77. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether individuals who are under both Self-Exclusion Order and Family Exclusion Order under the Casino Control Act can also be barred from placing bets at Singapore Pools outlets.
- *78. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the revised PSLE scoring system in 2021 which uses scoring bands (Achievement Levels), what is the required benchmark that madrasahs have to attain for each cohort in order to be allowed to continue taking in primary one pupils.
- *79. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Finance in light of inflation and rising costs (a) whether there are available fiscal resources in the upcoming Budget to further assist Singaporeans to cope with increased costs; (b) whether the proposed GST increase remains part of our strategy for fiscal sustainability; and (c) if so, what can be done to mitigate the impact of GST increase on Singaporeans, especially the lower income households and retirees.

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- *80. Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Finance in view of the higher than expected inflation of 3.8% reported for November 2021, what actions are taken to further mitigate the cumulative impact of inflationary pressures stemming from general and specific price increases, including higher expected borrowing costs on households and businesses, for the middle to lower income Singaporeans and small businesses.
- *81. Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the reasons for the recent rise in costs impacting consumers across many areas; and (b) what policies or measures will be put in place to manage the impact of these increases on consumers, especially lower income households and those whose livelihoods have been impacted by disruptions caused by the current pandemic.
- *82. Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the forward-looking inflation indicators that are monitored by the Ministry; (b) based on these indicators, what are the key contributors to the rise in inflation in 2021; (c) what is the latest inflation outlook for 2022; and (d) what measures will the Ministry take to dampen any rise in inflation in 2022.
- *83. Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in view of the higher than expected inflation of 3.8% reported for November 2021 (a) whether the Government will be changing its inflation projection for full year 2022; and (b) what is the projected estimate, direction and key drivers of the latest projection.
- *84. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in light of the higher-than-expected inflation rate in November 2021 (a) what is the Ministry's assessment of the resulting impact on economic growth in 2022; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider working with the other Ministries to delay the increase in various statutory charges.
- *85. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the Government's efforts to reduce disamenities in HDB estates (a) under what circumstances will HDB cite or use special covenants 2(1) and 2(2) of the Memorandum of Lease to HDB's lease agreement in their enforcement efforts; and (b) how many times has HDB cited or enforced these covenants respectively for each year in the last three years and for what types of breach.
- *86. Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide an update on LTA's Cooperative and Unified Smart Traffic System (CRUISE) project involving the development of the next generation of a smart traffic light control system leveraging on artificial intelligence to deal with real-time traffic situations.

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- *87. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether Singapore's workplace safety and health system will incorporate mental health and the addition of practical skills such as mental first aid responder within the BizSAFE training framework so that all companies are better prepared to handle the evolving needs of our workforce.
- *88. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) for each year from 2001 to 2021, what is the number of grassroots leaders appointed by the People's Association (PA) who were convicted of a crime; and (b) whether the Government has plans to tighten up the eligibility requirement for PA grassroots leaders.
- *89. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how is HDB harnessing the latest technology to build lift access for HDB blocks that remain without direct lift access; and (b) as at 31 December 2021, how many residents have successfully applied for the Lift Access Housing Grant.
- *90. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry provides any subsidies for individuals to purchase smoking cessation aids.
- *91. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government will consider introducing a lifetime ban on cigarette sale to young persons below a certain age, similar to New Zealand's plan to introduce legislation to eliminate smoking for the next generation, reported on 9 December 2021.
- *92. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since the minimum legal smoking age was raised to 21 years of age last year, how many youths have been caught smoking illegally; (b) what support did they receive to quit smoking; and (c) following New Zealand's move to ban smoking for future generations, whether the Ministry will reconsider the tobacco-free generation proposal with the goal of eliminating smoking in future generations of Singaporeans.
- *93. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to reducing cigarette smoking prevalence (a) how effective has the introduction of plain packaging and enlarged graphic health warnings been; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider additional measures such as further increasing the excise duty for tobacco products or introducing a lifetime ban on cigarette sale to young persons below a certain age, similar to New Zealand's plan to introduce legislation to eliminate smoking for the next generation.
- *94. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) for each year over the past five years, how much does smoking-related diseases cost the healthcare sector; (b) whether the Ministry will study New Zealand's ban on the sale of tobacco products to those born after a particular year; and (c) if so, when will the study be expected to be completed and results presented to the public.

