

March 2020 Parliament Sitting

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Item 1: Attendance

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Item 3: Bills Introduced and Bills Passed

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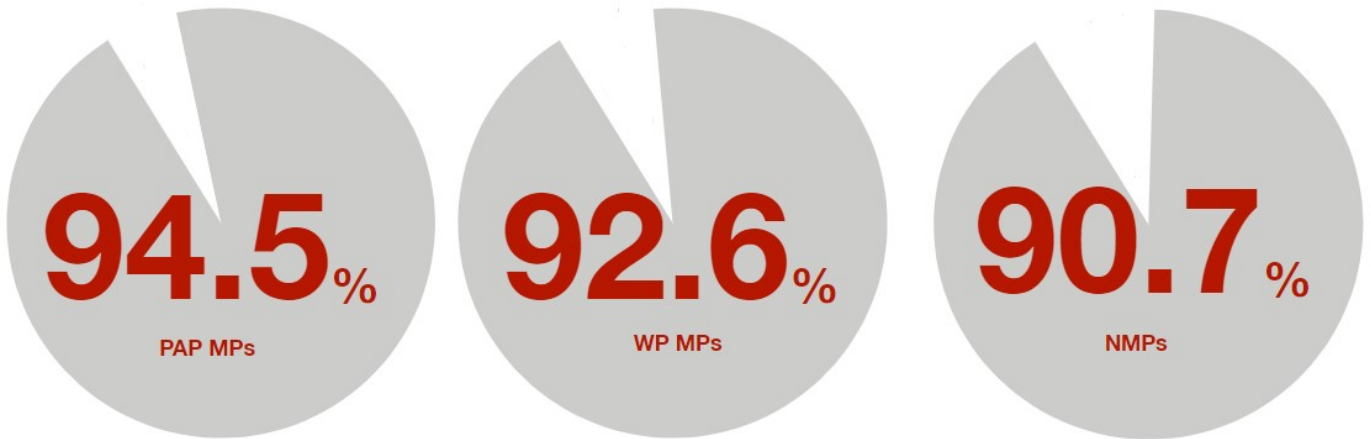
Parliamentary Fact of the Month

At the end of a sitting day, a Member of Parliament may claim the right to raise any matter for which the Government is responsible, and speak for up to 20 minutes on their subject matter of choice. The Minister responsible for the subject may reply for up to 10 minutes.

The two Adjournment Motions in March saw NMP Anthea Ong speak on 'Working towards a Zero Suicide Singapore' and NMP Walter Theseira speak on 'Rational Immigration Policy in an Irrational Age'.

