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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER*

- *1. Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there will be a review of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Act 1990 and its relevant subsidiary legislation in view of the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal; (b) whether there is an existing framework where the parties responsible for an oil spill, even in an accident, are made to appropriately address the potential negative externalities; and (c) whether the penalties under the Act commensurate with the costs of clean-up and provides a sufficient deterrent.
- *2. Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether any environmental damage assessment has been done in relation to the maritime accident at Pasir Panjang Terminal on 14 June 2024; (b) what is the estimated cost of clean-up operations thus far; and (c) who will bear the cost of the clean-up operations.
- *3. Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what standard operating procedures are in place, including targeted response times, to contain oil spills; (b) what coordination efforts are in place to promptly tackle both sea and beach clean-ups after oil spills; and (c) what are ways that citizens can be involved in such clean-up efforts.
- *4. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport in addition to using the current buster system, skimmers and containment booms, whether the Maritime and Port Authority has considered the use of hydrophobic sponges to separate oil from water emulsions to increase the efficiency and sustainability of oil spill response operations for the clean-up of the oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal.
- *5. Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the Maritime and Port Authority's (MPA's) cleanup operations of the recent oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal; and (b) whether there are subsequent plans to remove the remaining small droplets of oil mixed with sea water at low oil concentrations to ensure that the water is environmentally safe for local wildlife after the skimming operation is completed.
- *6. Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the recent oil spill incident at Pasir Panjang Terminal, what are the estimated (i) environmental costs (ii) economic costs and (iii) costs of cleanup, including those arising from the procurement of emergency cleaning services.
- *7. Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) whether the Ministry and other agencies have received any reports from the public on adverse impact to persons and property; (b) if so, what are these reports and how can the public protect themselves and their properties; and (c) whether the agencies which are involved in resolving such issues are coordinated in their operations and responses.

- *8. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport when the recent oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal was first discovered on 14 June 2024 (a) what actions, beyond the spraying of dispersant and deployment of oil booms, were undertaken in the first 24 hours to contain the spill; (b) how does the authorities verify that the containment efforts were successful; (c) how long after the oil spill was discovered before information was communicated to the press; and (d) how will the authorities determine when cleanup efforts are to cease.
- *9. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry will conduct an after-action review regarding the multi-agency response to the oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal, and present it to Parliament at a future date.
- *10. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal, how extensive is the resulting oil pollution damage to our beaches, coastal areas, and port and territorial waters estimated to be.
- *11. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the pollution caused by the oil spill at the Pasir Panjang Terminal on 14 June 2024, what is the estimated cost of the clean-up likely to be incurred for our beaches, coastal areas, and port and territorial waters including the cost of deployment of vessels, equipment and manpower for all clean-up, containment and other mitigation measures.
- *12. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the collision between the Vox Maxima and Marine Honour at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) why did the Maritime Port Authority choose to prioritise oil collection in certain areas before deploying booms to contain the spill; (b) what are the specific natural constrictions and catchment areas identified for containing the oil spill; and (c) whether this strategy resulted in any coastal areas becoming unnecessarily contaminated with oil.
- *13. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the planning parameters used in the Ministry's contingency planning for an oil spill in Singapore waters; (b) what assets and methods are required to ensure an effective response; (c) how regularly are these contingency plans exercised; and (d) what learning points from the oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal on 14 June 2024 will the Ministry take to update its plans to respond to a future incident.
- *14. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the allision between Vox Maxima and Marine Honour (a) what time were booms fully deployed to encircle the vessels; (b) what was the boom formation shape and deployment pattern used; (c) what was the (i) total length of booms deployed (ii) height of the booms' freeboard and skirt (iii) the significant wave height and (iv) the speed of tidal currents at the time and location of the incident; and (d) whether there were any breaks in the boom deployment.
- *15. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how have the various Government agencies coordinated their responses to the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal; (b) whether the whole-of-Government response is coordinated with those of non-governmental organisations; and (c) what additional pre-emptive measures can be taken to guard against the effects of any future oil spills.
- *16. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the workers involved in the clean-up efforts for the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal have adequate personal safety protection equipment.

- *17. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the oil spill from the recent incident at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) how will the Ministry ensure that the beaches are adequately cleaned to minimise the damage to the affected beaches and marine life; and (b) what preventive measures are being implemented to prevent such accidents in the future.
- *18. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what measures have been taken to ensure the safety of cleaning workers who are deployed to clean oil spills; and (b) whether there is an international standard of operating procedures that have been developed or adopted to ensure the safe and effective cleaning of oil spills.
- *19. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) whether the Singapore Food Agency will be conducting random checks on the quality of produce from the fish farms for a defined period to ensure food safety; (b) what other support can be offered to the fish farm businesses in addition to the booms that have been deployed; and (c) whether the local fish supply will be impacted in the short term.
- *20. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the standards for the use of personal protective equipment that companies and entities involved in the recent Pasir Panjang Terminal oil spill clean-up operation are required to meet; and (b) what recourse do workers involved in the clean-up have should they have or suspect to be suffering from ill effects from dermal or inhalation exposure.
- *21. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how frequently will the seawater intake at Jurong Island Desalination Plant be tested for oil contamination; and (b) whether there will be an impact on Singapore's water supply in the event that oil is detected.
- *22. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) what are the personal protection equipment issued to workers and volunteers who are participating in the clean-up operations; and (b) what is the safety training provided to these workers and volunteers.
- *23. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal (a) what is the expected extent of damage to biodiversity-sensitive areas as a result of the low-sulphur fuel leakage; and (b) how can the current buster containment and recovery devices and booms help in managing the oil spill amidst the tidal currents.
- *24. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how has the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal affected the marine protected areas of Sisters' Islands and other parts of the Southern Islands; and (b) what measures are being taken to minimise the impact of the oil spill on marine life there.
- *25. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the impact of the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal on Singapore's marine ecosystem in the short-term and long-term, respectively; and (b) how many wild animals have been rescued from the oil spill.
- *26. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what are the current and long-term impact on the local wildlife and animal species in the areas affected by the recent oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal, such as the Southern Islands and Labrador Nature Reserve; and (b) what measures can be taken to protect local wildlife against such impact from future oil spills.

