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Mr Leong Mun Wai : Seeking Further Consultation and Scrutiny  
(Non-Constituency Member) of the Foreign Interference (Countermeasures)  
Bill.

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER\*

- \*1. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases, whether the current measures are effective in ensuring that Singapore is prepared for COVID-19 to be treated as “endemic”; (b) whether the healthcare system has adequate capacity; and (c) whether new measures are required.
- \*2. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health as Singapore opens up and moves towards an endemic management model for COVID-19 (a) whether the reporting of COVID-19 cases and the KPIs related to the managing of COVID-19 cases will shift towards availability of COVID-19 management facilities in relation to the number of infections nationally; (b) if so, when will it take place; and (c) what are the plans to effectively communicate this shift to the public.
- \*3. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government is reviewing the manner of implementation of COVID-19 Quarantine Orders and Stay-Home Notices so as to improve communication with affected households while safeguarding public health.

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- \*4. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health regarding the Home Recovery scheme (a) what is the efficacy of the Home Recovery scheme; (b) how many persons have completed the Home Recovery scheme without affecting other family members; (c) what is the average response time for someone who has received a Quarantine Order; (d) whether the current manpower to support the scheme is sufficient; and (e) whether the disbursement of antigen rapid test kits has been timely and sufficient for families under the scheme.
- \*5. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to Home Recovery being the default care management model for eligible COVID-19 patients from 15 September 2021 (a) what is the number of Persons under Quarantine (PUQ) who are COVID-19 positive and are under Home Recovery; (b) of these, how many are subsequently found to be ineligible for Home Recovery; and (c) how long is the waiting time for them to be sent to a hospital or dedicated care facilities.
- \*6. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Health in what circumstances can COVID-19 patients request the Ministry to have their recovery in community care facilities or hospitals after a positive diagnosis, instead of a quarantine at home.
- \*7. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how are the younger and fully vaccinated COVID-19 patients being triaged for other home recovery criteria, such as having no severe co-morbidities or vulnerable household members; (b) whether such triaging typically occurs within 24 hours of confirmation of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test results; and (c) in the longer run, what is the target time to pick these patients up for conveyance to a government facility from the time they are deemed unsuitable for home recovery.
- \*8. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) when will the Ministry decide on using viral vector or other combinations of vaccines for the third COVID-19 vaccine booster jab; (b) how will this decision impact the booster jab programme for seniors; (c) whether the definition of "fully vaccinated" will be changed to differentiate those who have taken the third booster jab; and (d) if so, how will this be reflected in the TraceTogether app.
- \*9. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the Vaccine Injury Financial Assistance Programme (VIFAP) (a) whether the findings of the independent VIFAP Clinical Panel can be released to applicants and, if not, whether this can be done; (b) what avenues are available to applicants to appeal against decisions to reject claims made under the VIFAP; and (c) what are some of the most common grounds for rejecting applications.

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- \*10. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Health what support measures will be granted to persons with disabilities, the young and elderly, who are served with SHN/Quarantine Orders and are deemed to be unable to do so on their own or in unfamiliar physical settings.
- \*11. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the current number of personnel involved in administering the Quarantine Order (QO) and Stay-Home Notice (SHN) process; (b) whether the service providers are able to cope with the increased numbers of people on QO and SHN; (c) whether the overall experience can be improved; and (d) how many cases of adverse feedback have been received to date.
- \*12. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the stipulated time limit to address public queries on their quarantine orders (QOs); (b) in August 2021, what is the number of feedback that the Ministry has received concerning belated issuances of QOs or problematic communications and how are they addressed; and (c) whether the Ministry has a backup plan to deploy additional manpower in case of a surge in COVID-19 infections.
- \*13. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health given how individuals exposed to COVID-19 positive cases serve their Stay-Home Notices (SHN) at their place of residence, but those arriving from abroad serve SHN in a dedicated SHN facility (regardless of whether they have access to an isolated place of residence) (a) what are the material differences between these two cases for this differentiated treatment; and (b) whether the Ministry will consider allowing those with isolated residences to serve their SHN at home rather than a dedicated facility, should they opt to do so.
- \*14. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what is the number of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases with mild symptoms who sought medical attention at the Emergency Department of a public hospital in the last 28 days; and (b) what are the strategies that the Ministry is considering to direct more of such cases to primary care.
- \*15. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health what is the current procedure and reason for isolating minors issued with a Quarantine Order especially with regard to (i) the other members of their household and (ii) their legal guardian.
- \*16. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Health in view of the number of patients hospitalised for COVID-19 (a) what has been the impact on the resources, particularly manpower, allocation within hospitals and the consequent impact on care quality; and (b) how will the Ministry ensure that resources are allocated adequately to those who are ill, including those in critical conditions not related to COVID-19.

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- \*17. **Mr Gerald Giam Yeon Song:** To ask the Minister for Health for COVID-19 patients serving their quarantine order at home, whether it is reasonable to expect that, despite their best efforts, they will not spread the virus to members of their household, particularly if they live in smaller flats which lack rooms with attached bathrooms.
- \*18. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) for the last 14 days, what is (i) the average time taken to pick up COVID-19 patients aged 70 years and above for conveyance to a hospital, from the time they are confirmed positive by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and (ii) the number of COVID-19 patients in home recovery and community care facilities who turned ill and required hospitalisation; and (b) in the longer run what is the capacity of general wards in public hospitals and SCDF ambulances that the Ministry expects to set aside for COVID-19 patients.
- \*19. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Health regarding COVID-19 patients (a) for the past three months, what is the weekly capacity and utilisation rates of (i) ICU beds (ii) isolation beds in hospitals and (iii) community care facilities; (b) what are the plans and associated lead time to increase ICU capacity if required; (c) what are the criteria used to determine the need to increase ICU capacity; (d) whether the recent spike in COVID-19 infections has led to a congruent spike in ICU and oxygen supplementation patients; (e) if so, why; and (f) if not, why.
- \*20. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Health whether the Government will (i) consider providing more Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits to each Singaporean household beyond the three provided by Temasek Foundation and (ii) work with distributors of ART to lower the retail price of ART given the sharp rise in COVID-19 cases in the community.
- \*21. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether the Government can provide an update on the recent period of home-based learning (HBL) that is implemented in late September/early October 2021 for primary school students in terms of the impact on their learning and development; and (b) whether this indicates a possible shift to more HBL periods for schools in the future.
- \*22. **Ms Hazel Poa:** To ask the Minister for Education whether the Ministry will consider moving schools to home-based learning in view of the spike in the number of COVID-19 cases.

