

**FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE  
(SECOND SESSION)**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 2023**

No. 99

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Marine Parade)).  
Mr ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).  
Ms JANET ANG (Nominated Member).  
Mr ANG WEI NENG (West Coast).  
Mr BAEY YAM KENG (Tampines), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.  
Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.  
Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).  
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.  
Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).  
Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).  
Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).  
Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).  
Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.  
Mr CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).  
Mr CHRISTOPHER DE SOUZA (Holland-Bukit Timah), Deputy Speaker.  
Ms FOO MEE HAR (West Coast).  
Ms GRACE FU HAI YIEN (Yuhua), Minister for Sustainability and the Environment.  
Mr GAN KIM YONG (Chua Chu Kang), Minister for Trade and Industry.  
Ms GAN SIOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.  
Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).  
Mr GERALD GIAM YEAN SONG (Aljunied).  
Mr DERRICK GOH (Nee Soon).  
Ms HE TING RU (Sengkang).  
Mr HENG CHEE HOW (Jalan Besar), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence.  
Mr HENG SWEE KEAT (East Coast), Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies.  
Prof HOON HIAN TECK (Nominated Member).  
Mr SHAWN HUANG WEI ZHONG (Jurong).  
Ms INDRANEE RAJAH (Tanjong Pagar), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Finance, Second Minister for National Development and Leader of the House.  
Mr S ISWARAN (West Coast), Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.  
Dr JANIL PUTHUCHEARY (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health and Government Whip.

Dr AMY KHOR LEAN SUAN (Hong Kah North), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Dr KOH POH KOON (Tampines), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Manpower and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Mr KWEK HIAN CHUAN HENRY (Kebun Baru).

Mr DESMOND LEE (West Coast), Minister for National Development and Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration.

Mr LEE HSIEN LOONG (Ang Mo Kio), Prime Minister.

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

Dr LIM WEE KIAK (Sembawang).

Ms LOW YEN LING (Chua Chu Kang), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Ms MARIAM JAAFAR (Sembawang).

Mr MASAGOS ZULKIFLI B M M (Tampines), Minister for Social and Family Development, Second Minister for Health and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs.

Mr MOHD FAHMI BIN ALIMAN (Marine Parade).

Mr MUHAMAD FAISAL ABDUL MANAP (Aljunied).

Assoc Prof Dr MUHAMMAD FAISHAL IBRAHIM (Nee Soon), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of National Development.

Ms NADIA AHMAD SAMDIN (Ang Mo Kio).

Dr NG ENG HEN (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Defence.

Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).

Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).

Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).

Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

Mr PRITAM SINGH (Aljunied), Leader of the Opposition.

Ms RAHAYU MAHZAM (Jurong), Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Law.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Ms SIM ANN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of National Development and Deputy Government Whip.

Mr SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Mr ALVIN TAN (Tanjong Pagar), Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).

Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office.  
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.  
Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of National Development.  
Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.  
Dr TAN WU MENG (Jurong).  
Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.  
Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.  
Mr THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM (Jurong), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies.  
Mr RAJ JOSHUA THOMAS (Nominated Member).  
Ms TIN PEI LING (MacPherson).  
Mr EDWIN TONG CHUN FAI (Marine Parade), Minister for Culture, Community and Youth and Second Minister for Law.  
Mr VIKRAM NAIR (Sembawang).  
Dr WAN RIZAL (Jalan Besar).  
Mr DON WEE (Chua Chu Kang).  
Mr LAWRENCE WONG (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance.  
Mr XIE YAO QUAN (Jurong).  
Ms YEO WAN LING (Pasir Ris-Punggol).  
Mr YIP HON WENG (Yio Chu Kang).  
Mr MELVIN YONG YIK CHYE (Radin Mas).  
Mr ZAQY MOHAMAD (Marsiling-Yew Tee), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Manpower and Deputy Leader of the House.  
Mr ZHULKARNAIN ABDUL RAHIM (Chua Chu Kang).

## ABSENT:

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).  
Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).  
Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).  
Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).  
Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).  
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).  
Mr LIM BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Dr MOHAMAD MALIKI BIN OSMAN (East Coast), Minister, Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Education and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Dr VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN (Holland-Bukit Timah), Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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- 1 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Mr Murali Pillai) (3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day) – Question again proposed on resumption of Debate (17 April 2023), "That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:

'We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which she delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the Second Session of this Parliament.'"; Debate arising.

- 2 Time Limit for Speeches – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the item under discussion be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(8) to remove the time limit in respect of the Prime Minister's speech."

- 3 President's Speech (Address of Thanks) – (Mr Murali Pillai) (3<sup>rd</sup> Allotted Day) – Debate resumed on Question, "That the following Address in reply to the Speech of the President be agreed to:

'We, the Parliament of the Republic of Singapore, express our thanks to the President for the Speech which she delivered on behalf of the Government at the Opening of the Second Session of this Parliament.'".

- 4 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker and the general assent of Members present) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That, notwithstanding Standing Order 27(1), a date for the resumption of debate on the Address of Thanks be named by the Leader of the House in place of Mr Murali Pillai."

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5 Adjournment of Debate – (Leader of the House) – (with the consent of Mr Speaker) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the debate be now adjourned."

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

6 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn."

Adjourned at 6.12 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Thursday, 20 April 2023.

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