- *27. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) what is the expected biodiversity impact of the recent Pasir Panjang Terminal oil spill on the Sisters' Islands Marine Park; (b) whether the impact of the oil spill will affect plans for the second marine park in the Southern Islands; and (c) if so, what is the anticipated impact.
- *28. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the Strategy and Action Plan set out in the Child and Maternal Health & Well-being Taskforce report (a) whether there will be resources provided for ground-up or grassroots efforts to support the action plans; and (b) how long will it take for Family Nexus centres which provide integrated health and social services for families with young children and couples planning for marriage and parenthood to be established at all polyclinics in Singapore.
- *29. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the impact and utilisation of the Family Nexus sites established at Tampines, Punggol, Sembawang, and Choa Chu Kang; (b) what feedback has been received from the community; and (c) whether there are plans for expanding such sites to other regions.
- *30. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the report from the interagency Child and Maternal Health & Well-being (CAMH) Taskforce published on 14 June 2024, what measurable outcomes have been observed from the 28 initiatives that have been implemented so far.
- *31. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the setting up of Family Nexus sites under the Child and Maternal Health & Well-being Taskforce's Strategy and Action Plan (a) what is the timeline for rolling out this plan; and (b) when can residents of Woodgrove division expect to have access to such facilities at the Woodlands Polyclinic and other community spaces within Woodlands town.
- *32. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health how is the effectiveness of the key initiatives for the mental health screening and support for mothers, as provided in the report from the interagency Child and Maternal Health & Well-being (CAMH) Taskforce published on 14 June 2024, being evaluated.
- *33. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Government will review its investment mandates with GIC to consider the suggestion from some industry players for GIC to allocate part of its investments to securities listed on the Singapore Exchange to revitalise our local stock exchange.
- *34. **Mr Pritam Singh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the public feedback on the proportionality of the sentences meted out to the perpetrators of Singapore's largest anti-money laundering case, what is the Ministry's assessment of the deterrent effect of the anti-money laundering laws.
- *35. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee established to review Singapore's anti-money laundering regime will consider and study how potential offenders calculate (i) their own potential probability of being caught (ii) the range of existing sentencing precedents, when proposing any tightening of regulations and enforcements to prevent exploitation by criminals; and (b) whether the Committee will consider recommending the enhancement of detection, investigation and sentencing to safeguard Singapore's stature as a respected financial centre.
- *36. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for foreigners convicted of offences in Singapore, what are the considerations taken into account in deciding which country to deport them to after they have served their sentences; and (b) how are these considerations applied to the offenders involved in the recent billion-dollar money laundering case.

- *37. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the assets forfeited by those convicted in the multi-billion dollar money laundering case, whether there have been any competing claims to the assets lodged with the courts thus far by foreign governments or parties.
- *38. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Law for those convicted in Singapore for their involvement in the billion-dollar money laundering case, whether there have been indications from other governments to the Singapore authorities that the offenders will face investigations into the relevant predicate offences upon being deported to their home countries.
- *39. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is Singapore's position on the recent unsuccessful draft UN Security Council resolution to recommend granting the State of Palestine full membership in the United Nations; and (b) what are Singapore's considerations to support such a recommendation, in light of Singapore's voting record of abstention on the status of Palestine in the United Nations as a non-Member Observer State at the 67th UN General Assembly on 29 November 2012.
- *40. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) how effective has Singapore's technical assistance to Palestinian officials been in helping the Palestinian Authority to function more effectively as a state; (b) what other contribution is Singapore making towards realising a two-state solution with the Israelis and Palestinians living side-by-side in peace and security; and (c) what prevents Singapore from officially recognising the State of Palestine before a two-state solution is reached.
- *41. **Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether Singapore has any plans to train Palestinian officials from Gaza towards aiding in the reconstruction of the enclave once military operations have ceased.
- *42. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in light of the votes by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly on a resolution to support the admission of Palestine as a UN member and the subsequent actions by certain European Union states to recognise Palestine as a state in May 2024 (a) whether it is timely for Singapore to recognise Palestine as a state; and (b) if so, what are the considerations in doing so.
- *43. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether Singapore will consider establishing full diplomatic relations with the State of Palestine; and (b) if not, what are Singapore's considerations for not doing so.
- *44. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has studied the market structure of Integrated Shield Plan (IP) providers with the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore to assess if exclusion of pre-existing conditions at the point of applying for new IPs has led insurers to have dominant market position over their existing policyholders; and (b) whether an insurer's implementation of panel doctor lists will be liable to scrutiny arising from market power over existing policyholders in the context of section 47 of the Competition Act 2004.
- *45. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how is the distribution of CDC vouchers handled for separate households living together in public rental flats and for those with the same registered addresses under HDB's Joint Singles Scheme.