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- *95. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry intends to introduce a generational tobacco purchasing ban similar to that implemented by New Zealand; and (b) whether other measures are being studied to reduce rates of smoking in the general population.
- *96. Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has any target to bring down the smoking rate in Singapore in the (i) mid-term of three years and (ii) long term of five and 10 years; and (b) if so, what are the steps being taken to achieve this reduction.
- *97. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) from January to October 2021, what is the number of high-rise littering cases reported to NEA that remain unsolved as the surveillance cameras are unable to capture good vantage points to identify the culprits; and (b) from January 2021 to date, how many of such culprits have been successfully identified through surveillance camera deployment and other methods.
- *98. Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the high-rise littering cases reported to NEA in the second half of 2021 (a) what is the number of cases that remain unsolved despite the presence of surveillance cameras in the vicinity and other enforcement measures; (b) whether the number of cases has increased as compared to the same period in 2020; and (c) whether the Ministry will be rolling out any new enforcement measures in 2022.
- *99. Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the avenues available to residents who wish to seek alleviation from second-hand cigarette smoke coming from their neighbours; (b) whether the Community Dispute Resolution Tribunal has been effective in resolving such related disputes; and (c) whether there are other new efforts the Government is looking into.
- *100. Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry factors in proximity of public rental housing locations to MRT stations in its planning for rental housing development; and (b) what are the considerations that currently go into the planning and decisions for the locations of public rental flats.
- *101. Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development with regard to the Sugarbook website offering free membership to students (a) whether there is any data on how many Singapore students have subscribed to the website; (b) if so, how pervasive is the use of the website among Singapore youths; and (c) whether there is any update on the police taking enforcement action against such website companies that enable the procurement of sexual or pornographic services through their online platforms.

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- *102. Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information in view of the proliferation of mobile gadgets and accessibility to mobile games (a) whether the Ministry has data on the average weekly consumption, in terms of time and money spent respectively, on mobile games for those (i) aged 7 to 12 years old (ii) aged 13 to 18 years old and (iii) under the age of 35; and (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any consumption impact studies for the current consumption levels.
- *103. Prof Koh Lian Pin:** To ask the Minister for Finance what are the ongoing and planned public consultation activities for seeking the views of businesses and the people on Singapore's post-2023 carbon tax level and trajectory.
- *104. Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the main reasons that the Ministry's five-year effort against diabetes has not managed to reduce the disease's prevalence; and (b) whether the Ministry will implement new measures to prevent the rates from worsening such as through public education.
- *105. Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the latest protocols for COVID-19 positive patients, whether the requirement for using the TraceTogether application to gain access to malls, shops or eating outlets is still necessary.
- *106. Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to eligible workers who were not offered re-employment after reaching the statutory minimum retirement age in the past five years (a) what is the breakdown of the sector or industry that the workers were in; and (b) what is the profile of these workers, such as their position as professionals, managers and executives as against a rank and file worker.
- *107. Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) with regard to workers who turned 62 years old, what is the proportion of these workers who have been offered re-employment for each year in the past five years; (b) of these workers who had accepted re-employment, whether there was any reduction in their salary or benefits and, if so, what is the average reduction in their salary or benefit; and (c) how many instances are there where the contract of the re-employed workers have been terminated mid-way.
- *108. Mr Raj Joshua Thomas:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry plans to introduce a regulatory framework and licensing regime for facilities management firms to ensure good standards and compliance in the sector.

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- *109. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in light of the lack of data on parental alienation due to the lack of a specific definition or classification of parental alienation (a) whether the Ministry tracks how widespread this issue is; (b) if so, how; and (c) what are the avenues for parents who feel that they are victims of parental alienation to seek assistance.
- *110. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Ministry will consider preserving the RSS Resolution as part of the Republic of Singapore Navy's heritage and also potentially as a tourist attraction.
- *111. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the definition of "all staff of public healthcare institutions" mentioned in the 5 November 2021 speech for the COVID-19 healthcare Award includes outsourced workers in patient-facing roles and patient care areas.
- *112. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the development of cycling path networks in HDB towns; and (b) when will LTA build the cycling path networks in Nanyang and Gek Poh estates.
- *113. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of illegal online betting offences committed since the onset of COVID-19; and (b) if so, what is the increase in the number.
- *114. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can consider the insertion of a clause in the HDB lease agreement/renovation permit that "all domestic refuse must be disposed of via the bin chute (be it within the flat or at the common bin chute provided) and that sealing up of the bin chute within a flat/erection of any fixtures and fittings which obstructs the use of the bin chute within a flat is strictly disallowed".
- *115. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs (a) what is the percentage of divorces in the Syariah Court that has resulted in shared care and control of the children; and (b) for all cases resulting in shared care and control, what is the proportion of these cases which have complaints or appeals being filed in court or to a government agency related to frictions arising from policies affecting such families, such as subsidised housing, in the (i) Family Justice Courts and (ii) Syariah Courts.
- *116. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students have been admitted into secondary schools under the 2021 Direct School Admission (DSA) exercise; and (b) from 2018 to 2020, what is the number of (i) DSA applications and (ii) students admitted through DSA, respectively.