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- \*23. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Education as Singapore moves towards a COVID-19 endemic status and with the important need to strengthen students' relationships and social interactions for their holistic mental wellness and development (a) what is the expected timeline the Ministry has to further open up schools to normalcy; and (b) what are the possible changes that the schools may make by the end of the year.
- \*24. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Minister for Education with school terms affected by home-based learning (a) what financial assistance is given to school canteen operators who are forced to shut during the school closures; (b) what is the total number of school canteen stall holders currently; and (c) since 2020, how many stall holders have given up their stall licences.
- \*25. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) how many students are graduating from studies in hospitality, aviation and aerospace in 2021; and (b) whether and how will the Government support these graduating students to gain meaningful employment engagements given the challenges faced by these sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \*26. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what is Singapore's current onshore vaccine manufacturing capabilities; (b) to what extent these encompass the production process and supply chain for COVID-19 vaccines; and (c) whether and how soon Singapore can be positioned as a vaccine research and development and manufacturing hub for future and next-generation vaccines as part of future pandemic preparedness.
- \*27. **Ms Tin Pei Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) over the past six months and 12 months, whether there is an increase in migrant domestic workers requesting for transfers before their contracts end; (b) what are the typical reasons for making such requests; and (c) whether the Government will consider enhancing regulations to protect local employers with real care needs from premature terminations by migrant domestic workers for frivolous reasons.
- \*28. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Manpower regarding migrant domestic workers (MDWs), whether the Ministry can provide an update on the recourse that employers have against false accusations by MDWs.
- \*29. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many workers have been displaced from the closure of SMEs since March 2020; and (b) how many have found new jobs since their displacement.

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- \*30. **Miss Rachel Ong:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with regard to older workers aged 60 years old and above (a) whether there will be further measures to help these older workers in staying employed during the pandemic; (b) since March 2020, what is the percentage of these older workers who have been successfully placed in new jobs after being displaced; and (c) what is the breakdown of job types by sector that these older workers are placed in.
- \*31. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the progress of the various career conversion and job matching efforts for mid-career PMETs; (b) whether the schemes have achieved the intended outcomes; (c) what are the frictions; and (d) what are the other upcoming support and initiatives.
- \*32. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether studies have been done by the Ministry to understand the digital preparedness of our workers aged 40 to 60 years; and (b) what are the support measures put in place to enable digitally-disadvantaged workers to take on job roles which have pivoted into the digital space.
- \*33. **Dr Tan Yia Swam:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Ministry intends to introduce additional measures to support workers who have lost their jobs as a result of prevailing national guidelines especially for industries such as the food and beverage and the construction sectors.
- \*34. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Defence whether any of the support services and protocols will be updated to pay more attention to the mental health of full-time national servicemen during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \*35. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the inter-agency task force on mental wellness is planning to establish a national suicide prevention strategy as part of the national mental well-being strategy; and (b) whether there are plans to transition this task force into a permanent national co-ordinating office for mental health and well-being under the Ministry given the increasing prevalence of mental health conditions and suicides.
- \*36. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what are the current protocols in place for the prescription of anti-depressants to patients under 25 years old by primary care doctors; and (b) in view of the co-relation between increased anti-depressant usage and youth suicide, whether the Ministry will consider reviewing the intervention pathway and protocols to enhance safeguards against the use of anti-depressants in youths and children too early or unnecessarily in their mental health recovery process.

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- \*37. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has figures on post-partum depression cases tracked over the years; (b) if so, what is the observed trend regarding the rate of post-partum depression in mothers over the past 10 years generally and by socio-economic segments; (c) whether the Government has any longitudinal studies on post-partum depression and its link to mental health conditions in mother and child in later years; and (d) if not, whether it will consider conducting studies on this.
- \*38. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many clients have been actively served by the IMH Community Mental Health Team in the last two years; and (b) what sort of critical conditions and situations will prompt the mobile crisis team to conduct a home visit.
- \*39. **Dr Wan Rizal:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to HPB's development of a one-stop online portal for national mental health resources (a) what are the reasons for developing this portal instead of building on the existing one-stop mental health platforms; (b) how will the new portal be different from the existing one-stop mental health platforms; (c) how will the Government prevent or reduce duplication of such one-stop platforms from emerging; and (d) how does developing a new portal reduce the number of existing information sources on mental health.
- \*40. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) from January to August 2021, what is the number of domestic helpers who were allowed entry into Singapore; and (b) whether the Ministry can provide an update on the pilot scheme to bring more foreign domestic workers to Singapore.
- \*41. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many migrant domestic workers (MDWs) granted in-principle approvals are currently awaiting entry permits to start work in Singapore; (b) how many MDWs have been permitted to enter Singapore via the MDW pilot programme introduced in July 2021; and (c) whether the Ministry will be expanding the numbers and sources of MDWs allowed to enter Singapore in the pilot programme should border restrictions continue.
- \*42. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) what is the current status of the four complaints that have been lodged with the Tripartite Alliance for Fair and Progressive Employment (TAFEP) against the property management company of Hillview Heights; (b) what are the findings; and (c) whether there has been an increase in the number of complaints received by the Ministry since the complaints were made public.