- *46. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what are the initial findings from investigations into the incident resulting in the death of a worker and injuries sustained by two others during routine tank cleaning at PUB's Choa Chu Kang Waterworks; (b) what is the cause of the hydrogen sulphide gas leak; (c) whether an update can be provided on the condition of the two workers under intensive care; and (d) what are the lessons learnt to ensure such mishaps do not repeat.
- *47. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the incident at PUB's Choa Chu Kang Waterworks where two workers inhaled toxic gas when carrying out tank cleaning works, what safety measures are in place at all PUB's waterworks to ensure the safety of workers against the risk of exposure to toxic gases and chemicals.
- *48. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) in each of the last five years, how many cases of suspected domestic child abuse have surfaced in the schools; and (b) what percentage of these cases have escalated to other agencies such as the Child Protective Services and the Police.
- *49. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of the recent passing of an SCDF officer after fighting a ship fire, whether additional measures will be taken to ensure that firefighters are adequately equipped and trained to protect themselves and their team during firefighting.
- *50. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many people are expected to benefit from the Healthier SG Chronic Tier scheme, where selected common chronic medications are offered to residents enrolled at Healthier SG general practitioner (GP) clinics at subsidised rates comparable to polyclinics; and (b) as of February 2024, how many Community Health Assistance Scheme (CHAS) cardholders have yet to enrol themselves at Healthier SG GP clinics.
- *51. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry will consider requiring CPF nominations of beneficiaries who are not a direct family member of the CPF account holder be made in person at one of the CPF Service Centres.
- *52. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the basis for the installation of two new statues of colonial figures, Sir Stamford Raffles and Dr Nathaniel Wallich, in Fort Canning Park in view of more recent trends in local and global art and cultural institutions towards decolonisation and the re-examination of colonial histories.
- *53. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry has conducted studies to determine the cost of CCTV installations in preschools; and (b) whether the Ministry can consider subsidy support to assist preschools in the mandatory installation of CCTVs.
- *54. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) to date, how many HDB households have redeemed their Climate Vouchers under the enhanced Climate Friendly Households Programme (CFHP); and (b) what are the barriers to expand the participating retailer base of stores where Climate Vouchers under the enhanced CFHP can be redeemed, to include HDB heartland electrical stores.
- *55. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the utilization rate of the Climate Vouchers under the enhanced Climate Friendly Households Programme (CFHP); (b) how will the Ministry promote the take-up rate for the Climate Vouchers; and (c) whether there are plans to expand the participating retailers under the CFHP to include heartlands electronics and electrical appliances stores.

- *56. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many HDB households have redeemed the \$300 Climate Vouchers under the enhanced Climate Friendly Households Programme; (b) whether the Ministry will consider further expanding the programme to households in private properties; and (c) if not, why not.
- *57. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is Singapore's current solar generation capacity; (b) what are the Ministry's plans to grow the solar industry in Singapore; and (c) whether the Ministry will roll out any initiative to promote the take-up rate for fitting private residential properties with solar panels.
- *58. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many errant cyclists have been fined in 2024; (b) how many of those fined are repeat offenders; (c) whether LTA plans to step up enforcement operations; and (d) whether the Ministry will (i) enhance penalties imposed on errant cyclists, especially for repeat errant cyclists and (ii) consider imposing a requirement for errant cyclists to attend a mandatory road safety course.
- *59. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what specific breakthroughs or advancements in data centre efficiency, liquid cooling, and tropical operations have been achieved by Singapore companies and research institutes during the 2019-2022 moratorium period; (b) how these innovations compare to the state-of-the-art globally; and (c) whether any of these innovations have been commercially implemented at scale locally or internationally.
- *60. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education with regard to students who take on modules, courses or programmes related to Human Resource, Capital and Employment or Industrial Relations, whether the Ministry can provide full funding to ITEs, polytechnics and autonomous universities to fully support them in sending these students to undergo and complete the various certifications from the Institute for Human Resource Professionals as they do not qualify for the SkillsFuture credits yet.
- *61. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry will review the policy on banning ex-offenders from donating blood within one year of their prison release.
- *62. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what systems and processes does the Government have to ensure that adult Singaporeans do not hold dual/multiple citizenships of other countries; (b) what steps are taken when it is discovered that an adult Singaporean is holding dual/multiple citizenships; and (c) how many such cases of adult Singaporeans holding dual/multiple citizenships have occurred in the last five years.
- *63. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what steps are being taken to ensure the safety of migrant workers who are found sleeping on roads and pavements near dormitories where alcohol consumption is prohibited.
- *64. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what plans are in place to ensure that the large majority of foreign workers who have access to recreation centres near their dormitories consume alcohol at these purpose-built locations instead of drinking at roadsides and on pavements.
- *65. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB can review its BTO building programme and policy to shorten the waiting time to about 18 months, from the date of successful application to the date the keys are collected, considering the lessons learned from the delays caused by the pandemic.

- *66. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether he will consider refreshing the Enabling Masterplan 2030 to incorporate the accessibility of financial services for consistency with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
- *67. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether an update can be provided on the foreign direct investment commitments that the Singapore Economic Development Board has received in the first six months of 2024; (b) whether Singapore is on track for its investment targets for 2024; and (c) what will be some of the important and special factors for Singapore to uphold to ensure that the country remains an attractive investment destination and good jobs are created in the future economy.
- *68. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many light goods, heavy goods, and goods-cum-passenger vehicles are currently registered under sole proprietors; (b) does the Ministry collect the residential addresses of the vehicle owners; and (c) if such data are not collected, whether the Ministry will consider including this data field in vehicular registration to aid in parking space planning.
- *69. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) in the past three years, what proportion of children have attended Childhood Developmental Screening checks; and (b) what are the measures to ensure that children who do not turn up for such checks will still get the appropriate follow-up.
- *70. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what are the top reasons for the rejection of the Home Protection Scheme (HPS) Insurance applications; (b) whether there is an exclusion list of pre-existing medical conditions for such applications; and (c) if so, whether a review of the list can be considered.
- *71. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for National Development in view of the recently launched Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (PPHS) (Open Market) Voucher scheme, how will HDB prevent and detect attempts at profiteering or price gouging by landlords that may negate the \$300 rental voucher value that is supposed to benefit the eligible families.
- *72. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will consider accepting the use of average hourly earnings of self-employed persons to derive the equivalent household income for application of financial assistance and social support to take into account that they may have a lower average hourly earnings as compared to others who work the standard work hours per month.
- *73. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether the Lease Agreements for Retail Premises Act covers offices in commercial buildings which provide legal, accounting or valuation services; and (b) whether tenancy agreements for such offices are subject to the Code of Conduct for the Leasing of Retail Premises.
- *74. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Transport what is the rationale for (i) categorising vehicles by weight instead of size and (ii) differentiating allowable parking spaces for lorries by weight instead of by size.
- *75. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how many family offices that were granted tax benefits by the Monetary Authority of Singapore are linked to the accused persons in the recent \$3 billion money laundering case; and (b) whether there will be a clawback of the benefits previously accorded to these family offices.

