

## Fair Consideration Framework to be discussed at Monday's Parliament sitting

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**SINGAPORE:** Members of Parliament have filed 92 questions for oral answer when Parliament sits on October 21.

One topic which is expected to be discussed at length is the new Fair Consideration Framework announced by the Manpower Ministry recently.

Trade unionist and Nominated Member of Parliament (MP), Ms Mary Liew has asked Acting Manpower Minister Mr Tan Chuan-Jin for the purpose of the exemption limit for jobs with fixed monthly wages above S\$12,000 from the framework.

Another Nominated MP, Associate Professor Eugene Tan has asked Mr Tan on whether the Fair Consideration Framework can be extended to the entire employment process to include promotion, retirement and retrenchment decisions to ensure that discrimination is kept at bay at workplaces.

MP for Hougang SMC, Mr Png Eng Huat wants to know the reasons for excluding small firms with 25 or fewer employees from the Framework.

The recent arrest of 14 suspects for football match-fixing will also be raised in Parliament.

MP for Chua Chu Kang GRC, Mr Alex Yam has questions on when the authorities became aware of the activities, and whether Singapore has become a hub for global match-fixing syndicates.

He also wants to know about the measures which the Home Affairs Ministry will undertake to ensure that Singapore stays free of such crimes.

The discontinuation of Teletext is also being raised in the House.

MP for Moulmein-Kallang GRC, Ms Denise Phua wants to know if specific action can be taken to effectively help the elderly and less educated Teletext users access the information they need in view of the discontinuance of this service.

MP for Aljunied GRC, Mr Low Thia Kiang has asked the Minister for Communications and Information for details of the usage pattern of Teletext in the last five years, and the impact of its discontinuation on users before the service is withdrawn.

Six bills will be tabled for first reading. Among them is the Employment, Parental Leave and Other Measures Bill.

The Bill is to cover Phase 1 of the Employment Act amendments which was previously consulted on.

Also being tabled is the Criminal Law (temporary Provisions) Amendment Bill.

The Act provides for the maintenance of public order and detention of criminals in the interest of public safety, peace and good order.

In particular, it provides for the detention and supervision of persons associated with secret society, drug trafficking and other serious criminal activities.

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