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- \*43. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower what protection against retaliation and dismissal is currently in place for employees who file complaints on workplace discrimination.
- \*44. **Ms Yeo Wan Ling:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many seniors aged 55 years and above have benefitted from the Senior Worker Support Package introduced in 2020; and (b) whether the Government will be looking into extending this support or other ways of promoting senior employability.
- \*45. **Ms Jessica Tan Soon Neo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) whether the trend of senior re-employment in 2020 and 2021 has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and (b) if so, what further support can be given to companies to enable them to continue to offer re-employment for their senior employees who are eligible for re-employment.
- \*46. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for National Development whether the Ministry can consider providing financial subsidies for HDB flat buyers to rent interim housing in the open market given the additional construction delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the limited supply of flats available under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme.
- \*47. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) since January 2020, how many hair and beauty salons previously reported for unfair practices, particularly for engaging in pressure sale tactics, have signed Voluntary Compliance Agreements or have been investigated by the Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore respectively; (b) how many of such firms have opened a new outlet or relocated to an existing outlet; and (c) how many of such new outlets are in HDB heartlands.
- \*48. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development how will the Ministry assist resource-low families in the anticipated rise in basic essential services such as cleaning and food services given that consumers may have to pay more for basic necessities.
- \*49. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether there will be efforts to study the current wage for Singaporeans to acquire a decent living for themselves and for also raising a family.
- \*50. **Ms Poh Li San:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) how will the port closures in China affect the shipment of raw material for businesses, in particular, the construction and electronics sectors; (b) whether these impacts affect the economic growth projection and inflation rate in Singapore; and (c) how can the Ministry assist companies in alleviating the impact of supply chain disruption and rising cost pressures.



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- \*51. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the recent spate of COVID-19 clusters involving public transport nodes, what measures can the Ministry take to (i) ensure the resiliency of public transport services to loss of manpower from COVID-19 infections and quarantines and (ii) assure commuters that our public transport system is appropriately maintained for hygiene, especially after discovery of COVID-19 cases.
- \*52. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) when does the Government expect to conclude the review of public transport fares for 2022 and the fare adjustment formula; and (b) what is the projected effect on public transport fares arising from the review and potential revision of the Network Capacity Factor (NCF) component in the fare adjustment formula.
- \*53. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment out of the 300,000 eligible HDB households benefitting from the Climate-Friendly Households (CFH) Programme (a) how many households have utilised the e-vouchers to date, with specific breakdowns for purchases of (i) climate-friendly refrigerators (ii) water efficient shower fittings and (iii) energy-efficient LED lights; and (b) whether the CFH Programme can be extended to the purchase of energy-efficient and climate-friendly air-conditioners, water heaters or washing machines to promote a better take-up rate of the programme.
- \*54. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what more can be done to raise the awareness, and expand the current pool, of trained pharmacists to identify signs of violence among their customers.
- \*55. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Ministry will be looking into raising the awareness among domestic violence survivors to use code words or any non-verbal cues, as adopted in other jurisdictions, to seek assistance.
- \*56. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider additional measures and support for families with young children in childcare when both parents have consumed all their annual leave and their children need to be looked after at home.
- \*57. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Prime Minister whether the Government will consider extending the current childcare leave entitlement to those with children between 7 and 12 years old (inclusive) in light of the increased home-based learning.

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- \*58. **Ms Foo Mee Har:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) what is the current number of home-based food businesses operating in Singapore; (b) what has been its growth trend in the last three years; and (c) how can such businesses be supported with some form of licensing requirements tailored to home kitchens to support the sustainable growth of this sector.
- \*59. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) in the past five years, what is the annual number of food poisoning cases that have occurred as a result of consuming food sold by home-based food businesses; and (b) what are the food hygiene safety standards imposed on home-based food businesses.
- \*60. **Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth whether the Ministry will reconsider the practice of offering smaller monetary rewards for Paralympians compared to Olympians representing Singapore.
- \*61. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth since the previous Olympics and Paralympics in 2016 (a) whether there has been any changes to the monetary awards administered under the Singapore National Olympic Council and Singapore National Paralympic Council; (b) whether the disparity in the awards schemes can be reduced; and (c) whether the Government can do more to encourage major donors to better support disability sports and our Paralympians.
- \*62. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development in relation to the appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer of the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) from December 2021 (a) how many candidates were considered for the role; (b) what were the factors and qualifications considered for the candidates; and (c) why was the final decision made to appoint a CEO with no early childhood or educational experience.
- \*63. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) how many currently retired SAF officers with the rank of colonel or ME7 and above have held senior positions in public sector organisations; (b) how does PSD determine which officers have sufficient competencies to lead these organisations despite not having had civilian work experience; and (c) whether PSD has considered requiring these officers to spend several years building up sectoral knowledge and skills before taking the helm of these organisations.

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- \*64. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what is the Ministry's guidance to public sector agencies and private companies who are victims of ransomware; (b) how many cases have been reported to the Ministry over the last three years; (c) whether the Ministry can consider setting standards for cybersecurity; and (d) what are the Ministry's plans to upgrade Singapore's and SMEs' capabilities against ransomware.
- \*65. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development in light of the recent focus on sustainability and the environment (a) whether the Ministry will consider putting some restrictions on redevelopment; and (b) in particular, whether the Ministry will consider an age floor before en bloc schemes can be considered.
- \*66. **Mr Liang Eng Hwa:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether HDB has the organic expertise and capabilities to identify root causes of persistent water seepage and leakage situations at older HDB flats and to provide holistic and longer term solutions; and (b) whether HDB and BCA can work in concert with the building maintenance contractors to strengthen industry capabilities and improve overall cost efficiencies and productivity in repairing seepages and leakages at older HDB flats.
- \*67. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Defence (a) since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, how many Singaporeans and permanent residents who are domiciled overseas with approval from the Ministry returned to register or enlist for national service; (b) what are the quarantine and Stay-Home Notice procedures for those returning; (c) how much is the average expenditure incurred; and (d) whether the Ministry will consider waiving or assisting with the expenses incurred for their dedicated Stay-Home Notice accommodation.
- \*68. **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.
- \*69. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) what is the Ministry's approach to working with families on students' unsupervised consumption of digital content; and (b) how can the Ministry help to mitigate against the unintended effects of over-consumption especially amongst younger students.