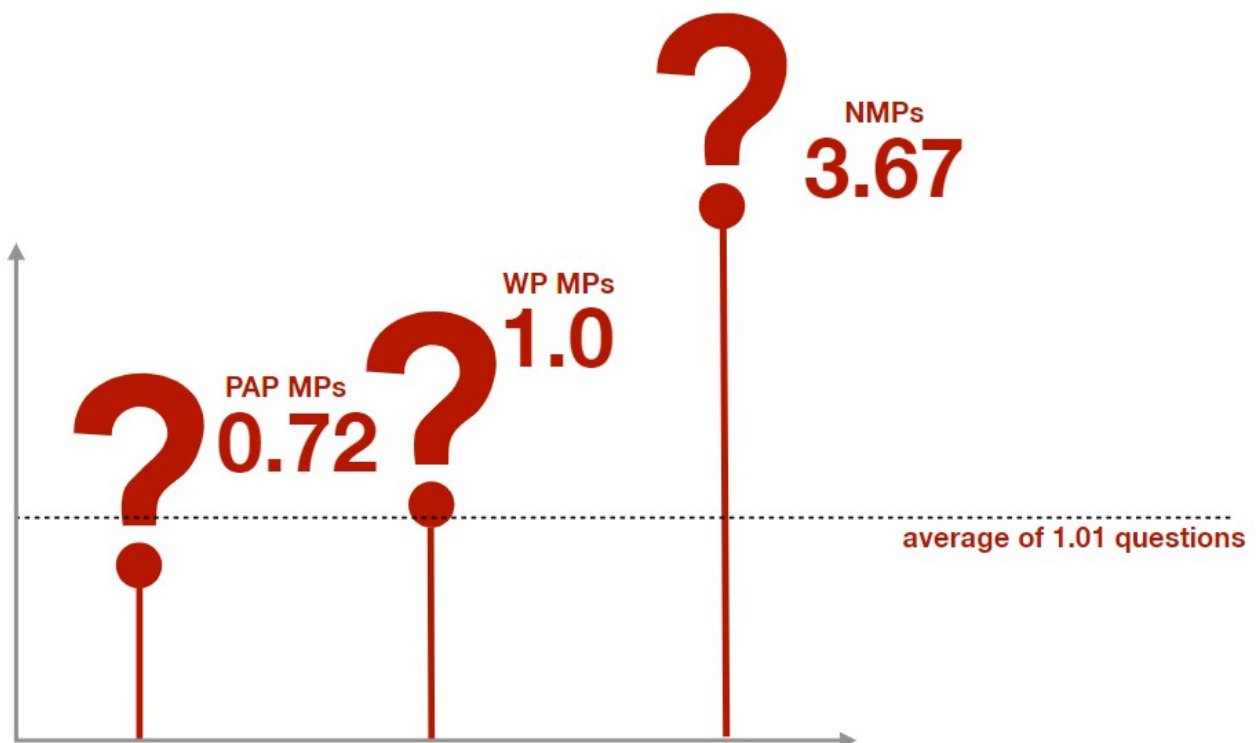
Item 1: Attendance of Members

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	41	6	26	73
No of Supplementary Questions	18	2	7	27
Average Questions per MP	0.72	1	3.67	1.01

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	3	0	3
Culture, Community and Youth	0	0	4	4
Defence	0	0	0	0
Education	2	0	1	3
Environment & Water Resources	3	0	4	7
Finance	0	0	0	0
Foreign Affairs	1	0	0	1
Health	1	0	3	4
Home Affairs	2	0	3	5
Law	2	0	1	3
Manpower	5	1	6	12
National Development	7	0	1	8
Prime Minister's Office	5	0	0	5
Social and Family Development	4	0	2	6
Trade and Industry	5	2	0	7
Transport	4	0	1	5

Item 2: Cont'd

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

No of Qns	PAP	WP	NMP
30	Louis Ng Kok Kwang		
19			Anthea Ong
5		Leon Perera	
4			Walter Theseira
3			Terence Ho
2	Cheng Li Hui Saktiandi Supaat		
1	Joan Pereira Lee Bee Wah Liang Eng Hwa Lim Biow Chuan Murali Pillai Tin Pei Ling Zainal Sapari	Dennis Tan Lip Fong	

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
10	Louis Ng Kok Kwiang		
4			Anthea Ong
3			Terence Ho
2	Lee Bee Wah Tin Pei Ling		
1	Lim Biow Chuan Murali Pillai Saktiandi Supaat Seah Kian Peng	Dennis Tan Lip Fong Leon Perera	

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 and Bills Passed

Bills Introduced and Bills Passed

S/N	Bills Introduced	Bills Passed
1	Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund (Amendment) Bill	Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund (Amendment) Bill
2	Wild Animals and Birds (Amendments) Bill	Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment) Bill
3	Supplementary Supply (FY 2020) Bill	Supplementary Supply (FY2019) Bill
4	Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill	Supply Bill
5		Hindu Endowments (Amendment) Bill
6		Building Control (Amendment) Bill
7		Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill
8		Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill
9		Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill

Item 3: Cont'd

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

S/N	Name of Bill	PAP	WP	NMP	Total
1	Hindu Endowments (Amendments) Bill	0	0	0	0
2	Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment) Bill	6	0	2	8
3	Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill	2	0	0	2
4	Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill	0	0	1	1
5	Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund (Amendment) Bill	1	0	2	3
6	Building Control (Amendment) Bill	5	2	0	7
7	Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill	2	0	0	2

Item 3: Cont'd

MPs participating in Second Reading, by bill

S/N	Name of Bill	MPs in Participation
2	Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment) Bill	Cheng Li Hui Christopher de Souza Murali Pillai Walter Theseira Yee Chia Hsing Gan Thiam Poh Anthea Ong Sun Xueling
3	Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Bill	Patrick Tay Teck Guan Louis Ng Kok Kwang
4	Economic Expansion Incentives (Relief from Income Tax) (Amendment) Bill	Anthea Ong
	Goods and Services Tax Voucher Fund (Amendment) Bill	Anthea Ong Joan Pereira Walter Theseira
	Building Control (Amendment) Bill	Gan Thiam Poh Joan Pereira Lee Bee Wah Louis Ng Kok Kwang Muhammad Faisal Bin Abdul Manap Sylvia Lim Zainal Sapari
	Public Utilities (Amendment) Bill	Gan Thiam Poh Lee Bee Wah

Item 4: Members participating in the COVID-19 Response Debate

S/N	Name of Member	Party
1	Christopher de Souza	PAP
2	Lee Bee Wah	PAP
3	Alex Yam	PAP
4	Yee Chia Hsing	PAP
5	Sylvia Lim	WP
6	Chia Shi-Lu	PAP
7	Pritam Singh	WP
8	Walter Theseira	NMP
9	Tin Pei Ling	PAP
10	Anthea Ong	NMP
11	Darryl David	PAP
12	Mohamed Irshad	NMP
13	Lily Neo	PAP
14	Dennis Tan Lip Fong	WP

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