

April 2020 Parliament Sitting

Seatings on:

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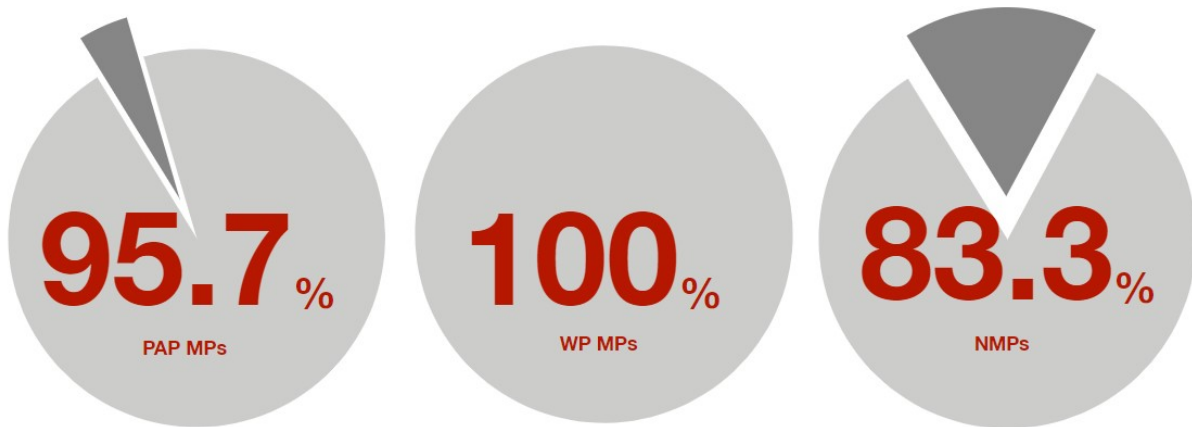
Item 4: Members participating in Debate on "Additional Support Measures in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic"

Parliamentary Fact of the Month

A parliamentary question cannot be asked without notice, unless the Speaker is of the opinion that it is of an urgent character, and relates either to a matter of public importance or to the arrangement of public business. An MP must field their question at least 7 days before the sitting day on which they plan to ask it.

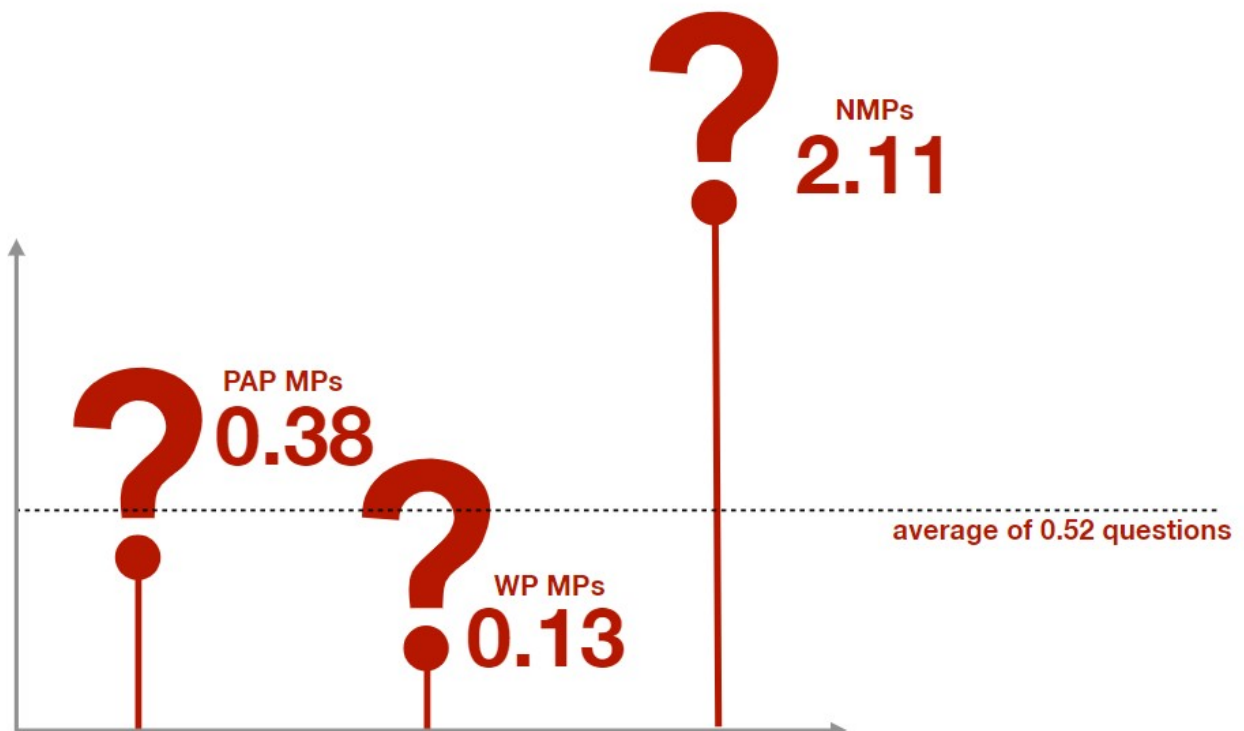
Item 1: Attendance of Members

Percentage of Attendance by Party



Item 2: Participation by Members

Average Number of Parliamentary Questions (PQ) fielded, by party:



Item 2: Cont'd

Aggregate Number of Parliamentary Questions (PQ) fielded:

| | PAP | WP | NMP | Total |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| No of PQs | 18 | 1 | 14 | 33 |
| No of Supplementary Questions | 13 | 0 | 5 | 18 |
| Average Questions per MP | 0.38 | 0.125 | 2.11 | 0.52 |

Note: The aggregate number of questions here comprise both Written and Oral questions fielded by MPs.

Number of Parliamentary Questions (PQ) put to each Ministry, by party:

| No of Qns put to each Ministry | PAP | WP | NMP | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Communications and Information | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Culture, Community and Youth | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Defence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Education | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Environment & Water Resources | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Finance | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Foreign Affairs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Health | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Home Affairs | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Law | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manpower | 5 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| National Development | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Prime Minister's Office | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Social and Family Development | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Trade and Industry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Transport | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |

Item 2: Cont'd

Number of Parliamentary Questions (PQ) fielded, by Member:

| No of Qns | PAP | WP | NMP |
|-----------|--|--------------|-----------------|
| 6 | | | Anthea Ong |
| 5 | Louis Ng Kok Kwang Melvin Yong Yik Chye | | Walter Theseira |
| 3 | Cheng Li Hui Rahayu Mahzam | | Yip Pin Xiu |
| 2 | Tin Pei Ling | | |
| | | Pritam Singh | |
| 1 | | | |

Note: Pursuant to Order 20, Paragraph 3 of the Standing Orders of the Parliament of Singapore (Rev Ed 2017), a Member may have up to five questions on the Order Paper at any one time.

Number of Supplementary Questions fielded, by Member:

| No of Qns | PAP | WP | NMP |
|-----------|----------------------|----|-----------------|
| 5 | Cheng Li Hui | | |
| 4 | Melvin Yong Yik Chye | | |
| 3 | Rahayu Mahzam | | Anthea Ong |
| | | | Walter Theseira |
| 2 | | | |
| 1 | Louis Ng Kok Kwang | | |

Note: A supplementary question is a question that is asked in response to an answer given to an oral question in a parliamentary sitting. It does not need to be prepared and vetted in advance, nor does it have to be asked by the MP who issued the original oral question.

Item 3: Bills Introduced, Bills Debated and Bills Passed

Bills Introduced and Bills Passed

| S/N | Bills Introduced | Bills Passed |
|-----|--|---|
| 1 | COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill | COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill |
| 2 | Revised Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill | Revised Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill |
| 3 | Parliamentary Elections (COVID-19 Special Arrangements) Bill | |

Aggregate Number of MPs who participated in the Second Readings of the Bills

| S/N | Name of Bill | PAP | WP | NMP | Total |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 1 | COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill | 11 | 0 | 1 | 12 |

MPs participating in Second Reading, by bill

| S/N | Name of Bill | MPs in Participation |
|-----|------------------------------------|---|
| 2 | COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Bill | Chong Kee Hiong Christopher de Souza Douglas Foo Jessica Tan Joan Pereira Liang Eng Hwa Lim Biow Chuan Louis Ng Murali Pillai Patrick Tay Teck Guan Saktiandi Supaat Zainal Sapari |

Item 4: Members participating in Debate on "Additional Support Measures in response to COVID-19 Pandemic"

| S/N | Name of Member | Party | Topic of Speech |
|-----|-----------------------|-------|---|
| 1 | Liang Eng Hwa | PAP | Economic and Financial Longevity |
| 2 | Jessica Tan Soon Neo | PAP | Support for Businesses, Self-Employed Persons and Vulnerable Individuals |
| 3 | Pritam Singh | WP | Long-term Economic Restructuring and Wage Increase ("New Deal") |
| 4 | Lim Wee Kiak | PAP | Temporary Cessation of CPF Contributions |
| 5 | Ang Wei Neng | PAP | Digitisation of Economic Activity, Temporary Jobs and Parking Fees for Delivery Entities |
| 6 | Sylvia Lim | WP | Adequacy of Measures to soothe Unemployment and Income Disruptions |
| 7 | Ong Teng Koon | PAP | Necessary Government Intervention in Market and Singapore's Leveraging of International Influence |
| 8 | Vikram Nair | PAP | Resilience in the time of Circuit Breaker |
| 9 | Douglas Foo | NMP | Business Stabilising Measures, Capacity Building and Enhancing Singapore's tripartite Partnership |
| 10 | Khaw Boon Wan | PAP | Singapore's International Connectivity, Airport and Transport Operations |
| 10 | Saktiandi Supaat | PAP | Supporting Companies and potential bailouts, Individuals' Access to Credit and Food Resilience |
| 11 | Ng Chee Meng | PAP | Increase in Speed of Government Assistance and Support for Self-Employed Persons |
| 11 | Seah Kian Peng | PAP | NTUC's Contributions |
| 12 | Henry Kwek Hian Chuan | PAP | Short-term Jobs, Leveraging on Unemployed Professionals, Upgrading skillsets of Tertiary Students and Leveraging on Singapore's Leading Minds |