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- *117. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider rolling out vaccinations against pneumococcal pneumonia and other prevalent diseases to seniors for protection against these diseases and to ease the strain on the healthcare system.
- *118. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has conducted any studies on the effects of additional bus transfers on the elderly or disabled commuters that are brought about by the re-routing and withdrawal of bus services; and (b) how does LTA assist elderly or disabled commuters who are faced with additional transfers, following the changes to bus services, including those living along Bedok Reservoir Road.
- *119. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the implementation of tudung wearing at work among healthcare workers; and (b) how has the response been from the healthcare workers after the implementation.
- *120. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development in the past five years, what has been the increase in resale HDB prices per square foot excluding resale of flats under the Design, Build and Sell Scheme.
- *121. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many applications for a certificate of medical ineligibility for COVID-19 vaccines have been received to date; and (b) of these, how many (i) are supported by private doctors and (ii) are approved to date.
- *122. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the additional measures that the Ministry will be taking to support families with dementia family members in the face of our ageing population in next 10 to 20 years.
- *123. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many respite care places are there currently in total to support caregivers and seniors with short-term care needs; (b) of the total number of places, how many are available; and (c) whether there has been an increase in demand over the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- *124. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government has considered instituting mandatory or default opt-in cooling-off periods of a short duration for large, potentially anomalous transactions involving cross-border fund transfers, to allow for fund recovery in cases where victims become aware of the fraudulent nature of the scam relatively soon after they are perpetrated.
- *125. **Prof Koh Lian Pin:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether environmental impact assessments are being considered for the study on geothermal energy in the Sembawang hot spring and other potential sites in Singapore.

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- *126. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the protocol that disregards active polymerase chain reaction test results for recovered COVID-19 individuals, as long as their cycle threshold (CT) values are sufficiently high, is also applied to newly-detected (and especially asymptomatic) cases which may be at the beginning or tail end of their infection.
- *127. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what is the status of the hawker centre plans announced in Choa Chu Kang Town Centre including the prescribed location and the estimated completion dates of the design development or construction stages of the same.
- *128. **Mr Raj Joshua Thomas:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) what are the policies and procedures regarding public officers speaking to the press or posting on social media in their personal capacity; (b) whether the Public Service Commission specifically proscribes public officers from speaking to the press or posting on social media in their personal capacity on topics related to their official appointments and, if not, whether it will consider doing so; and (c) whether there have been instances of disciplinary action taken against public officers who have not followed the prescribed policies and procedures.

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AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Trade and Industry:

Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill.

(President's recommendation signified).

2. Minister for Transport:

Hijacking of Aircraft and Protection of Aircraft and International Airports (Amendment) Bill.

3. Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs:

Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICE OF MOTION

(Those marked • are Orders of the Day)

- 1. Women's Charter (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 43/2021] – (Minister for Social and Family Development) – Second Reading
- 2. Gambling Duties Bill [Bill No. 41/2021] – (Minister for Finance) – Second Reading
- 3. Corporate Registers (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 42/2021] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading
- 4. Monetary Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 37/2021] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading
- 5. Exchanges (Demutualisation and Merger) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 28/2021] – (Prime Minister) – Second Reading

[For amendment on the Bill, see Supplement No. 8 dated 10 January 2022.]

- 6. Prisons (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 38/2021] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading
- 7. Intellectual Property (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 39/2021] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading
- 8. Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 40/2021] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading

[For amendment on the Bill, see Supplement No. 8 dated 10 January 2022.]

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9. **Ms Poh Li San (Sembawang)**
Mr Gan Thiam Poh (Ang Mo Kio)
Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin (Ang Mo Kio)
Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang (Nee Soon)
Ms Hany Soh (Marsiling-Yew Tee)
Mr Don Wee (Chua Chu Kang):

TOWARDS A LOW-CARBON SOCIETY: That this House calls on the Government to enhance green financing, create more green jobs, and strengthen corporate accountability, in partnership with the private sector, civil society and community, to advance Singapore's inclusive transition towards a low-carbon society. 2 4

MEMORANDUM

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

Ms Hazel Poa : Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management
(Non-Constituency Member) Measures.

