

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE**

First Session

MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022

No. 65

1.30 pm

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PRESENT:

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 Environment and Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHAN CHUN SING (Tanjong Pagar), Minister for Education.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

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 CHUA KHENG WEE LOUIS (Sengkang).

Mr DARRYL DAVID (Ang Mo Kio).

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.

Prof KOH LIAN PIN (Nominated Member).

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

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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.

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

Mr MURALI PILLAI (Bukit Batok).

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).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

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

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

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.

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

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 PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

Mr TEO CHEE HEAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security.

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

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).

Mr ALEX YAM ZIMING (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (Marine Parade)).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Mr ERIC CHUA (Tanjong Pagar) Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

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

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

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mrs JOSEPHINE TEO (Jalan Besar), Minister for Communications and Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs.

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- 1 Papers presented to Parliament and received by the Clerk of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Presentation of Papers) and ordered to lie upon the Table:
- 1.1 Building Control (Buildability and Productivity) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 July 2022 (S. L. 628 of 2022)
 - 1.2 Building Control (Environmental Sustainability) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 6 July 2022 (S. L. 629 of 2022)
 - 1.3 Land Betterment Charge (Concessionary Relief) Order 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 630 of 2022)
 - 1.4 Building Control (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 631 of 2022)
 - 1.5 Planning (Development) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 632 of 2022)
 - 1.6 Planning (Hotel Concession) (Revocation) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 633 of 2022)
 - 1.7 Planning (Part 5 Miscellaneous Revocations) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 634 of 2022)
 - 1.8 Planning (Part 5A Miscellaneous Revocations) Rules 2022 – Presented on 7 July 2022 (S. L. 635 of 2022)
 - 1.9 Land Betterment Charge (General) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 636 of 2022)
 - 1.10 Land Betterment Charge (Deferment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 637 of 2022)
 - 1.11 Land Betterment Charge (Compoundable Offences) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 638 of 2022)
 - 1.12 Land Betterment Charge (Table of Rates and Valuation Method) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 639 of 2022)
 - 1.13 Environmental Public Health (Registration of Environmental Control Coordinators and Environmental Control Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 640 of 2022)
 - 1.14 Customs (Duties) (Amendment) Order 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 641 of 2022)
 - 1.15 Customs (Duties) (COVID-19 — Exemption) (Revocation) Order 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 642 of 2022)
 - 1.16 United Nations (Sanctions – Central African Republic (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 8 July 2022 (S. L. 643 of 2022)
 - 1.17 Smoking (Prohibition in Certain Places) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 13 July 2022 (S. L. 644 of 2022)
 - 1.18 Annual Report of Home Affairs Uniformed Services (INVEST Fund) for Financial Year 2021/2022 – Presented on 13 July 2022 (S. 239 of 2022)
 - 1.19 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) (Harmful Online Communications Activity) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 15 July 2022 (S. L. 645 of 2022)

