

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

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**First Session**

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MONDAY, 6 MARCH 2023

No. 92

**10.30 am**

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PRESENT:

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

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.

Miss CHERYL CHAN WEI LING (East Coast).

Mr MARK CHAY (Nominated Member).

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 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 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 SLOW HUANG (Marymount), Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower.

Mr GAN THIAM POH (Ang Mo Kio).

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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 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.

Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).

Mr LIM BIEW CHUAN (Mountbatten).

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.

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.

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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).

Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).

Mr LEON PERERA (Aljunied).

Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).

Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).

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

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 SITOY YIH PIN (Potong Pasir).

Ms HANY SOH (Marsiling-Yew Tee).

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, 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 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).

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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 ABDUL SAMAD (Nominated Member).

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).

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

Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).

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

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

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

Dr TAN SEE LENG (Marine Parade), Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry.

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- 1 Paper 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 Goods and Services Tax Act 1993 (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2023 – Presented on 6 March 2023 (S. L. 811 of 2023)
- 2 6 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 (Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023) – Committee of Supply (7<sup>th</sup> Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

*(In the Committee)*

Head X – Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head X of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Sitoh Yih Pin).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$1,924,977,500 for Head X agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$440,834,500 for Head X agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

Head F – Parliament –

Amendment proposed, "That the total sum to be allocated for Head F of the Estimates be reduced by \$100." – (Mr Cheng Hsing Yao).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$48,528,000 for Head F agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$2,883,200 for Head F agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates.

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates:

<i>Head</i>		\$
B	Attorney-General's Chambers	230,501,500
C	Auditor-General's Office	42,860,600
D	Cabinet Office	1,077,400
G	Presidential Councils	1,273,800
Z	Financial Transfers	32,150,541,500

The sums stated for the Heads stated below agreed to stand part of the Development Estimates:

<i>Head</i>		\$
B	Attorney-General's Chambers	11,637,000
C	Auditor-General's Office	767,000

Resolved, "That the sum of \$116,137,508,800 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the Public Services shown in the Main Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, contained in Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023."

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Resolved, "That the sum of \$34,117,474,300 shall be supplied to the Government under the Heads of Expenditure for the Public Services shown in the Development Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, contained in Paper Cmd. 20 of 2023."

Resolutions to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 4 Supply Bill – (Second Minister for Finance) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 5 Supplementary Supply (FY 2022) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 6 Presidential Elections (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister) – read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill – (Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 45 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment.

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a third time." – (Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

Question put, and agreed to with the following Members abstaining:-

Mr Chua Kheng Wee Louis (Sengkang)  
Mr Gerald Giam Yean Song (Aljunied)  
Ms He Ting Ru (Sengkang)  
Assoc Prof Jamus Jerome Lim (Sengkang)  
Ms Sylvia Lim (Aljunied)  
Mr Muhamad Faisal Abdul Manap (Aljunied)  
Mr Pritam Singh (Aljunied)  
Mr Leon Perera (Aljunied)  
Mr Dennis Tan Lip Fong (Hougang)

Bill read a third time.

- 7 Parliamentary Elections (Amendment) 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 – (Minister for Education, on behalf of the Prime Minister).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 48 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

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- 8 COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) – 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 Minister of State, (Dr Janil Puthucheary), on behalf of the Minister for Health).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 9 Healthcare Services (Amendment) Bill – (Senior Minister of State (Dr Janil Puthucheary), on behalf of the Minister for Health) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.

- 10 Exempted Business – (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 Healthcare Services (Amendment) 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 Minister of State (Dr Janil Puthucheary), on behalf of the Minister for Health).

*(In the Committee)*

Clauses 1 to 29 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 12 Civil List – (Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Finance) – Motion made and Question put – Resolved, "That this Parliament, pursuant to section 7 of the Civil List and Gratuity Act 1970, resolves that the Schedule to that Act be varied by deleting the figures "\$4,532,400" and "\$2,762,300" in the second column and substituting for them the figures "\$6,696,700" and "\$3,342,200" respectively."

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13      Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to Monday, 20 March 2023."

Adjourned at 7.31 pm

TAN CHUAN-JIN,  
*Speaker*

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**MEMORANDUM**

Mr Speaker will take the Chair again on Monday, 20 March 2023.

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