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Prime Minister with regard to one's personal profile in SingPass, what are the reasons for (i) the inclusion of only children but not spouses or parents under the Family section, as details of spouses or parents can also be used to prove family relationships in emergencies and (ii) reflecting only the details of GCE "O" and "A" level results under the Education section but not the highest level of formal education achievement.
2. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Defence for the past five years (a) what is the number of full-time NSmen who (i) suffered service-related injuries and (ii) received compensation for service-related injuries suffered during their full-time NS; and (b) what is the amount of compensation paid to NSmen who suffered service-related injuries during their full-time NS.

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3. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs regarding insurance fraud in Singapore (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the situation and the police's action to combat such fraud; (b) whether there has been an uptrend over the past three years; (c) how do the police and the General Insurance Association of Singapore (GIA) jointly combat such fraud; and (d) how does the Ministry deal with industry professionals who knowingly collude with fraudsters to file fraudulent insurance claims.
 4. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what training do police officers go through to ensure that they are trained to interact with victims of sexual misconduct; (b) whether there have been any official complaints lodged against them on their interaction with victims of sexual misconduct; (c) if so, what has been the outcome of these complaints; and (d) whether there is any data on the number of such complaints against police officers in other countries and how is the performance of our police officers when compared against such data.
 5. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) how many Singaporeans renounced their citizenship over the past three years; (b) what proportion are naturalised Singapore citizens; and (c) whether the annual renunciation rate has increased amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
 6. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Law in the past 10 years ending on 31 December 2021, how many debtors were committed by a court to civil prison under section 6(1), 6(3) or 15(1) of the Debtors Act on the ground of inability to pay their respective judgment debts or failure to furnish security for appearance in court in relation to civil proceedings against them.
 7. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry has data on the number of commercial malls in Singapore that provide designated drop-off and pick-up collection points for delivery orders and, if so, what is the number.
 8. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry has data on the number of commercial malls in Singapore that provide designated parking lots with at least 20 minutes grace period for delivery riders to collect their orders and, if so, what is the number.
 9. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry in each of the last 10 years, what is the (i) electricity generation capacity of coal in megawatts (MW) (ii) total amount of electricity generated from coal and (iii) average capacity utilisation of coal generation capacity, in Singapore.

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10. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of reported incidents of hard-selling of packages by retailers targeted at seniors; (b) if so, what enforcement measures are in place to ensure that retailers do not engage in such hard-selling activities; and (c) for retailers issued with warnings from the Consumer Association of Singapore, whether the Ministry will consider mandating cooling-off clauses for packages offered by these retailers.
 11. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what percentage of the current GDP can be attributed to real estate and its peripheral services; and (b) what percentage of the economic growth of Singapore in 2020 and 2021 is attributed to the growth in the real estate sector.
 12. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry what is the economic and business impact of Singapore's hosting of the Bloomberg New Economy Forum 2021.
 13. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether more bus operators can be appointed to support the Vaccinated Travel Lane (Land) initiative between Malaysia and Singapore.
 14. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on how the COVID-19 Omicron variant is impacting Vaccinated Travel Lanes.
 15. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how effective have pre-arrival polymerase chain reaction tests been at detecting COVID-19 infections before an incoming traveller under the Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) enters the community; (b) whether there have been any cases of VTL travellers failing to comply with the enhanced testing regime; and (c) whether reinstatement of Stay-Home Notice or Quarantine Order will be considered should the number of COVID-19 Omicron cases escalate.
 16. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Transport how has the replacement of discretionary right turns with Red Amber Green (RAG) signals improved road and pedestrian safety at the respective traffic junctions where these new signals have been deployed.
 17. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many serious accidents involving cyclists happened on roads and park connectors in the last five years from 2017 to 2021; and (b) whether regulations on speed limit and safety standards have helped to improve the safety of biking.

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18. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in each of the past three years, how many enforcement tickets have been issued against delivery riders/drivers for illegal parking; and (b) of these enforcement tickets, how many are summons issued for illegal parking within close proximity to commercial malls.
 19. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) since its launch on 1 January 2021, how many vehicle owners have benefitted from the Electric Vehicle Early Adoption Incentive (EEAI); and (b) how much has the EEAI cost the Government thus far.
 20. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what is the total number of electric vehicle (EV) chargers installed in 2021; and (b) what is the expected number of EV chargers that will be installed progressively over 2022-2025.
 21. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in the last six months, how many electric cars have been sold and what percentage of total cars sold have been electric cars; (b) whether the current plan to provide electric chargers in public buildings able to meet the forecasted demand; (c) what plans are in place to assist private buildings to set up electric charging stations; and (d) whether plans are in place to begin re-skilling the automotive industry and the petrol station staff to prepare them for the electric vehicle growth.
 22. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the risk assessment in terms of impact on food security with regard to the impending closure of Senoko Fishery Port; and (b) what measures are planned in case of future disruptions to fish sourcing operations at Jurong Fishery Port.
 23. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of elevated costs for COVID-19 related funeral expenses, whether the Ministry is exploring providing some additional financial support for bereaved families to offset these costs.
 24. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether variations can be made to group sizes of team sports CCAs so as to allow for the resumption of these activities such as training in groups of five and playing five-a-side instead of eleven-a-side for team sports such as hockey and football.
 25. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there are plans for the resumption of in-person co-curricular activities (CCAs) in schools such as uniformed groups and school military bands; and (b) whether inter-school competitions in respect of these CCAs can resume in 2022.