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- \*70. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether concussion-related injuries are common among students involved in contact sports as part of their co-curricular activities; and (b) what are the safeguards put in place to ensure the long-term health of students who engage in such sports.
- \*71. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education whether beyond just releasing the results of the Primary 4 examinations for children approved to undergo home schooling, the Singapore Examinations Assessment Board can provide further insight on areas of improvement or performance of these children so that the parents or educators of these children will be able to guide these home-schooled children to do better.
- \*72. **Ms Nadia Ahmad Samdin:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) whether there is a standardised protocol and tracking process across post-primary educational institutions to intervene for youths who stop going to school; and (b) whether there is centralised assistance available for such youths who are not in education or employment, who may wish to go back to school.
- \*73. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what are the countries and the number of countries that Singapore is pursuing Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTLs) with; (b) what are the considerations and factors used to determine these countries; and (c) what are the factors and threshold levels used for the expansion or suspension of active VTLs once they are introduced.
- \*74. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the recent court convictions of nurses from the Institute of Mental Health (IMH) for committing offences against mentally ill in-patients at IMH, what steps are being taken to ensure the safety and dignity of these in-patients and, at the same time, provide for sufficient support of IMH psychiatric nurses and health attendants to deal with challenges that they face in caring for mentally ill in-patients.
- \*75. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Health based on data from the total burden of disease, for each year in the past five years, what is the number of deaths attributable to second-hand smoke.
- \*76. **Ms Carrie Tan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Ministry has any projections for the anticipated increase in informal caregivers needed over the next 10 to 20 years as the population ages; (b) if so, what are the projected figures; and (c) how is the Government intending to build up the capacity and capability of care workers to relieve the elderly care load on women and men who are currently having to give up their jobs to care for their ageing parents.

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- \*77. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past 10 years, what is the number of work pass holders who have been arrested for overstaying after the expiry of their passes; and (b) how many of these individuals have subsequently been charged and convicted.
- \*78. **Dr Tan Yia Swam:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) in the past five years, how many cases of hate crime have been investigated; and (b) of these cases, how many have been (i) issued warning letters (ii) issued compound fines (iii) prosecuted and fines issued and (iv) prosecuted and jail terms issued respectively.
- \*79. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs what is the impact of the Australia-UK-US submarine purchase pact (AUKUS) on Singapore and ASEAN.
- \*80. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs in view of the growing complexity of international developments, including the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, the creation of the Australia-UK-US alliance and the assertiveness of China, whether the Government (i) conducts regular assessments of public sentiment among Singaporeans in response to international developments and (ii) plans to conduct a sustained public education process to educate Singaporeans, both young and old, on Singapore's core national interests.
- \*81. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) whether he can provide an update on the situation in Afghanistan from a foreign policy perspective; and (b) how does the change in government impact the bilateral ties that Singapore has with Afghanistan especially given the past involvement of the SAF in Afghanistan.
- \*82. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Defence what is the Ministry's assessment on the Australia-UK-US pact and whether the proposed Australian nuclear submarines will be allowed to use Singapore's port facilities.
- \*83. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment with regard to the implementation of mandatory tray returning at public dining spaces from 1 June 2021 (a) how many advisories were issued to diners during the advisory period from 1 June 2021 to 31 August 2021, disaggregated by month; (b) what were the challenges faced by NEA officers during the advisory period; and (c) how are such challenges ameliorated.

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- \*84. **Mr Gan Thiam Poh:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether the Government will consider increasing the penalties in respect of S Pass and Employment Pass holders who are found guilty of submitting forged documents including academic certificates to gain entry into Singapore.
- \*85. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Manpower whether there are plans to manage or regulate maid agency fees and other related fees for foreign domestic helpers given that some maid agencies seem to be charging potential employers high fees.
- \*86. **Mr Edward Chia Bing Hui:** To ask the Minister for Manpower in view of the higher COVID-19 vaccination rates in Singapore, whether the Ministry can prioritise the entry of migrant domestic workers who have been fully vaccinated at their source country.
- \*87. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for National Development as Singapore experiences rising temperatures and a hotter climate, what are the steps taken to prevent fires in our nature reserves and parks.
- \*88. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to HDB's recent decision to impose an income ceiling of \$7,000 for applicants under the Parenthood Provisional Housing Scheme (a) what is the basis of fixing the \$7,000 income ceiling; and (b) whether HDB can consider taking into account the per capita income of the applicant's household.
- \*89. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to HDB home loan eligibility (a) whether there are appeals to waive the maximum two-time of such loans; (b) if so, how many have been approved and rejected to date; and (c) under what conditions will the appeal be successful.
- \*90. **Mr Alex Yam Ziming:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) what are the reasons for the spike in electricity futures prices traded on the Singapore Exchange in July 2021; (b) whether the Ministry has received any complaints from electricity retailers of potential manipulation in the market; and (c) whether the Ministry regulates the market to check on any price fixing or manipulation.
- \*91. **Dr Lim Wee Kiak:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) what has been the utilisation rate of existing charging points (CPs) for electric vehicles; (b) what has been the response from owners of private premises such as condominiums or retail malls regarding the installation of CPs at these premises; (c) whether the installation of CPs will be made a mandatory part of new building plans; and (d) whether there are plans to install separate CPs for electric-powered motorcycles.

