

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

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY, 7 MARCH 2024**

No. 132

10.30 am

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PRESENT:

Mr SPEAKER (Mr Seah Kian Peng (Marine Parade)).
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).
Ms USHA CHANDRADAS (Nominated Member).
Mr CHEE HONG TAT (Bishan-Toa Payoh), Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Finance.
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 KEITH CHUA (Nominated Member).
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 and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.
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.
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.
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.
Mr MARK LEE (Nominated Member).

Mr LEONG MUN WAI (Non-Constituency Member).
Mr LIANG ENG HWA (Bukit Panjang).
Mr LIM BIOW 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.
Mr LOUIS NG KOK KWANG (Nee Soon).
Ms NG LING LING (Ang Mo Kio).
Miss RACHEL ONG (West Coast).
Mr ONG HUA HAN (Nominated Member).
Mr ONG YE KUNG (Sembawang), Minister for Health.
Mr NEIL PAREKH NIMIL RAJNIKANT (Nominated Member).
Ms JOAN PEREIRA (Tanjong Pagar).
Ms DENISE PHUA LAY PENG (Jalan Besar).
Ms HAZEL POA (Non-Constituency Member).
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).
Ms SEE JINLI JEAN (Nominated Member).
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 SITO H 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.
Dr SYED HARUN ALHABSYI (Nominated Member).
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.
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.
Ms JESSICA TAN SOON NEO (East Coast), Deputy Speaker.
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.

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

Assoc Prof JAMUS JEROME LIM (Sengkang).
Ms POH LI SAN (Sembawang).
Assoc Prof RAZWANA BEGUM ABDUL RAHIM (Nominated Member).
Mr K SHANMUGAM (Nee Soon), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.

- 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 Land Betterment Charge (Table of Rates and Valuation Method) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 – Presented on 7 March 2024 (S. L. 1070 of 2024)
- 2 12 Questions for Oral Answer were answered during Question Time.
- 3 Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act 1955" – presented by the Minister of State (Assoc Prof Dr Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim), 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. 13/2024].
- 4 Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill – "to amend the Goods and Services Tax Act 1993" – President's recommendation signified and Bill presented by the Second Minister for Finance (Mr Chee Hong Tat); read the first time; to be read a second time at the next available sitting day on or after 1 April 2024 and to be printed. [Bill No. 12/2024].
- 5 Suspension of Standing Order No. 20(3) – (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 No. 20(3), the three questions for Oral Answer and three questions for Written Answer, which Non-Constituency Member of Parliament Ms Hazel Poa had filed for sittings in February and March 2024, but which were inadvertently omitted from being listed in any Order Paper, be set down in the Order Paper for the next available sitting on or after 13 March 2024, over and above her usual quota under the Standing Orders for that sitting day."
- 6 Estimates for the financial year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024) – Committee of Supply (7th Allotted Day) – Supply considered in the Committee:

(In the Committee)

Head X – Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth –

Debate resumed on Question, "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 \$2,098,737,600 for Head X agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$349,751,400 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." – (Ms He Ting Ru).

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The sum of \$48,684,900 for Head F agreed to stand part of the Main Estimates.

The sum of \$6,676,000 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	260,637,500
C	Auditor-General's Office	44,389,600
D	Cabinet Office	1,100,000
E	Judicature	366,119,900
G	Presidential Councils	1,289,800
Z	Financial Transfers	40,234,947,200

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

<i>Head</i>		\$
B	Attorney-General's Chambers	6,200,000
C	Auditor-General's Office	864,000
D	Cabinet Office	2,000,000
E	Judicature	49,710,500

Resolved, "That the sum of \$128,890,856,700 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 2024 to 31 March 2025, contained in Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024."

Resolved, "That the sum of \$37,548,577,800 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 2024 to 31 March 2025, contained in Paper Cmd. 27 of 2024."

Resolutions to be reported.

Resolutions reported and agreed to.

- 7 Supply Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 8 Supplementary Supply (FY 2023) Bill – (Second Minister for Finance (Ms Indranee Rajah)) – read a second and third time pursuant to Standing Order No. 93.
- 9 Financial Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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 of State (Mr Alvin Tan), on behalf of the Prime Minister).

(In the Committee)

Clauses 1 to 111 inclusive agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.

- 10 Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Bill – (Minister for Health) – Motion made, and Question proposed, "That the Bill be now read a second time."; Debate arising.
- 11 Suspension of Standing Orders – (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 the Standing Orders, the proceedings on item no. 5 on the Order Paper for today be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order No. 48(3) in respect of Senior Parliamentary Secretary Rahayu Mahazam speaking more than once."
- 12 Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Bill – Debate resumed on Question, "That the Bill be now read a second time."
- 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 Health).
- (In the Committee)*
- Clauses 1 to 50 inclusive agreed to.
- Bill to be reported.
- Bill reported, without amendment; read a third time.
- 13 Rearrangement of Business – (Leader of the House) – Motion made, and Question put – Resolved, "That pursuant to Standing Order No. 10(2), the introduction of the Law Enforcement and Other Matters Bill be taken now."
- 14 Law Enforcement and Other Matters Bill – "to amend the Miscellaneous Offences (Public Order and Nuisance) Act 1906, the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2008, the Police Force Act 2004 and certain other Acts to update and enhance certain procedures relating to law enforcement, insert new offences and update other 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 at the next available sitting on or after 1 April 2024 and to be printed. [Bill No. 14/2024].
- 15 Adjournment – (Leader of the House) – Resolved, "That Parliament do now adjourn to a date to be fixed."

Adjourned at 4.45 pm

SEAH KIAN PENG,
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

Parliament stands adjourned to a date to be fixed.