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26. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans to equip teachers and enhance the curriculum in schools for students to be more equipped from a young age to deal with online harms such as hypersexualisation of women and girls on social media and predatory online behaviour.
27. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry has data on the estimated number of tertiary students from the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), polytechnics and universities, who hold part-time jobs while studying full-time.
28. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Finance whether the Ministry can provide data, as an annual time series, on the respective amounts of assessable income for (i) Singapore citizens (ii) permanent residents and (iii) foreigners, with a breakdown by amount of personal income tax paid by each of these three categories, for the past 30 years.
29. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) whether any funds for budget expenditure items such as Social Transfers to Individuals, Transfers to Institutions and Organisations, Special Transfers Excluding Top-ups to Endowment and Trust Funds, as well as expenditures from Endowment and Trust Funds, are given to beneficiaries who are foreign nationals or foreign-based institutions and organisations; and (b) if so, how much was given to them for FY2020, respectively.
30. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted a study on whether cooperative co-parenting is easier with sole care and control or shared care and control; (b) if so, what are the results of the study; (c) whether the Ministry intends to conduct such a study if it has not done so; and (d) if not, why not.
31. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in each of the last five years in Sengkang, what is (i) the respective number for infant care and childcare places that are available (ii) the enrolment rate for such places and (iii) the average waiting time for enrolment; and (b) what is the expected number of (i) new preschools in Sengkang by 2023 and (ii) new infant care and childcare places, respectively.
32. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the average waiting time for Early Childhood Development Agency-approved infant care places; and (b) whether there are plans to increase the number of infant care places to better support working mothers.

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33. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there are plans to meet potential demand in new estates with many young families, such as Sengkang and Punggol by (i) increasing the density of student care facilities such as community- and school-based student care and (ii) increasing the issuance of permits for private after-school care facilities.
34. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the additional measures being taken in light of the COVID-19 Omicron variant; and (b) whether such measures will impact plans to reduce restrictions on group sizes for dining out and employees returning to the workplace.
35. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of local and international data indicating that COVID-19 booster shots provide some protection against new COVID-19 variants and the increasing possibility of new variants that are highly transmissible appearing every few months, whether all persons will be encouraged to take booster shots every six months.
36. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the number of deaths in Singapore due to COVID-19 in 2021 (a) how many were fully vaccinated at the time of infection; and (b) of the deceased who were fully vaccinated, what is the breakdown in numbers of those who received vaccines from (i) Pfizer-BioNTech (ii) Moderna (iii) Sinovac (iv) Sinopharm and (v) other vaccines to be specified.
37. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Health whether vaccinated differentiation measures will be imposed on children.
38. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether hospitals will be able to cope with the possible surge of infections due to the emergence of the COVID-19 Omicron variant; and (b) what are the measures and steps taken to ensure that processes and protocols remain efficient.
39. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Health whether Singaporeans who are currently overseas and affected by the temporary suspension of Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTL) will be able to benefit from the Quarantine Order (QO) Allowance Scheme and Leave of Absence/Stay-Home Notice (SHN) Support Programme if they return by non-VTL options and are unable to work due to being placed on SHN or QO.
40. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health in 2021, what percentage of migrant workers who were infected with COVID-19 (i) had no or mild symptoms (ii) required oxygen supplementation in general wards (iii) were in the intensive care unit and (iv) died, respectively.