- *76. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether the Assurance Package can be enhanced for low-income and vulnerable families so as to provide more monthly assistance to each family member based on the family's per capita income to help them cope with the higher cost of living.
- *77. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether HDB will set aside more completed flats to be sold under the Sale of Balance Flats exercise to cater to residents who need flats urgently but cannot afford the resale prices.
- *78. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what support measures are in place to follow up on children from vulnerable and distressed families who miss their Childhood Developmental Screening (CDS) checks and whose parents or guardians are non-compliant; (b) whether the Ministry considers the non-attendance of CDS checks as an early sign of possible neglect or abuse; and (c) how does the Ministry investigate such suspected cases of neglect or abuse where families cannot be contacted.
- *79. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA has assessed the road design at the Jalan Lempeng and Faber Drive unsignalised cross junction near a school in the context of the four accidents in six weeks reported on a media outlet; (b) whether LTA has sought to ascertain how many other unreported accidents and near misses have occurred at this cross junction; and (c) whether the traffic impact assessments and junction designs have kept pace with the increased residential dwellings and vehicle traffic nearby.
- *80. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) in each of the last five years, what is the total number of indoor sports facilities used for coaching; (b) whether there are plans to increase the pool of such facilities to meet the increasing demand for commercial coaching services for sports and, if so, what is the forecasted rate of increase over the next ten years; and (c) how are such facilities being made available and affordable to micro-enterprises which offer such commercial coaching services.
- *81. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Education whether there is a bell curve for all forms of examinations to determine the final grade or the Grade Point Average given to students in the ITEs, polytechnics and the autonomous universities.
- *82. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what assessment has been made regarding the current risks associated with increased COVID-19 infections; (b) whether the Ministry considers it necessary to implement new health protocols to control the increase in cases; and (c) what measures are being planned to protect vulnerable populations and ensure healthcare system resilience amidst the rising infection rates.
- *83. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of recent closures of high-tech farming companies, including vegetable farms and cultured meat companies (a) how does the Singapore Food Agency conduct due diligence, including financial viability assessments, on companies before awarding grants to such farms and companies; (b) what measures are in place to ensure that grant funds are used effectively; and (c) whether the "30 by 30" goal of achieving 30% local food production by 2030 is still achievable in light of the developments.

- *84. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how will the "30 by 30" plan on local food production be revised to move the local farming sector back on track; and (b) how will the Government better assist business operators to cope with business costs challenges such as land leasing and energy costs so that business operators can continue to support the "30 by 30" goal that aims to produce 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs by 2030.
- *85. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) whether the Government remains committed to the "30 by 30" goal that aims to produce 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs by 2030 locally; and (b) whether there are plans to (i) further boost local demand for locally produced food and (ii) address the price differential between locally produced food and imported food in order to promote the market viability of domestic food production.
- *86. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the investigation of the recent incident where workers inhaled poisonous fumes at PUB's Choa Chu Kang Waterworks plant; and (b) what safety measures are being put in place to prevent a recurrence.
- *87. **Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for National Development what HDB housing options are available to children or youth aged between 12 to 23 years old who, because of parental death or separation, receive no financial or practical support from any living parent or relative.
- *88. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what have investigations into the MRT disruption on 3 June 2024 found to be the cause of the power traction failure; (b) whether current lightning protection for the MRT system is adequate; (c) how can future occurrences of such disruptions be prevented; (d) what are the contingencies for such major incidents; and (e) whether the Ministry will accede to providing more transport options for residents of Yew Tee and Limbang estates.
- *89. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry regularly reviews the communication and crowd control measures adopted by the public transport operators to notify commuters affected by breakdown of MRT trains.
- *90. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) in view of the recent findings by the Singapore Department of Statistics that hawker food prices have risen, how does the Ministry ensure that increases in prices at hawker centres, food courts and coffee shop food and drink stalls are due to increasing overhead costs and are not in fact excessively contributing to profits by such food businesses; and (b) since 2022, how many such stalls and food establishments have been held accountable for profiteering.
- *91. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether recent findings by the Singapore Department of Statistics that hawker food prices have risen include the price of food and beverages sold at neighbourhood coffee shops and food courts; and (b) whether the increases in price of food and beverages align with the rate of inflation.
- *92. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in view of the recent findings by the Singapore Department of Statistics that hawker food prices have risen (a) whether the Ministry has done a deeper study on the causes of the increases; and (b) what supply side measures can be taken to moderate further price increases so as to keep hawker food affordable.