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| S/N | Name of Member | Party | Topic of Statement |
|-----|---------------------------------|-------|---|
| 13 | Murali Pillai | PAP | Sufficiency of Budget, Encouraging Donations and Building Food Resilience |
| 14 | Josephine Teo | PAP | Support for Workers and Businesses |
| 15 | Muhammad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap | WP | Extending existing Financial Assistance Schemes, Assistance for Students on HBL and Leniency in Fines |
| 16 | Terence Ho | NMP | Digitising the Arts and Supporting Freelance Artists |
| 17 | Png Eng Huat | WP | Safeguarding Continued Employment of Workers, Supporting Singaporeans on No-Pay Leave and Increase in Utility Charges |
| 18 | Maliki Osman | PAP | Preserving Muslim Religious Life and Support for Asatizah in CB |
| 19 | Lim Sun Sun | NMP | Digitising and Enhancing Existing Training Schemes, Generating Work and supporting Start-Ups |
| 20 | Alex Yam | PAP | Impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health |
| 21 | Gan Thiam Poh | PAP | Supporting Gig Workers, Cleanliness in Public Areas and Food Supply |
| 22 | Intan Azura Mokhtar | PAP | Plight of the Self-Employed, Employment Opportunities for Job-Seekers and School-Leavers and Fees & Loans Payment |
| 23 | Anthea Ong | NMP | Governmental Support for Mental Health Care and Awareness and Increasing Support for Low-Income Families |
| 24 | Yip Pin Xiu | NMP | Increasing Grocery Deliveries, Public Transport Social Distancing during School Dismissal Hours and Supporting Sports |
| 25 | Tin Pei Ling | PAP | Balancing between Immediate Economic Support and Safeguarding Reserves, Automatic Prolonging of Financial Assistance |
| 26 | Joan Pereira | PAP | Reducing Auto-Inclusion Age for automatic payout to eligible Self-Employed Persons, Supporting the Unemployed and Assisting the Elderly |

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| S/N | Name of Member | Party | Topic of Statement |
|-----|----------------------|-------|---|
| 27 | Rahayu Mahzam | PAP | Targeted Approach to assist the Malay/Muslim community, Recovery and Economic Sustainability Measures |
| 28 | Lim Biow Chuan | PAP | Expanding Criteria for Self-Employed Persons' Assistance |
| 29 | Chia Shi-Lu | PAP | Increasing Support for the Self-Employed, Supporting Private Hire Drivers, and supporting Singaporeans with medical |
| 30 | Walter Theseira | NMP | Moving from Means-Testing to Support on a Universal Basis, Introducing a Universal Basic Income Scheme |
| 31 | Foo Me Har | PAP | Continuity of Support Measures in the event of Unsuccessful Containment Efforts, Reserves-Drawing Capacity, Call for Companies to share Benefits and Lowering |
| 32 | Grace Fu | PAP | Protecting Livelihoods and Careers in the Arts, Culture, Sports Eco-systems, Investing in Capabilities for post-COVID recovery, Digitising the Arts Sectors |
| 33 | Dennis Tan | WP | Increasing support for SMEs across industries, Supporting Arts Businesses, Helping Self-Employed Persons, Supporting Taxi + Private Hire Drivers |
| 34 | Leon Perera | WP | Reserves Amounts and the issue of Over-saving, Supporting the most Vulnerable, Supporting SMEs, Raising Healthcare |
| 35 | Louis Ng | PAP | Supporting those who have lost income, Supporting Families with Childcare needs and Single-parent families, Reviewing Migrant Worker Conditions |
| 36 | Low Yen Ling | PAP | Adopting Flexible Work Arrangements (FWA) |
| 37 | Christopher de Souza | PAP | Supporting the Aviation and Tourism Industries, Rentals and Supply Chains |

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|-----|-----------------|-------|---|
| 38 | Zaqy Mohamad | PAP | Support for Self-Employed Persons, Introducing the SEP Training Support Scheme, Measures to support low-wage workers and safeguard migrant workers in dormitories |
| 39 | Desmond Lee | PAP | Temporary Relief Fund, COVID-19 Support Grant, Self-Employed Income Relief Scheme and National CARE Hotline |
| 40 | Faishal Ibrahim | PAP | Temporary Relief Fund, Assistance by MENDAKI, Support of Malay-Muslim community by Malay-Muslim organisations |
| 41 | Mohamed Irshad | NMP | Ensuring Effect of Subsidies on Workers, Encouraging Donations to VWOs, Increasing Scope to support and monitor households at risk of domestic violence and abuse |

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