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41. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry remains on track to deliver the integrated development comprising a polyclinic, dialysis centre and nursing home at Jalan Damai by 2024.
42. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since the onset of COVID-19, how many and what proportion of outsourced workers in patient-facing roles or patient care areas at public healthcare institutions have been diagnosed with COVID-19; (b) how does this risk profile compare with (i) workers with comparable job descriptions who are not outsourced and (ii) the overall cohort of workers in patient-facing roles or patient care areas at public healthcare institutions.
43. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether vaccinated persons who are infected with COVID-19 and who still face long-term symptoms of COVID-19 or “Long COVID” will have their medical expenses covered by the Government and, if so, for how long.
44. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will consider implementing official guidance on best practices for diagnosing and treating patients facing long-term symptoms of COVID-19 or “Long COVID” and the available subsidies or support from specialised treatment centres for such patients.
45. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the past five years, what is the annual number of seniors aged 60 years and above who passed away alone at home; (b) whether the number of such cases is expected to increase in the future; and (c) if so, how does the Ministry intend to address and mitigate this trend.
46. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the extent to which contact tracing is still being conducted through TraceTogether; and (b) whether the use of TraceTogether, apart for proof of COVID-19 vaccinated status, is still necessary for entry into public spaces.
47. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether he can provide an update on the respective current capacities and utilisation rates of long-term care services, such as nursing homes, centre-based care and home-based care; and (b) whether the Ministry assesses the need for more resources to be allocated to nursing homes in particular, given the expected demand due to our ageing population.
48. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recent survey reporting that nearly a quarter of workers intend to quit their jobs in first half of 2022 (a) what is the projected impact for the healthcare sector; and (b) what are the plans to address this impact.

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49. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many children in Singapore aged 12 and above remain unvaccinated from COVID-19, broken down by (i) age group (ii) race (iii) whether citizen, permanent resident or foreigner and (iv) employment status; and (b) of those who are still unvaccinated, how many are medically ineligible for vaccination, broken down by the same categories.
50. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether HSA intends to make available any therapeutic drugs for the treatment of COVID-19 over the counter; and (b) if so, what are the drugs that are currently under evaluation for this purpose.
51. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether medical personnel are trained to explain the nature of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) cycle threshold (CT) values to COVID-19 patients; and (b) whether it is in the standard operating procedures not to release the CT values to the COVID-19 patients when such values are conveniently available in the lab test reports.
52. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of the safe management measures and the higher stress from dealing with COVID-19, what is the Ministry's progress and plans in supporting the mental health of staff and residents in nursing homes and other related facilities.
53. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information what measures are in place to ensure that companies which engage third- or fourth-party IT vendors select those that are licensed and certified by the Ministry so as to minimise the risk of data breaches and leaks.
54. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development what are the reasons for disallowing singles from purchasing resale flats under the Prime Location Public Housing model.
55. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for 2020 and the first half of 2021, what is the number of feedback received by HDB on noise coming from gymnasiums located at void decks of HDB residential blocks and operating on a 24-hour basis; (b) whether HDB did conduct a survey or feasibility studies on having such entities operating at HDB void decks; and (c) what actions are being taken to mitigate this issue.
56. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there are redevelopment plans for the former Bedok Town Secondary School and Min Xin Primary School sites located along Bedok North Street 3.

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57. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted surveys to determine which are the three most frequently visited parks and what are their respective attractions; and (b) whether there are plans to develop more coastal parks for recreation and gathering.
58. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the COVID-19 Omicron variant virus resulting in re-intensified border restrictions and supply disruptions (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the projected average waiting time for HDB BTO projects that are in progress or have yet to commence; and (b) whether the Ministry is able to go beyond existing measures to reduce the waiting time for new HDB flats should the COVID-19 situation prolong or worsen due to the Omicron variant.
59. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the current high demand and prices for HDB resale flats will have a knock-on effect on the market value of future HDB BTO flats; and (b) if so, how can affordability be ensured for all Singaporeans.
60. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether there are land parcels in Sengkang, Jalan Kayu and Punggol that are reserved for HDB development; and (b) if so, what is the potential supply of public housing in these areas.
61. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether there is a plan to build HDB flats at Seletar next to Punggol.
62. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether, pursuant to Section 10(2b) of the Planning Act and Rule 6(1) of the Planning (Master Plan) Rules, objections or representations submitted by members of the public regarding Bukit Brown in the Draft Master Plan 2013 were ruled as frivolous; (b) if not, why was no hearing or public inquiry held before the gazetting of the 2014 Master Plan; and (c) whether such hearings can be made public.
63. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year in the past three years, what is the lower quartile, median and upper quartile prices of new HDB flats before and after subsidies, with a breakdown by first-time and repeat buyers.
64. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year in the past three years, what is the lower quartile, median and upper quartile prices of resale HDB flats before and after subsidies, with a breakdown by first-time and repeat buyers.