- *93. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Chief Justice and the Minister for Law have a role under the framework of the Judges' Remuneration Act 1994 to determine the fixed and variable components of salaries paid to the Chief Justice, Judges of Appeal and other Judges of the Supreme Court; and (b) if so, what is the extent of the role played by the Chief Justice and the Minister for Law respectively.
- *94. Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance for each year since 2010, what is the average and median of (i) total salary package and (ii) each of the following six components: gross annual salary, annual variable component, non-pensionable annual allowance, performance bonus, national bonus and judiciary allowance, paid to the Chief Justice, Judges of Appeal, and other Judges of the Supreme Court respectively.
- *95. Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what are the key considerations that have led to the renaming of the Ministry to Ministry of Digital Development and Information; (b) in what ways will the renaming of the Ministry give urgency to the national effort towards digital development; and (c) whether the Ministry will engage with chambers of commerce and trade associations on how they can contribute towards achieving the objectives behind the Ministry's name change.
- *96. Assoc Prof Razwana Begum Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider (i) reviewing and updating the Framework for 21st Century Competencies and Student Outcomes and (ii) evaluating the impact of the Framework on primary school students.
- *97. Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the annual cost of taking risdiplam for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy in view that the Ministry's Drug Advisory Committee has recommended "risdiplam 0.75 mg/mL powder for oral solution" for inclusion in the Medication Assistance Fund from 1 August 2024; (b) whether the current Standard Drug List Subsidy Framework is enough to alleviate this cost for patients; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider increasing the subsidy to make it more affordable for patients.
- *98. Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how often does the Ministry accept recommendations from the Drug Advisory Committee; and (b) what are the considerations of the Ministry in accepting recommendations from the Drug Advisory Committee.
- *99. Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether an update can be provided on the prospects of a possible revival of the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, in view that the Malaysian government has recently shortlisted three consortia to build the HSR.
- *100. Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance why will the increase in Annual Value bands threshold for owner-occupier residential property tax rates only take effect from 1 January 2025, even though market rent rates have been experiencing sharp increases since 2022.
- *101. Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs regarding the medical examination for motorists aged 65 years and above to be certified fit-to-drive to revalidate their Singapore driving licence (a) whether the Singapore-registered medical practitioner can be granted access to the applicants' health information on the National Electronic Health Records for a better overview of their medical conditions; (b) whether the examinations can be made increasingly frequent for those aged above 75, 80 and 85 years old; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider limiting such examinations to appointed specialty clinics.

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- *102. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what more can be done to increase the public's awareness of the channels and platforms available for reporting of suspected child abuse cases.
- *103. **Mr Keith Chua:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Ministry can provide a timeline for the restoration of direct flights from Singapore to Timor Leste by our national carrier Singapore Airlines or its subsidiary Scoot.
- *104. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) what are the terms of reference provided to an Electoral Boundaries Review Committee (EBRC); (b) what are the principles underlying how terms of reference for EBRC are being determined; and (c) whether such decision is made by the Prime Minister.
- *105. **Mr Kwek Hian Chuan Henry:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether it will consider providing additional financial assistance similar to bursaries, for preschool children from low-income families.
- *106. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in each of the last five years (a) how many resident professionals, managers, executives and technicians (PMETs) applied for and were offered re-employment upon reaching the statutory retirement age; (b) how many were not; (c) what were the reasons provided by employers for not offering re-employment, excluding those medically unfit to work; (d) whether the Ministry will consider publishing data on re-employment of PMETs reaching the retirement age as part of its quarterly reports; and (e) if not, why not.
- *107. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether there are any plans to introduce stricter regulations on social media platforms to protect children from potential addiction and harmful content.
- *108. **Miss Cheryl Chan Wei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the percentage of Singapore citizens (i) below 50 years old and (ii) above 50 years old, who have sought dental treatment in 2012 as compared to 2023 respectively; (b) whether the Ministry tracks the dental benefits that employees are offered, especially for senior employees; and (c) when will the Ministry next conduct a review of the current subsidy and regulatory framework for dental services.
- *109. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what are the considerations behind the decision to construct a civil defence public shelter within a given housing estate; (b) whether the scarcity of such shelters in non-mature estates such as Sengkang and Punggol are due to the in-built shelters in HDB units; and (c) whether HDB considers such shelters as comparable in safety to the public shelters.
- *110. **Mr Patrick Tay Teck Guan:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) since 2021, how many cases of (i) non-issuance or (ii) delay in issuance of itemised payslips have been reported to the Ministry; and (b) how long does it take on average for employers to issue accurate itemised payslips after such reports to the Ministry.
- *111. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider allocating separate and dedicated season parking lots for lorries within housing estates for sole proprietors who depend on their vehicles, such as tow trucks and goods delivery vans, for their livelihood.

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- *112. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is the net impact of the supply chain disruptions due to port congestion on Singapore's trade and manufacturing recovery because of delays in supplies of imported components, longer export fulfilment times and higher freight rates; and (b) to what extent are industries such as shipping, logistics, warehousing or those providing auxiliary services to the ports benefitting from the increase in container traffic and shipping rates.
- *113. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether Singapore's seaports are adequately equipped to anticipate and manage severe cargo congestion arising from global disruptions; (b) whether the closure of other ports will be delayed until the Tuas Mega Port is fully operational; and (c) whether the Ministry can elaborate on the protocols and projected duration for resolving cargo congestion in our seaports.
- *114. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether there are conditions mandated by LTA for vehicles transporting very large and bulky items on public roads to ensure the safety of other road users; (b) how many vehicles transporting large, long and bulky items have been fined for traffic offences or posing hazards to the public and road safety in the last three years; and (c) whether the Ministry can consider certain roads, especially those with heavy traffic, to be out of bounds for such vehicles.
- *115. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB can make opening hours a qualifying or assessment criterion for new tenders or tenancy renewals for the three general practitioner clinics at Woodlands North Plaza to ensure access to medical services during lunch time or after-office hours on weekdays, or on Saturday afternoons, Sundays and public holidays; and (b) before the end of their current tenancies, whether HDB will consider taking interim measures to address the lack of access to medical services within such hours.

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

1. **Minister for Transport:**
2. **Minister for Sustainability and the Environment:**
3. **Minister for National Development:**

Pasir Panjang Terminal Oil Spill Incident on 14 June 2024.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS
Introduction of Government Bills

1. Minister for Home Affairs:

Anti-Money Laundering and Other Matters Bill.

(President's recommendation signified).

2. Minister for Law:

Land Surveyors (Amendment) Bill.