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- \*92. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Transport what are the implications on the standards and safety of the Thomson-East Coast and Cross Island MRT Lines arising from the actions of a former group director of LTA who has admitted in court to numerous corrupt transactions involving contractors working on the Lines.
- \*93. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Prime Minister whether there is any renewed consideration being given to lower the voting age to 18 years of age and, if not, why not.
- \*94. **Mr Saktiandi Supaat:** To ask the Prime Minister in light of large Singapore investments in China and the crisis facing Chinese property developer Evergrande (a) whether there are any financial institutions or companies with financial exposure to the Chinese property sector; (b) if so, what is the size of the financial exposure incurred by these financial institutions and companies; (c) what is the anticipated impact in the event of a fallout; and (d) how will our financial institutions be affected by any contagion effect.
- \*95. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Certificate of Entitlement for motorcycles can be tiered according to their engine capacity especially for those 200cc and below.
- \*96. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for Finance (a) in each of the last 10 years, regarding profit-making companies, what is their (i) total revenues (ii) accounting profit before tax (iii) chargeable income (iv) corporate income tax paid and (v) average effective tax rate; (b) what is the breakdown by SMEs and non-SMEs; and (c) with regard to the average effective tax rates, whether this is calculated based on aggregated chargeable incomes and taxes paid or a simple average of the effective tax rates of the respective companies in their respective years.
- \*97. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth what is the level of support provided to Singapore athletes in terms of mental and emotional wellness that will assist them in their preparation and recovery before and after major sports competitions.
- \*98. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth how can the Ministry encourage Singaporeans to both celebrate our athletes' victories and honour their efforts in their setbacks.
- \*99. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Culture, Community and Youth (a) whether there are plans to conduct a review of Singaporean athletes' performance at the recent 2020 Tokyo Olympics; and (b) how will this review be incorporated into any strategic plan for the 2024 Olympics.

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- \*100. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many nuisance orders have been issued to date under Section 45(1) of the Environmental Public Health Act; (b) what is the complete list of nuisances for which nuisance orders have been issued; and (c) how many nuisance orders are issued specifically for nuisances falling under Section 44(e) of the Environmental Public Health Act.
- \*101. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment as Singapore moves to become a COVID-19 resilient country (a) whether the SafeEntry control access and the reduced seating capacities will be permanent features of our hawker centres moving forward; and (b) if so, whether the Ministry can relook at the post-pandemic hawker landscape to find ways to help the hawkers to become COVID-19 resilient so that we can move past the need for continual one-off relief packages.
- \*102. **Mr Seah Kian Peng:** To ask the Minister for National Development given the continued high demand for BTO flats coupled with the delay in completion of various ongoing BTO projects, whether the Ministry will consider bringing forward various planned BTO projects or consider building more BTO flats than currently planned.
- \*103. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Prime Minister regarding the report by MAS that bank customers in Singapore suffered fraudulent credit card transactions following malicious actors' diversion of SMS one-time passwords, whether a retrospective review will be conducted to establish whether additional customers prior to September 2020 may have been affected.
- \*104. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Prime Minister regarding fraudulent credit card payments made by hackers (a) what protection do bank customers have against sophisticated attacks on bank systems which hijack messages or passwords, or misrepresent the banks; (b) what are the measures that can be taken by customers to protect their own credentials, and (c) how can customers know which online services and purchase platforms are considered trustworthy by banks.

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

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**AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS****Introduction of Government Bills****1. Prime Minister:**

Exchanges (Demutualisation and Merger) (Amendment) Bill.

**2. Minister for Law:**

Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Bill.

*(President's recommendation signified).*

**3. Minister for Law:**

Judicial Service (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

**4. Second Minister for Trade and Industry:**

Energy (Resilience Measures and Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

**5. Minister for Finance:**

Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill.

*(President's recommendation signified).*

**6. Minister for Finance:**

Government Borrowing (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill.

*(President's recommendation signified).*

**7. Minister for Culture, Community and Youth:**

Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Bill.

**8. Minister for Manpower:**

Retirement and Re-employment (Amendment) Bill.

**9. Minister for Manpower:**

Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) Bill [Bill No. 24/2021] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading  
  
[For amendments on the Bill, see Supplement No. 7 dated 4 October 2021.]
2. Sedition (Repeal) Bill [Bill No. 23/2021] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading
3. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 27/2021] – (Minister for Finance) – Second Reading
4. Private Security Industry (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 22/2021] – (Minister for Home Affairs) – Second Reading
5. Coroners (Amendment) Bill [Bill No. 26/2021] – (Minister for Law) – Second Reading

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### MEMORANDUM

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

Dr Wan Rizal : Prioritising Mental Health Care and Support for Singaporeans.  
(Jalan Besar)

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### QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **Mr Ang Wei Neng:** To ask the Prime Minister (a) in the last three years, what are the respective volume and value of cashless payments of (i) credit card (ii) NETS (iii) e-wallets (iv) PayNow and (v) any other cashless payments; (b) what is the progress on the roll out of the Singapore Quick Response Code (SGQR); and (c) what is the respective number of (i) hawkers and (ii) coffee shop tenants and food court tenants signing up for the SGQR in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021.
2. **Mr Darryl David:** To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs (a) what is the impact of the recently-signed cooperative relationship between Australia, UK and US (AUKUS) on the security and stability of the South China Sea region especially with regard to Sino-US relations; and (b) how will this affect Singapore.

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3. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) what support measures are available to assist vulnerable dependants of sole breadwinners who are either under remand or jailed; and (b) what processes exist to identify such vulnerable families who may require assistance.
  4. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) whether existing measures are sufficient to prevent terrorist attacks in public places such as supermarkets; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to implement additional measures to prevent terrorist attacks from occurring on our soil.
  5. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in view of a recent advisory issued by the Japanese Foreign Ministry to its citizens in Southeast Asia warning of a possible terror attack in crowded places, whether there have been additional measures put in place to counter a terror threat in places of high human traffic in Singapore.
  6. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs (a) for the past three years, what is the number of (i) cases of harassment by licensed moneylenders and (ii) persons prosecuted for unlicensed/licensed moneylending-related harassment; and (b) what are the new trends in such harassment.
  7. **Ms Joan Pereira:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs what measures are in place to assist ex-convicts and prisoners due to be released to open bank accounts so that they can receive wages or financial assistance where applicable.
  8. **Dr Tan Yia Swam:** To ask the Minister for Home Affairs in the past three years, what is the number of police reports on abuse by partners, spouses and family members respectively.
  9. **Ms Sylvia Lim:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Government intends to enable food catering businesses to resume catering for events with appropriate COVID-19 safeguards in place and, if so, when.
  10. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry (a) whether supermarkets in Singapore are required to ensure consistency between their posted prices and scanned/barcoded prices; and (b) whether there is any code of practice required of local supermarkets to offer the product at the discounted posted price (or for free) as is practised in countries such as Australia and Canada.