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65. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development for each year in the past three years, how many first-time HDB home buyers bought (i) new flats and (ii) resale flats, respectively.
66. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) for each year in the past three years, how many HDB housing loan applications have been unsuccessful; (b) what are the reasons they have been unsuccessful; and (c) what is the breakdown of the number of these unsuccessful applications by the different reasons.
67. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB intends to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels on all HDB block rooftops, where feasible; (b) of the towns where the SolarNova programme has been rolled out, what percentage of HDB rooftops have solar PV panels installed; and (c) to what extent has the SolarNova programme mitigated the recent spikes in electricity prices.
68. **Mr Sharael Taha:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the development plan for the open land between Tampines Expressway, Loyang Avenue and Blocks 143 and 149 of Pasir Ris Street 11.
69. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the Ministry monitors ground-up community groups with initiatives positioned as having non-profit or charitable objectives but which are not officially registered as such; and (b) if so, how does the Ministry ensure that such groups are sufficiently regulated to protect the interests of donors and beneficiaries of such groups.
70. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth in light of the possible long-term negative socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in widespread insecurity and anxiety among youths around the world (a) what are the lessons learnt from past crises that can be applied to our youths in today's context; and (b) how is the Ministry preparing to mitigate the possible long-term negative outcomes stemming from our current generation of youths who may be more cynical and cautious.
71. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth since the launch of the Community Development Council (CDC) vouchers scheme on 13 December 2021 (a) how many Singaporean households have claimed their \$100 CDC vouchers; (b) what is the total value redeemed; (c) how many Singaporean households requested for their CDC voucher to be printed; and (d) how is the Government reaching out to households that have not claimed their vouchers, especially residents who are not technologically savvy.

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72. **Mr Shawn Huang Wei Zhong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) what is the median income of a visual and performing artiste in 2019, 2020 and 2021; (b) what is the outlook for the arts scene in 2022; and (c) what are the efforts undertaken to further develop the local arts industry.
73. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to eligible workers who were offered and had accepted re-employment after reaching the statutory minimum retirement age in the past five years (a) how many of these workers had dropped out of re-employment and had to retire early before reaching the maximum statutory re-employment age; and (b) how long will their CPF retirement savings last compared to their average life expectancy.
74. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the average number of days of annual leave that is taken by married and single caregivers in the public sector for eldercare from 2015 to 2020; (b) whether any survey has been conducted on the need for eldercare leave on top of flexible work arrangements amongst working caregivers; and (c) if so, what are the comparative results of this survey against findings from any other earlier surveys.
75. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has data on whether employees on work-from-home arrangements have been affected by expectations of work availability and longer working hours; (b) if so, what are the long-term effects on the mental well-being of employees; and (c) whether the Ministry has any plans to address this issue.
76. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry can provide data on the Gross Monthly Income From Work of Full-Time Employed Residents for each decile, as an annual time series, for the past 30 years.
77. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether there is data on the number of cases in which employees have made reports of workplace grievances and discrimination because of their increased family responsibilities and caregiving duties during the pandemic for the last two years; and (b) if so, how many of them are women.
78. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to the estimated 52,000 employees in Singapore who are still unvaccinated against COVID-19 (a) what is the breakdown by (i) age group and (ii) job type; and (b) whether there is any estimate on how many of these employees are pregnant women.
79. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry has ongoing plans to raise awareness and capture female talent pool to augment the workforce; and (b) what are some of the challenges faced in the process of doing so.
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S. L.	372	Monetary Authority of Singapore (Resolution of Financial Institutions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 03 November 2021
S. L.	373	Central Provident Fund (Withdrawals for ElderShield Scheme) (Revocation) Regulations 2021	..... 03 November 2021
S. L.	374	Central Provident Fund (Withdrawal of Cash Grants) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 03 November 2021
S. L.	375	Central Provident Fund (MediSave Account Withdrawals - Medical Insurance Premiums) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 03 November 2021
S. L.	376	Legal Profession (Admission) (Amendment) Rules 2021	..... 05 November 2021
S. L.	377	Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation Funds (Pioneer Generation and Merdeka Generation Benefits) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 08 November 2021
S. L.	378	CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (CSHL Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 09 November 2021
S. L.	379	CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (ElderShield Scheme) Regulations 2021	..... 09 November 2021
S. L.	380	CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (Supplement Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 09 November 2021
S. L.	381	CareShield Life and Long-Term Care (Transitional Provisions for Former ElderShield Scheme and Former ElderShield Supplement Scheme) Regulations 2021	..... 09 November 2021
Pres. Co.	36	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 35/2021] 10 November 2021

