

FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

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FIRST SESSION

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ORDER PAPER

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) in the past two years, what percentage of special needs adults are gainfully employed and how does this compare to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels; (b) what sectors are most of these adults employed in; (c) among those who are capable of working but remain unemployed, what are the common reasons; and (d) what forms of targeted help are available to them if they are unable to find employment after tapping on the various career placement and development programmes.
- \*2. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether more details can be shared regarding an application made against the Attorney-General by 17 prisoners awaiting capital punishment; and (b) what can be done to counter foreign interference on sensitive issues such as the death penalty.
- \*3. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Education whether primary school students taking subjects at a foundation level can be placed in the same class as students who are not taking foundation level subjects to ensure social mixing, similar to that in secondary schools.
- \*4. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment among current ongoing constructions projects (a) how many have been granted permission to work on weekends; and (b) whether there has been an increase of constructions projects granted permission to work on weekends as compared to the last tightening of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

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- \*5. Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether Town Councils are authorised and has the powers to conduct enforcement actions against unlawful parking in common areas by foreign-registered vehicles similar to local registered vehicles; (b) if so, how are such enforcement actions conducted against foreign-registered vehicles; and (c) whether there is a difference in enforcement actions conducted against foreign-registered and local registered vehicles.
- \*6. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education for each year in the past 10 years, what is the respective ratio of Singaporeans to foreigners in Autonomous Universities for faculty members (i) on an overall basis (ii) for Humanities and Social Science-related departments (iii) on the tenure track and (iv) on the non-tenure track.
- \*7. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health in the past two years (a) how many applications has the Ministry received to import embryos back to Singapore for Assisted Reproductive Technology procedures; (b) how many of such applications have been successful; and (c) what are the main reasons provided for rejections.

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### ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (Paper Cmd. 12 of 2022) – Committee of Supply (Progress: 8 March 2022) (6<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day).

*Resumption of Debate on Question (8 March 2022)*

“That the total sum to be allocated for Head W of the Estimates be reduced by \$100.” – (Mr Saktiandi Supaat).

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

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update on the roll out of video-recording of statements from suspects; and (b) when will the video-recording of suspects' statements be fully implemented.
2. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there are plans for continued education and training for special needs children after 18 years of age given their need for a longer period of education to gain the relevant life and vocational skills.
3. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Education whether more inclusive environments can be created in public schools beyond special education schools to allow special needs children to play and learn alongside other children, but also cater to their specialised needs.
4. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Education for each year in the past five years, what is the percentage breakdown of students admitted into the Gifted Education Programme by (i) housing type (ii) parents' education levels (iii) race and (iv) financial assistance status.
5. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development based on the current geographical boundaries, what are the respective mean and median numbers of equivalent dwelling units that each Family Service Centre serves within each geographical area.
6. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what are the current schemes in place and what support do families with special needs children receive; and (b) whether more financial support can be given to all families of special needs children given the expenditures needed for education and therapy from infant years into adulthood.
7. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether more respite care options can be made available to alleviate the load on caregivers of special needs individuals.
8. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Enhanced Pilot for Private Intervention Providers can be expanded to more early intervention programmes for infants and children so as to allow more families to qualify for financial support.

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9. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether and, if so, what penalties will be imposed on employers who fail to comply with the Ministry's "Advisory on work and leave arrangements for employees who test positive for COVID-19 but are mildly symptomatic or physically well" updated on 5 January 2022, such as requiring employees under this category to submit a medical certificate or going on unpaid leave; and (b) what remedies are available to such employees.
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