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11. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Trade and Industry whether the Ministry will consider regulating the sale of gaming cards or gift cards providing for credit values for online gaming in many retail or convenience outlets so that children and young people below the age of 18 years will not be allowed to purchase such cards by themselves and without the approval of their parents.
  12. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Transport with regard to the rise in the number of COVID-19 clusters at bus interchanges (a) whether LTA and other government agencies have reviewed the mental health and support system in place for bus drivers and, if so, what are the findings; and (b) whether LTA and other government agencies are looking into enhancing measures to mentally support bus drivers working in segregated environments due to enhanced control measures.
  13. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) whether LTA can consider installing mandatory Red Amber Green (RAG) signals for right turns in junctions within a 100-metre radius of schools; and (b) of the 600 or so RAG signals planned to be installed by 2024, whether LTA can expedite the installations of those near schools first.
  14. **Miss Cheng Li Hui:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) how many bus routes have been affected by the COVID-19 clusters at public bus interchanges; (b) whether there is any data on the number of passengers affected by this disruption; and (c) whether there is a scheme to recruit and retrain private bus drivers who used to ferry tourists and office workers to drive public buses.
  15. **Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong:** To ask the Minister for Transport whether bus operators have asked for targets under the Bus Service Reliability Framework (BSRF) to be adjusted in light of bus captains being affected by COVID-19 infections and related quarantines.
  16. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Transport (a) in each of the last five years, how many complaints of jerky driving have been received by LTA and public bus companies; (b) whether all bus captains are trained and tested on smooth driving techniques; (c) whether any on-board devices are used to monitor the jerkiness of bus captains' driving; and (d) whether there is any correlation between the jerkiness of driving and the accident rate of public bus captains.
  17. **Ms Hany Soh:** To ask the Minister for Sustainability and the Environment (a) how many complaints has NEA received in the past one month regarding foul odour in the air, especially those residing in Woodlands town; and (b) how does NEA carry out the necessary investigation in order to trace the cause of such odour.

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18. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Education (a) between 2016 and 2020, what is the annual percentage of Singaporeans attending international schools; (b) what is the annual average number of appeal cases that are received from Singaporean parents who want their children to attend international schools instead of local schools; and (c) what are the common reasons cited by the parents in these appeal cases.
  19. **Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim:** To ask the Minister for Education what are the age-appropriate basic first aid skills and first aid awareness taught in primary schools presently.
  20. **Mr Christopher de Souza:** To ask the Minister for Finance in light of how there have been multiple rental rebates for tenants, whether similar types of support can be given to small landlords who depend on such rental income for their livelihood.
  21. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether he can provide an update on the efforts of the National Committee on Prevention, Rehabilitation and Recidivism (NCPR) set up in 2018 to prevent offending, re-offending and enhance rehabilitation of offenders to date and how these have contributed to lower offending and recidivism.
  22. **Mr Murali Pillai:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development what kind of specific support that the Ministry can provide to grandparents who are forced out of circumstances to look after their grandchildren left in their care by their children.
  23. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development whether the Local Qualifying Salary will affect the eligibility criteria of families that are applying for social support grants and, if so, how will it affect them.
  24. **Mr Abdul Samad:** To ask the Minister for Social and Family Development and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs in light of haj pilgrimage cancellations for 2020 and 2021 (a) what is the total number of applicants who are in line to perform the haj in the coming years; (b) how many of these applicants are first-timers, broken down by age groups; and (c) whether there will be an increase in the number of pilgrims in view of the two years of missed pilgrimages.
  25. **Dr Tan Wu Meng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) what capabilities does Singapore have to detect emerging infectious diseases and pandemics including novel pathogens; and (b) what is the current assessment of the utility of metagenomic testing for purposes of detecting novel pathogens in the environment.

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26. **Dr Shahira Abdullah:** To ask the Minister for Health considering the close proximity of the current dental National Specialty Centres situated centrally, whether the Ministry can consider allowing all hospital dental clinics to provide specialised subsidised treatment in order to better serve patients located in further geographical locations.
27. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health of the positive COVID-19 cases that are confirmed with a polymerase chain test at a Swab and Send Home clinic, how many of these cases have been initially detected through the antigen rapid self-test kits.
28. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) to date, what are the respective numbers of healthcare workers who have been (i) confirmed as COVID-19 positive (ii) placed on quarantine (iii) placed on Health Risk Warning and (iv) placed on Health Risk Alert; and (b) whether the Ministry is considering any strategies to ensure sufficient manning in the public healthcare sector while managing the risks.
29. **Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how many individuals are currently hired for COVID-19 contact tracing operations; (b) whether manpower numbers will be adjusted given the recent huge spike in cases and as Singapore moves towards an endemic COVID-19 situation; and (c) what are the principles behind how manpower adjustments in contact tracing operations will be made.
30. **Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) since 18 August 2021, how many patients who tested positive for COVID-19 waited (i) between 24 and 72 hours or (ii) more than 72 hours, after the receipt of their test results before being issued Quarantine Orders; and (b) whether more staff and resources will be provided to operate the Ministry hotline and convey COVID-19 patients to government quarantine facilities.
31. **Mr Melvin Yong Yik Chye:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) whether the Singapore National Eye Centre has seen an increase in patients seeking medical attention for eyesight problems as a result of the Work-from-Home and Home-based Learning arrangements; and (b) whether the Ministry intends to embark on a public education campaign on the importance of maintaining good eye health in the post-COVID-19 new normal.
32. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health with regard to the rollout of the national COVID-19 vaccine booster programme (a) what is the number of individuals who are eligible for the vaccine booster; and (b) whether there is an estimated timeframe for the completion of the booster shots for those aged above 60 years.