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Pres. Co. 37	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 36/2021]	10 November 2021
Pres. Co. 38	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Energy (Resilience Measures and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 34/2021]	.....	10 November 2021
Pres. Co. 39	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 33/2021]	.....	10 November 2021
Pres. Co. 40	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 29/2021]	.....	10 November 2021
Pres. Co. 41	Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Judicial Service (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No 30/2021]	.....	10 November 2021
S. L. 382	Air Navigation (91 - General Operating Rules) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	.....	10 November 2021
S. L. 383	Air Navigation (121 - Commercial Air Transport by Large Aeroplanes) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	.....	10 November 2021
S. L. 384	Air Navigation (135 - Commercial Air Transport by Helicopters and Small Aeroplanes) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	.....	10 November 2021
S. L. 385	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 20) Regulations 2021	17 November 2021

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S. L.	386	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 14) Regulations 2021 17 November 2021
S. L.	387	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 11) Regulations 2021	..... 17 November 2021
S. L.	388	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events - Control Order) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2021	..... 17 November 2021
S. L.	389	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings - Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2021	..... 17 November 2021
S. L.	390	Employment of Foreign Manpower (Work Passes) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 18 November 2021
S. L.	391	United Nations (Sanctions - Democratic Republic of Congo) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 19 November 2021
S. L.	392	Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2021	..... 22 November 2021
S. L.	393	Legal Profession (Representation in Singapore International Commercial Court) (Amendment) Rules 2021	..... 23 November 2021
S. L.	394	Air Navigation (101 - Unmanned Aircraft Operations) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 24 November 2021
S. L.	395	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 21) Regulations 2021 25 November 2021

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S. L.	396	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 15) Regulations 2021 25 November 2021
S. L.	397	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Sporting Events and Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 12) Regulations 2021	..... 25 November 2021
S. L.	398	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events - Control Order) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2021	..... 25 November 2021
S. L.	399	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings - Control Order) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2021	..... 25 November 2021
S.	205	MediFund Endowment Scheme Annual Report for FY 2020 (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021)	..... 29 November 2021
S. L.	400	Central Provident Fund (Revised Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 01 December 2021
S. L.	401	Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Topping-Up Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 01 December 2021
S. L.	402	Central Provident Fund (Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 01 December 2021
S. L.	403	Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 01 December 2021
S. L.	404	Central Provident Fund (Topping-Up of Special Account) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 01 December 2021

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S. L.	405	Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 01 December 2021
S. L.	406	Central Provident Fund (Reserved Amount) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 01 December 2021
Parl.	5	Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 03 December 2021
S. L.	407	Professional Engineers Board (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2021	..... 07 December 2021
S. L.	408	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities - Control Order) (Amendment No. 16) Regulations 2021	..... 08 December 2021
S. L.	409	COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings - Control Order) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations 2021	..... 08 December 2021
S. L.	410	Income Tax (Relaxed Party of Approved Shipping Investment Enterprise under Section 13S) Rules 2021	..... 09 December 2021
S. L.	411	Income Tax (Relaxed Party of Approved Container Investment Enterprise under Section 43ZA) Rules 2021	..... 09 December 2021
Parl.	6	Second Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 11 December 2021
Parl.	7	Third Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 12 December 2021
Parl.	8	Corrigendum to the Second Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 13 December 2021
S. L.	412	Public Utilities (Water Supply) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021 14 December 2021

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S. L.	413	Sewerage and Drainage (Trade Effluent) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 14 December 2021
Parl.	9	Fourth Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 14 December 2021
S. L.	414	Rules of Court 2021	..... 15 December 2021
S. L.	415	Singapore International Commercial Court Rules 2021	..... 15 December 2021
Parl.	10	Fifth Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 15 December 2021
S. L.	416	Income Tax (Machinery and Plant Depreciation Rates) (Revocation) Rules 2021	..... 17 December 2021
Parl.	11	Sixth Special Report from the Committee of Privileges	..... 22 December 2021
S. L.	417	Health Products (Clinical Trials) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 23 December 2021
S. L.	418	Health Products (Therapeutic Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2021	..... 23 December 2021
S. L.	419	Health Products (Clinical Research Materials) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	..... 23 December 2021
S. L.	420	Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2021	..... 23 December 2021
S. L.	421	Environmental Public Health (Public Cleansing) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021	..... 31 December 2021
S. L.	422	Healthcare Services Act 2020 (Amendment of Schedules) Order 2022 5 January 2022

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S. L.	423	Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2021	06 January 2022
S. L.	424	Goods and Services Tax (Mode of Payment for Refunds) Regulations 2021	.....	06 January 2022
S. L.	425	Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2021	.....	06 January 2022
S. L.	426	Goods and Services Tax (Imports Relief) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2021	.....	06 January 2022
S. L.	427	Income Tax (Mode of Payment for Refunds) Rules 2021	.....	06 January 2022
S. L.	428	Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021	.....	07 January 2022