Motion for Leave to Bring in Bill by Private Member

1. Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang (Nee Soon):

Ms Poh Li San (Sembawang):

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DONATION BILL: That leave be given to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act for the protection of certain food donors from liability for any death or personal injury resulting from the consumption of food donated by those food donors under certain conditions."

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. ACRA (Registry and Regulatory Enhancements) Bill [Bill No. 17/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
2. Corporate Service Providers Bill [Bill No. 18/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.
3. Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill [Bill No. 19/2024] – (Second Minister for Finance) – Second Reading.

MEMORANDUM

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

Dr Syed Harun Alhabsyi : Creating Opportunity for Youth to Thrive.
(Nominated Member)

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether investments by foreign family offices for local shophouses and assets qualify for the Fund Tax Incentive Scheme; and (b) what is being done and whether more will be done to minimise the impact of such investments on local asset demand and inflation.

2. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance whether there are any initiatives that the Government and the Singapore Exchange (SGX) have implemented to engage retail investors and encourage greater participation in the SGX, including any incentives or educational programmes to boost investor confidence and trading activity.
3. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance what is the overall increase or decrease in the number of electors (i) in each electoral division and (ii) in the electoral divisions with the largest and smallest number of electors respectively, based on the latest revised register of electors as of 1 June 2024.
4. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how has MAS worked with banks to ensure independent access to banking services for visually impaired persons; (b) for each year from 2021 to 2023, how many times has MAS been contacted on the issue of visually impaired persons being prevented from independently accessing banking services; and (c) what recourse is available for visually impaired persons who face barriers to accessing banking services independently.
5. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether an update can be provided on the progress of the Inter-Ministerial Committee reviewing Singapore's anti-money laundering framework; (b) what are the Committee's key areas of focus; and (c) whether there have been consultations with relevant stakeholders and the industry.
6. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee formed to review Singapore's anti-money laundering framework can provide an update on its work; (b) whether the Committee is of the view that there are gaps in the system and will recommend tightening regulations, enforcement and deterrence to prevent exploitation by criminals especially in money laundering operations where sums involved may exceed \$1 billion; and (c) what are the Committee's recommendations to ensure that Singapore maintains its position as a financial centre of repute.
7. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Prime Minister and Minister for Finance (a) how much has residential property tax increased for each housing type since 2023; and (b) what is the projected reduction in property tax rate for each housing type once the annual value bands are adjusted in January 2025.
8. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how many firms have been granted allowances for carbon tax in 2023, 2024 and 2025 respectively; (b) what is the average proportion of emissions covered by allowances in each of the three time periods; and (c) what is the expected impact of the allowances granted on Singapore's emissions profile.
9. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Defence with regard to the RSAF F-16 crash at Tengah Air Base (a) what are the preventive maintenance and measures taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur; (b) what steps are taken to ensure the physical and mental well-being of the pilot and all staff involved in or affected by the incident; and (c) what are the plans and measures to reassure residents and businesses of the safety of the surrounding areas of Tengah Air Base.
10. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) what are the key findings of the investigation into the recent crash of an RSAF F-16 jet at Tengah Air Base; (b) what is the Ministry's assessment of the steps taken by the pilot during the course of the entire incident; (c) what are the Ministry's and RSAF's overall assessment of the operational capability of the F-16 jets; and (d) whether there are any particular concerns resulting from the Tengah Air Base incident.

11. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether Singapore has made any defence sales, such as weapons or any other material that can cause harm to civilians, to Israel since 7 October 2023.
12. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs how is the Singapore Police Force combating the fixed deposit scams that arise from phishing SMSes.
13. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs whether the Government will consider creating a separate WhatsApp channel in addition to the Gov.sg channel, to alert seniors on new and trending scams or fake news, and to make the information available in the four national languages.
14. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in light of the fatal incident involving an LTA enforcement officer during a traffic chase (a) what are the measures in place to better protect the enforcement officers on the road; and (b) whether there are consistent training and standard operating procedures for such emergency situations applicable for all traffic enforcement officers including the Traffic Police, LTA or other enforcement officers.
15. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in relation to the recent arrest of perpetrators of malware-operated scams and the crackdown of the online infrastructure of such cybercriminals led by the SPF's multi-jurisdiction operation team, what are the lessons learnt to (i) facilitate such investigation and enforcement across jurisdictions including recovery of assets from the proceeds of such cybercrimes and (ii) better safeguard our online devices against such cybercrimes.
16. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs where the terrain and other traffic constraints permit, whether the Ministry will consider installing enforcement cameras at zebra crossings to reinforce in motorists the habit to slow down for pedestrian safety at the zebra crossings.
17. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) for the past three years, what is the number of loans taken out at licensed moneylenders; and (b) whether there has been an increase in the number of such loans taken up by Singaporeans aged 18 to 25 and those aged above 65.
18. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Law (a) whether the Ministry has data on the number of complaints that have been made against judicial officers in the State Courts and Supreme Court for breach of the judicial code of conduct over the past three years; and (b) if so, how many complaints have there been.
19. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether the Ministry will consider extending the Climate Vouchers to residents living in Executive Condominiums (ECs), given that residents in ECs have similar household per capita income to those living in other types of public housing.
20. **Mr Lim Biow Chuan:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) to date, how many out of the 1.1 million HDB households have claimed the Climate Vouchers; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider giving Climate Vouchers to residents living in private estates as energy efficiency should be practised by every resident.
21. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment whether she can provide an update on the progress made towards tackling marine litter under the National Action Strategy on Marine Litter.

22. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment since the launch of the Hawkers' Development Programme, what is the number of applicants who have (i) successfully enrolled in the programme (ii) completed the training programme (iii) completed the apprenticeship (iv) started business operations and (v) continue to be in operation.
23. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment in light of the recent closures in the farming sector, whether Singapore's "30 by 30" goal to produce 30% of our local nutritional needs by 2030 locally is on track to be attained.
24. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment what is the aggregate amount of grant funding disbursed to date, for the purposes of Singapore's "30 by 30" goal to produce 30% of our local nutritional needs by 2030 locally.
25. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in the last 12 months, how many incidences of waste collection lapses by Sembwaste Pte Ltd as the public waste collector of City-Punggol and Clementi-Bukit Merah sectors have been logged with NEA; (b) what is the breakdown of the causes of these lapses; and (c) what measures are in place to minimise such lapses.
26. **Mr Leong Mun Wai:** To ask the Minister for Education what is the breakdown of the Government's total expenditure in FY 2022 and FY 2023 on permanent resident students and non-resident students respectively in (i) primary schools (ii) secondary schools and (iii) pre-tertiary educational institutes, respectively.
27. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education in each year since 2019 (a) how many (i) pre-tertiary (ii) polytechnic and (iii) university international students have been granted scholarships by the Singapore Government, respectively; (b) what is the median annual cost for each category of scholarships, respectively; and (c) what is the proportion of undergraduate international students who are (i) on tuition grant only (ii) on a combination of tuition grant and scholarships and (iii) full-fee paying.
28. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education in each year since 2018 (a) what is the overall resignation rate for the entire teacher population; (b) what is the resignation rate of teachers (i) over the first five years of service and (ii) when their bonds end, respectively; and (c) what percentage of teachers who resigned cited workload or burnout as a reason for leaving the service.
29. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the Ministry's position on allowing exceptionally gifted children to (i) skip grades or (ii) attend university earlier; and (b) how many of such students have there been in the past five years.
30. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the current counsellor-student ratio in schools and whether this is uniform across all schools regardless of their size; (b) what percentage of schools have two or more school counsellors; (c) what percentage of students have sought help from counsellors; and (d) how have these metrics changed since 2020.
31. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Education in light of the cancellation of the talk on gender and sex at the Science Centre that was originally planned to take place on 14 June 2024, whether there are any plans in place for a replacement event to be held, addressing the same issues but with a different or expanded panel of speakers.

32. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether the Ministry monitors the informal or unregistered childminding services available; and (b) what are the steps taken to increase awareness on the safety and wellbeing of the children among parents, users and providers of such services, including reporting or whistleblowing on potential breaches or abuses.
33. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) what is the assessment on the adequacy of infant care and preschool vacancies in the Bidadari estate; and (b) whether an update can be provided on the plans and timelines for the opening of new preschool(s) to meet the increasing demand of young families moving into the estate.
34. **Mr Sitoh Yih Pin:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) whether there is an asymmetry of information between the infant care and preschool vacancies listed on LifeSG and the actual vacancies available when verified with operators in person; (b) if so, what are the plans to resolve this; and (c) whether the Ministry will consider expanding the powers of the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) to equip them with the necessary authority to regulate operators on issues such as vacancies, enrolment and capacity.
35. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) from 2021 to date, how many children attending student care have been unsuccessful in their Student Care Fee Assistance (SCFA) applications; (b) in what proportion of cases do these SCFA applications involve a request for backdating; (c) whether the backdating assessment is conducted by the student care centres; and (d) if so, whether avenues exist for families to appeal on the care centre's assessment process and outcome.
36. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development for each year in the past five years, what is the breakdown in the number and percentage of child protection investigation cases which involve (i) emotional abuse and (ii) emotional neglect, respectively.
37. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development (a) for each year in the past five years, how many cases of child abuse in preschools have the Early Childhood Development Agency investigated; (b) whether there is a rising trend of child abuse in preschools; and (c) whether the Ministry has identified any upstream measures that can be implemented to help preschool teachers cope with the demands of their jobs.
38. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs for divorce cases handled by the Syariah Court that have been concluded in the last two years, what is the median and average case duration from the time the case is registered to the time the divorce is finalised.
39. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Ministry has explored best practices in other developed countries to expand the scope of practice for psychologists in Singapore.
40. **Mr Neil Parekh Nimil Rajnikant:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the status of COVID-19 related vaccination amongst the population especially as to how many seniors have gone beyond their fourth vaccination to date; (b) what are the reasons cited by Singaporeans for not having taken their additional booster shots; and (c) what steps will be taken to educate citizens on the importance of the additional boosters in view of current global concerns about the virus and the recent spike of COVID-19 cases locally.

41. **Mr Ong Hua Han:** To ask the Minister for Health how does the Ministry's Drug Advisory Committee derive the estimated cost impact to the public healthcare system of listing risdiplam on the List of Subsidised Drugs to be between \$5 million and \$10 million per year in the first five years.
42. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what progress has been made in integrating health and social services to support child and maternal health more effectively; (b) whether there are any identified challenges; and (c) if so, how is the Ministry addressing them.
43. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health given Singapore's low maternal and infant mortality rates, what steps are being taken to address emerging concerns such as the rising age of mothers at childbirth and the incidence of low birth weight in newborns.
44. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what were the specific reasons behind the cessation of gender confirmation surgery in public hospitals in 2014; and (b) whether the Ministry has any plans to reinstate the provision and subsidy of gender confirmation surgery in public hospitals, similar to the arrangement prior to 2000.
45. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how much funding support has been given to the Institute of Mental Health in the past three years for ongoing studies related to risk factors for suicide and self-harm as well as mitigation factors for reduction or prevention of the same; and (b) when will the outcome of the studies be reported and made known to the public.
46. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) to date in 2024, what is the peak number of COVID-19 infections and hospitalisations; (b) how many in the population have not received the COVID-19 vaccination in the last two years; and (c) how many Healthier SG clinics currently offer COVID-19 vaccinations.
47. **Ms See Jinli Jean:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the increased percentage in food budget that low-income families must bear to access higher-quality meals that are nutritionally adequate; (b) what proportion of the low-income families are taking lower-quality meals on a regular basis on account of finances; and (c) what measures will the Ministry consider introducing to make these meals accessible to lower-income families.
48. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether individuals with neurological or psychiatric conditions, including stroke, dementia, epilepsy, major depressive disorder, severe anxiety disorders and schizophrenia, who can perform the six Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) but require assistance with Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) can qualify for the Home Caregiving Grant (HCG); (b) if so, how many of such individuals have been given the HCG in the past year; and (c) if not, whether the HCG can be expanded to assist such individuals.
49. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry will consider enhancing the location-based reports on the Municipal Services Office's OneService app for missing seniors who have dementia by including location-based SMS notifications.
50. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the OneService app's "Help Neighbour" function will be enhanced to facilitate residents who are keen to help others within their community, such as to alert on what help is needed and how they can help; and (b) if so, when will this function be enabled and released.

51. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development what options can HDB provide for the immediate or interim housing needs of (a) middle-aged Singaporeans who need to obtain a HDB flat after the sale of their flat due to a divorce; and (b) retirees who have run out of their savings due to unforeseen hardships and need to sell their HDB flats to downgrade but cannot afford the open market resale flats.
52. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the estimated waiting time for a successful ballot for a Built-To-Order or Sale-of-Balance HDB flat in non-mature estates for second or third-time HDB applicants who are (a) middle-aged Singaporeans who need to obtain a HDB flat after the sale of their flat due to a divorce; and (b) retirees who have run out of their savings due to unforeseen hardships and need to downgrade.
53. **Ms Mariam Jaafar:** To ask the Minister for National Development how many HDB shopping and office complexes with general practitioner clinics do not have any such clinics that operate after office hours or on Sundays and public holidays.
54. **Mr Derrick Goh:** To ask the Minister for National Development given high investment demand by wealthy foreigners for local shophouses (a) what is the Government's assessment of the potential impact of higher shophouse prices on the wider property market and Singaporeans in general; (b) whether restrictions for foreign purchases, as with the residential market, will be considered to moderate demand and asset price inflation given increasing foreign fund inflows buying limited supply of local shophouses; and (c) whether local business tenants will be assisted to cope with rising shophouse rents.
55. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB can exercise more flexibility when considering applications for the HDB flat eligibility (HFE) letter under the deferred income assessment scheme, when one of the two parties of the applying couple is still studying while the other has been working for more than 12 months; and (b) what criteria does the HDB use in deciding whether to approve such cases.
56. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the rationale for the discrepancy in considering an occupier's income in the HDB's assessment of household income for the purposes of purchasing a HDB flat and in determining the quantum of housing grant provided, but not in the credit assessment for a HDB housing loan.
57. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether beneficiaries of subsidised tenancies under the National Arts Council's Arts Infrastructure Schemes are permitted to sub-let their allocated spaces; and (b) if so, what terms and conditions govern these sub-leases.
58. **Ms Usha Chandradas:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether the National Arts Council's Major Company Scheme has achieved its intended outcomes since its implementation; and (b) what are the key performance indicators for the Ministry's evaluation of the scheme's success.
59. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether he can provide an update on (i) the works and improvements being carried out at the Hougang Sports Centre, including information on the facilities which will be enhanced or added and (ii) the timelines expected for such works.
60. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the recent trend of increased contract work compared to permanent jobs and shorter business cycles will impact income security and longstanding Government policies such as compulsory savings and pension plan for working Singaporeans under CPF and HDB home ownership schemes.

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61. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the prevalence of cases of migrant workers sleeping on the roads; and (b) how is the Ministry ensuring that migrant workers are provided with sufficient recreation areas to reduce such instances.
62. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the Ministry's plans to make the cost and convenience of owning electric vehicles (EVs) more favourable for consumers in Singapore; and (b) whether an update can be provided on the progress of developing EV charging infrastructure to ensure sufficient support and convenient access for the increasing number of EVs in Singapore.
63. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether pilots of airlines based in Singapore are required to be trained in responding to the weather volatility and increased frequency in flight turbulence brought about by climate change; and (b) whether CAAS is working with airlines based in Singapore to explore technology that can better detect or reduce turbulence, particularly clear air turbulence.
64. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether there are plans to introduce in-vehicle monitoring systems to assist and accommodate senior drivers and improve road safety for the drivers, road users and pedestrians.
65. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the impact of the oil spill at Pasir Panjang Terminal affecting multiple agencies, how coordinated are the operational responses among the relevant agencies.
66. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the recent ship collision at the Pasir Panjang Terminal which caused an oil spill (a) what are the preliminary findings on the cause and culpability of the different parties; and (b) whether there is necessity to enhance safety procedures to prevent similar incidents from occurring again.
67. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport regarding the allision between the Vox Maxima and Marine Honour (a) how many skimmer vessels and storage tanks were deployed for oil recovery; (b) what time on 14 June 2024 were they deployed; (c) what was the total capacity of the storage tanks; (d) are response teams trained to handle both oil and ammonia spills effectively; and (e) whether there are agreements with neighbouring countries or international organisations to obtain support when needed.
68. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether he can provide an update on the Public Transport Council's review of extending concessionary fares or passes to graduating students, such as those of GCE A-levels, International Baccalaureate or the ITE, before they enter their next stage of education.
69. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether the increased container volume in first five months of 2024 will continue into the rest of the year and beyond; (b) how many of the container vessel arrivals at Singapore's ports are off-schedule; and (c) how can Tuas Port better manage vessel-bunching and minimize port congestion.
70. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in the past five years, how many lightning strikes have resulted in train disruptions; and (b) given that Singapore has one of the highest lightning strike rates, what are the redundancies in the rail systems to help mitigate the impact of lightning strikes.
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