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- 1.20 Foreign Interference (Countermeasures) (Reviewing Tribunal) Rules 2022 – Presented on 15 July 2022 (S. L. 646 of 2022)
 - 1.21 Elderly Care Endowment Scheme Annual Report for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 July 2022 (S. 240 of 2022)
 - 1.22 Merdeka Generation Fund Audited Financial Statements for the financial year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 – Presented on 15 July 2022 (S. 241 of 2022)
 - 1.23 Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2021/22 – Presented on 19 July 2022 (Cmd. 16 of 2022)
 - 1.24 Monetary Authority of Singapore (Resolution of Financial Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 21 July 2022 (S. L. 647 of 2022)
 - 1.25 Government Financial Statements for the Financial Year 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 July 2022 (Cmd. 17 of 2022)
 - 1.26 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Endangered Species (Import and Export) (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 14/2022] – Presented on 22 July 2022 (Pres. Co. 58 of 2022)
 - 1.27 MAS Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 July 2022 (S. 242 of 2022)
 - 1.28 MAS Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 July 2022 (S. 243 of 2022)
 - 1.29 Financial Sector Development Fund Annual Report 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 July 2022 (S. 244 of 2022)
 - 1.30 Financial Sector Development Fund Financial Statements 2021/2022 – Presented on 22 July 2022 (S. 245 of 2022)
 - 1.31 Central Provident Fund (New Retirement Sum Scheme) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 26 July 2022 (S. L. 648 of 2022)
 - 1.32 Central Provident Fund (Lifelong Income Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 26 July 2022 (S. L. 649 of 2022)
 - 1.33 Central Provident Fund (Residential Properties Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 26 July 2022 (S. L. 650 of 2022)
 - 1.34 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. L. 651 of 2022)
 - 1.35 Housing and Development Board and its subsidiaries Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. 246 of 2022)
 - 1.36 Planning (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. L. 652 of 2022)
 - 1.37 Planning (Qualified Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. L. 653 of 2022)
 - 1.38 Goods and Services Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. L. 654 of 2022)
 - 1.39 Goods and Services Tax (Non-Taxable Government Supplies) (Amendment) Order 2022 – Presented on 1 August 2022 (S. L. 655 of 2022)

2 Announcement by Deputy Speaker – Mr Deputy Speaker made the following communication to the House:-

"I wish to inform honourable Members that under the provisions of Standing Order No. 102, Mr Speaker has on 27 July 2022 nominated Mr Chee Hong Tat to be a Member of the Public Petitions Committee to take the place of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance Mr Lawrence Wong, and Mr Leong Mun Wai to be a Member of the Public Petitions Committee to fill a vacancy. The nominations took effect from 27 July 2022."

3 Petition – A Petition from Ms Chua Shanyu and Mr Lim Cheng Kiang praying that Parliament (a) review the Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme (SERS) in its entirety which include a transparent and independent evaluation of reclaimed site and replacement sites, options of compensation and Lease Buyback Scheme for senior residents; (b) consider in its review that the intended use of the reclaimed site be made public so as to assess the actual or potential value of the site; (c) consider in its review, the priority of ensuring residents affected by SERS be relocated within the vicinity of the reclaimed site; (d) consider in its review, that the waiver of the Resale Levy and full reimbursement of stamp and legal fees for the affected residents are applicable in all future exercise of SERS; (e) consider in its review, an ex-gratia payment to affected residents to help defray renovation costs and for such a sum to be adjusted for inflation and other factors; and (f) consider in its review, a moratorium on SERS until such a time that a review on SERS is conducted and the findings and recommendations be made for Parliament to deliberate.

Petition stood referred to the Public Petitions Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18(6).

4 17 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.

5 Ministerial Statement – Unlocking the Sports Hub's Full Potential for Singapore – (Minister for Culture, Community and Youth).

6 Debt Collection Bill – "to regulate the operation of debt collection businesses and the conduct of certain debt collection activities and to provide for other connected or incidental matters" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 18/2022].

7 Registration of Criminals (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Registration of Criminals Act 1949 and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Sun Xueling), on behalf of the Minister for Home Affairs; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 19/2022].

8 Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Singapore Tourism Board Act 1963 and to make a consequential amendment to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act 1996" – presented by the Minister of State (Ms Low Yen Ling), on behalf of the Minister for Trade and Industry; read the first time; to be read a second time on the next available sitting day and to be printed. [Bill No. 20/2022].

9 Public Defenders Bill – (Senior Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Minister for Law) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

10 Exempted Business – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be exempted at this day's sitting from the provisions of Standing Order No. 2.".

11 Public Defenders Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time.".

Question put and agreed to. Bill read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Senior Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Minister for Law).

(In the Committee)

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clauses 3 to 28 inclusive agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

12 Adjournment – (Deputy Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question proposed "That Parliament do now adjourn."; Debate arising.

On Question put – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn.".

Adjourned at 8.01 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Deputy Speaker will take the Chair again at 1.30 pm on Tuesday, 2 August 2022.