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33. **Ms Ng Ling Ling:** To ask the Minister for Health to date, what is the number of individuals who have taken their Sinovac vaccine in public hospitals through the dedicated public health programme.
34. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health (a) how is the Ministry addressing the confusion and lack of follow-up from authorities for COVID-19 home recovery patients; (b) when a COVID-19 patient is to be admitted to a community care facility or hospital, how soon will they be notified and picked up; and (c) what is the Ministry doing to ensure clear communication of COVID-19 recovery protocols to all individuals including those who are illiterate or not internet savvy.
35. **Mr Yip Hon Weng:** To ask the Minister for Health in light of the approvals for various vaccines (a) whether persons who opt for the Sinovac or Sinopharm vaccine will be given the option to take the COVID-19 booster jab under the Government's vaccination programme; (b) how many more vaccines are now under consideration for inclusion into the national programme to be covered by the Vaccine Injury Financial Assistance Programme (VIFAP); and (c) whether those who have taken the Sinovac or Sinopharm vaccine will be included under VIFAP.
36. **Mr Xie Yao Quan:** To ask the Minister for Health what are the Ministry's plans to recognise healthcare workers for another challenging year of managing COVID-19.
37. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for Health what mental health support is there for frontline individuals such as taxi and private-hire car drivers or nurses and doctors who may repeatedly be exposed to Quarantine Orders (QO) especially at dedicated QO facilities instead of at home.
38. **Mr Don Wee:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information (a) what has been the take-up rate of IMDA's pre-approved cybersecurity solutions among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs); and (b) how is the Ministry increasing awareness of the importance of cybersecurity among SMEs.
39. **Dr Tan Yia Swam:** To ask the Minister for Communications and Information whether there are policies to prevent hateful or inciteful speech or action being communicated or distributed.
40. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) whether the Ministry will consider amending the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act to increase penalties for wildlife trafficking, trade and possession offences and to tighten the regulation for shipments in transit; (b) whether the Ministry will put any such proposed amendments through a public consultation; and (c) if so, what is the timeline for the introduction of such a Bill.

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41. **Mr Louis Ng Kok Kwang:** To ask the Minister for National Development with regard to the Skills Evaluation Certificate schemes (a) for each year in the past five years, what is the percentage of work permit holders who have done work involving skills that match the Skills Evaluation Certificate or Skills Evaluation Certificate (Knowledge) which they have obtained; and (b) if this information is not currently available, whether the Ministry will start tracking this information.
42. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how is the projected ultimate number of dwelling units determined; (b) whether there is a timeline to reach the said number of dwelling units; and (c) what is the breakdown of the projection of 1,557,000 dwelling units as at FY2019/2020 into HDB flats and private developments.
43. **Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis:** To ask the Minister for National Development in each of the last 10 years, of the total completed HDB dwelling units for sale, what is the number of vacant units and vacancy rate, including and excluding units that have achieved TOP and yet to be handed over to buyers, as broken down by flat type.
44. **Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim:** To ask the Minister for National Development what is the justification for the asymmetry in HDB ownership allowances, where individuals who first purchase a HDB flat are allowed to subsequently purchase private property without first relinquishing ownership of the flat, whereas those who own private property are not allowed to subsequently purchase a HDB flat.
45. **Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for National Development (a) how many cardiac arrest emergencies have taken place in parks and park connectors over the past three years; (b) in how many of those emergencies were Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) used; (c) what is the total number of AEDs installed in parks and park connectors to date; and (d) how many users have downloaded the myResponder mobile application and what is being done to promote it.
46. **Mr Mohd Fahmi Bin Aliman:** To ask the Minister for Manpower with the formalisation of the Household Services Scheme from 1 September 2021, whether the provision of female workers from India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Cambodia be similarly extended to cleaning businesses that provide non-residential cleaning services.
47. **Mr Desmond Choo:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) how many workers and companies have been assisted by the waiver of foreign worker levies while the workers are on Stay-Home Notice; and (b) how long does the Ministry intend to extend this scheme for.



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- 48. Ms He Ting Ru:** To ask the Minister for Manpower for each month since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic (a) how many inspections of workplaces have been carried out by the Ministry for breaches of safe management measures; (b) how many of these inspections have been notified to companies and workplaces in advance of the inspection; and (c) how many breaches have been discovered.
- 49. Mr Leon Perera:** To ask the Minister for Manpower (a) in each of the last five years, what is the number of (i) suicides and (ii) “unnatural deaths” by work permit holders; (b) whether the suicide rate and rate of “unnatural death” among work permit holders exceed those of the general population in those five years; and (c) whether there has been an increase in the rate of (i) suicides and (ii) “unnatural deaths” among work permit holders residing in dormitories in the last six months as compared to pre-COVID-19 times.
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NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO BILL

IN COMMITTEE

1. FOREIGN INTERFERENCE (COUNTERMEASURES) BILL

[Bill No. 24/2021]

Clause 8:

Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied):

- (1) **In page 29:** to leave out lines 31 to 33.
- (2) **In page 30:** to leave out lines 1 to 4.

**Consequential amendment:**

**In page 29, line 30:** to leave out “;” and insert “.”.

Clause 14:

Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied):

**In page 42,** after line 19, to insert —

- “(f) a member of the central executive council, or its  
equivalent, of any registered political party in Singapore; 2
- (g) a senior public servant holding the office of deputy  
secretary or above, or its equivalent; 4
- (h) a board member or chief executive of a statutory board or  
government company listed on the Fifth Schedule of the  
Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;” 6

**Consequential amendment:**

**In page 42, line 20:** to re-letter paragraph (f) as paragraph (i).



**Clause 17:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

- (1) **In page 44, lines 25, 27 and 29:** to leave out “or is likely to be”.
- (2) **In page 45, line 1:** to leave out “or is likely to incite”.
- (3) **In page 45, line 5:** to leave out “or is likely to diminish”.
- (4) **In page 45, line 10:** to leave out “or is likely to be”.
- (5) **In page 45:** to leave out lines 18 and 19.

**Consequential amendments:**

- (1) **In page 45, line 17:** to leave out “—”.
- (2) **In page 45, line 20:** to leave out “(b)”.

**Clause 18:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

- (1) **In page 46, line 17, 19, 21 and 32:** to leave out “or is likely to be”. 2
- (2) **In page 46, line 23:** to leave out “or is likely to incite”.
- (3) **In page 46, line 27:** to leave out “or is likely to diminish”.
- (4) **In page 47:** to leave out lines 4 and 5.

