VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH PARLIAMENT OF SINGAPORE

First Session

MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2022

No. 50 **11.30 am** 1

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 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 Transport.

Mr CHENG HSING YAO (Nominated Member).

Mr EDWARD CHIA BING HUI (Holland-Bukit Timah).

Mr CHONG KEE HIONG (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr DESMOND CHOO (Tampines).

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

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 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 Health and Ministry of Manpower.

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 BIOW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).

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).

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), Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Information and Ministry of Health.

Mr SAKTIANDI SUPAAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh).

Mr SEAH KIAN PENG (Marine Parade).

Dr SHAHIRA ABDULLAH (Nominated Member).

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

Mr SHARAEL TAHA (Pasir Ris-Punggol).

Mr SITOH YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms SUN XUELING (Punggol West), Minister of State, Ministry of Education 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.

Ms CARRIE TAN (Nee Soon).

Mr DENNIS TAN LIP FONG (Hougang).

Mr DESMOND TAN (Pasir Ris-Punggol), Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment.

Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.

Mr TAN KIAT HOW (East Coast), 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).

Dr TAN YIA SWAM (Nominated Member).

Mr PATRICK TAY TECK GUAN (Pioneer).

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 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), 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:

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

Miss CHENG LI HUI (Tampines).

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

Ms SYLVIA LIM (Aljunied).

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

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

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

MR ALEX YAM ZIMING ((Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Hijacking of Aircraft and Protection of Aircraft and International Airports (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 2/2022] Presented on 21 February 2022 (Pres. Co. 49 of 2022) 1.2 Report of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights on the Administration of Muslim Law (Amendment) Bill [Bill No 3/2022] - Presented on 21 February 2022 (Pres. Co. 50 of 2022) 1.3 Aljunied-Hougang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 208 of 2022) 1.4 Ang Mo Kio Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 - Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 209 of 2022) 1.5 Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 210 of 2022) 1.6 Chua Chu Kang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 211 of 2022) 1.7 East Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 212 of 2022) 1.8 Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 - Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 213 of 2022) 1.9 Jalan Besar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 214 of 2022) 1.10 Jurong-Clementi Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 215 of 2022) 1.11 Marine Parade Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 216 of 2022) 1.12 Marsiling-Yew Tee Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 217 of 2022) 1.13 Nee Soon Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 218 of 2022) 1.14 Pasir Ris-Punggol Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 219 of 2022) 1.15 Sembawang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 - Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 220 of 2022) Sengkang Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and 1.16 Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 221 of 2022) 1.17 Tampines Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 222 of 2022)

Tanjong Pagar Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 – Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 223 of 2022)

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- 1.19 West Coast Town Council's Audited Financial Statements, Auditors' Reports and Annual Report for FY2020/2021 Presented on 21 February 2022 (S. 224 of 2022)
- 1.20 Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2022 Presented on 23 February 2022 (S. L. 488 of 2022)
- 2 9 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- Supply Bill "to provide for the issue from the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of the sums necessary to meet the estimated expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023" President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 22/23 and to be printed. [Bill No. 8/2022].
- Second Supplementary Supply (FY 2021) Bill "to make supplementary provision to meet additional expenditure for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022" President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance; read the first time; to be read a second time after the conclusion of proceedings on the Estimates of Expenditure for FY 21/22 and to be printed. [Bill No. 9/2022].
- Proceedings on Ministerial Statement (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 91(2), a Ministerial Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 'The Situation in Ukraine and its Implications' be taken now."
- 6 Ministerial Statement The Situation in Ukraine and its Implications (Minister for Foreign Affairs).
- Budget Statement Order read for resumed Debate on Question (18 February 2022), "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.". (Minister for Finance).
 - Question again proposed; Debate resumed.
- 8 Exempted Business (Leader of the House) (with the consent of Mr Deputy Speaker and the general assent of Members present) Motion made, and Question put Resolved, "That the proceedings on the business set down on the Order Paper for today be proceeded with beyond the moment of interruption.".
- Budget Statement (Minister for Finance) Debate resumed on Question, "That Parliament approves the financial policy of the Government for the financial year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.".

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

Debate to be resumed Tomorrow.

 $10 \qquad \quad Adjournment-(Leader\ of\ the\ House)-Resolved,\ "That\ Parliament\ do\ now\ adjourn\ to\ 11.00\ am\ tomorrow.".$

Adjourned at 7.53 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN, Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 1 March 2022.