**Consequential amendments:**

- (1) **In page 47, line 3:** to leave out “—”.
- (2) **In page 47, line 6:** to leave out “(b)”.

**Clause 20:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

**In page 49, lines 3 and 4:** to leave out “, or is suspected of being or having been undertaken,”.

**Clause 21:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

- (1) **In page 49, line 21:** to leave out “suspects or has reason to believe”, and insert “has evidence or actionable intelligence indicating”. 2
- (2) **In page 50, line 1:** to leave out “reason to believe” and insert “evidence or actionable intelligence indicating”. 2
- (3) **In page 50, lines 4 and 5:** to leave out “is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to authorise the giving of the anticipatory direction” and insert “has evidence or actionable intelligence indicating that withholding the anticipatory direction presents a real risk to the public interest”. 2 4

**Clause 40:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

- (1) **In page 69, lines 26, 28 and 30:** to leave out “or is likely to be”.
- (2) **In page 69, line 32:** to leave out “or is likely to incite”.
- (3) **In page 70, line 3:** to leave out “or is likely to diminish”.
- (4) **In page 70, line 8:** to leave out “or is likely to be”.

**Clause 47:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 80:** after line 21, to insert —

“(6) Any entity designated a politically significant entity shall be listed along with reasons for designation on a registry that is provided free-of-charge and easily accessible to the public through electronic means unless the competent authority considers it not practicable or desirable to do so on national security grounds.”

**Clause 48:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

- (1) **In page 81, line 1:** after “authority’s”, to insert “reasonable”.
- (2) **In page 82:** after line 12, to insert —

“(6) Any person designated a politically significant person shall be listed along with the reasons for designation on a registry that is provided free-of-charge and easily accessible to the public through electronic means unless —

- (a) the person is not a politically significant person under this Act; or
- (b) the competent authority considers it not practicable or desirable to do so on national security grounds.”

**Clause 75:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

**In page 119, lines 25 and 26:** to leave out “or is likely to facilitate”.

**Clause 78:**

Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied):

**In page 126:** after line 9, to insert —

- “(f) a member of the central executive council, or its equivalent,  
of any registered political party in Singapore; 2
- (g) a senior public servant holding the office of deputy secretary  
or above, or its equivalent; 4
- (h) a board member or chief executive of a key statutory board or  
government company listed on the Fifth Schedule of the  
Constitution of the Republic of Singapore,”. 6

**Consequential amendment:**

**In page 126, line 9:** to leave out “,” and insert”,”.

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 127:** after line 26, to insert —

“(7) A list of reportable arrangements under this shall be made  
publicly available by the competent authority in accordance with  
section 81 of this Act.”. 2

**Clause 79:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 129:** after line 2, to insert —

“(5) A registry of the persons with declared involvement in a  
foreign policy organisation shall be made publicly available by the  
competent authority, together with the terms of these relationships,  
in accordance with section 81 of this Act.”. 2  
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**Clause 81:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 132:** after line 9, to insert —

“(4) All transparency directives, directive modifications, directive cancellations, disclosures, reports and explanations for these decisions shall be made publicly available by the competent authority over the internet in a searchable, sortable and downloadable manner without charge.”

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**Clause 84:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 133:** after line 29, to insert —

“(3) Any directive to a Part 4 politically significant entity, the suspension, modification or cancellation of the directive, and explanations for these decisions under this section shall be made publicly available in accordance with section 81 of this Act.”

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**Clause 85:**

Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied):

**In page 135:** after line 30, to insert —

“(7) Any directive to a politically significant person, the suspension, modification or cancellation of the directive and explanations for these decisions under this section shall be made publicly available in accordance with section 81 of this Act.”

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**Clauses 92 to 103:**

Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang):

**In page 144:** to leave out line 19, to the end of line 26 in page 151.

**Clause 104:**

Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang):

**In page 151:** to leave out line 27 to the end of line 13 in page 152,  
and insert —

**“Appeals to High Court**

- 92.—** (1) Any person who is subject to a determination, order or any other decision under this Act may appeal to the High Court against such a determination, order or decision. 2
- (2) No appeal may be made to the High Court by any person unless the person has first appealed to, or sought reconsideration from the Minister or the alternate authority mentioned in section 106, made or purportedly made under this Act and the appeal is first refused whether in whole or in part. 4  
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- (3) An appeal may only be made to the High Court within such a period as may be prescribed by the Rules of Court. 10
- (4) The High Court must hear and determine any such appeal and may either confirm the determination, order or decision or set it aside. 12
- (5) A determination, order or any other decision that is the subject of the appeal in subsection (1) remains in effect despite the appeal, and only ceases to have effect if it is set aside by the High Court, or if it expires or is cancelled under the provisions of this Act. 14  
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- (6) There is such further right of appeal from a decision of the High Court under this section as exists in the case of a decision made by that Court in the exercise of its original jurisdiction. 20
- (7) The Rules of Court may provide for the manner in which and the time within which an appeal under subsection (1) may be made and the procedure for an application to stay a determination, an order or any other decision appealed against. 22  
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- (8) The High Court may order that the whole or any part of any appeal heard under this Act shall be dealt with in camera if it is satisfied that it is expedient in the interests of justice or of public safety or security to do so.”. 26  
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**Consequential amendments:**

- (1) **In page 20:** to leave out lines 9 and 10.
- (2) **In page 152, from line 15:** to re-number clauses 105 to 127 as clauses 93 to 115, respectively.
- (3) **In page 167:** to leave out lines 25 to 29.

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**Clause 120:**

Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang):

**In page 169:** after line 15, to insert —

“(i) an activity undertaken by Singaporeans to exercise their right to discuss politics by expressing their own views on political matters, unless they are agents of a foreign principal;

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(j) an activity undertaken by foreign individuals or foreign publications reporting or commenting on Singapore politics, in an open, transparent and attributable way, even if their comments may be critical of Singapore or the Government.”.

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**Consequential amendment:****In page 169, line 15:** to leave out “.” and insert “;”.

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