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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. **Tuan Chiam Yong Tee** to ask the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES** to state human resource development programme implemented this year.
2. **Datuk Yaakob bin Haji Mohammad** to ask the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** to state:-
 - (a) the number of Chief Executive Officers, Chief Operation Officers, and Chief Financial Officers according to race at big private companies, hotels and companies listed on Bursa Saham Malaysia (First Board and Second Board); and
 - (b) out of this figure, the number of foreign officers according to their country of origins.
3. **Puan Wan Ubaidah binti Omar** to ask the **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-BASED INDUSTRY** to state proactive measures to be taken by the ministry to produce 2nd generation of capable farmers to strengthen national agricultural field, and, the government's effort to cultivate the interest of younger generation in agriculture and to make it a career prospect.
4. **Dato' Omar bin Faudzar** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** to state the number of low cost housing units that are yet to be sold and the reason many remain unsold throughout Malaysia.

5. **Tuan Krishnan a/l Maniam** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state:-
 - (a) students' criminal statistic according to state from 2000-2003; and
 - (b) the type of crimes committed.
6. **Puan Hajah Samsiah binti Samsudin** to ask the **MINISTER OF ENTREPRENEURIAL AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT** to state:-
 - (a) the number of TREKUN borrower according to states; and
 - (b) the actions against those who do not settle their repayment;
7. **Tuan Lee Sing Chooi** to ask the **MINISTER OF ENERGY, WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS** to state the consumer rights and the actions that can be taken to reduce impurity of water supply to houses so the people's health and image of the country will be taken care of.
8. **Puan Hajah Wan Ramlah binti Ahmad** to ask the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION** to state whether the ministry plans to recruit school hostel warden (not from the teachers) on permanent basis at all residential schools.
9. **Tuan Wilson Sagamani a/l a/l Paul Devasagayam** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS** to state whether the government intends to increase annual training allowance and payment to all volunteer reserve members such as Rela and police volunteer reserve at all level.
10. **Tuan Osman bin Bungsu** to ask the **MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS** to state:-
 - (a) the measures to ensure the country can produce scientist and technologist; and
 - (b) whether the ministry provides stimulus package to attract foreign scientist and technologist to work here.
11. **Datuk William Lau Kung Hui** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state the progress of the Royal Commission on The Police Force whether will be given additional allowance for the police service. Whether the additional allocation will benefit the effectiveness of the police especially in response to emergency calls so that the people will feel safe at home or on the road.

12. **Che Puan Kelana D'Raja Datin (Dr) Hajah Nik Azizah Binti Haji Nik Yahya** to ask the **MINISTER OF ENERGY, WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS** to state whether the government does not intend to lower the phone rental especially for rural areas in line with government's policy to help the rural people.
13. **Tuan Tan Cheng Tee** to ask the **MINISTER OF TRANSPORT** to state the number of death as a result from being run over by train. State the cause of accidents and the safety measures taken by Kereta Api Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB) to reduce such accidents.
14. **Tuan Ismail bin Kasim** to ask the **MINISTER OF DEFENCE** to state the action taken on the loss due to vandalism acts by the trainees of National Service during the implementation of the 2nd module in public institutions.
15. **Datuk Hajah Hazizah binti Mohd. Sultan** to ask the **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-BASED INDUSTRY** to state whether the government intends to provide the insurance coverage for the fishermen.
16. **Dato' Dr. Chin Fook Weng** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state the extent of success to curb corruption since the government declares its firm stand against corruption and the biggest problems to be solved.
17. **Datuk Mansor bin Haji Md. Jaafar** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state whether the government plans to co-operate with other agencies like Village Development and Security Committee and volunteers to carry out planned patrols at certain coastal areas in order to safeguard our coasts from subversive elements, smuggling and illegal immigrants.
18. **Dato' Haji Arzmi bin Haji Abdul Hamid** to ask the **MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS** to state whether it is safe for Malaysians to visit Southern Thailand such as Narathiwat, Yala and Patani following the latest development in security status at the southern border of the country.
19. **Tuan Haji Hassan bin Haji Shukri** to ask the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES** to state the number of SOCSO membership and the fund collected up to April 2004 including the claims paid to the contributions between 1995 to 2003.
20. **Tuan Poh Mok Hua @ Poh Bak Hoe** to ask the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION** to state the special approval for relocation of of SJK(C). If the Administration Board and the PTA are unable to get a location and to build school buildings, will the Ministry help them and whether the Ministry will provide other aids as well.

21. **Puan Jaya Partiban** to ask the **MINISTER OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS** to state whether the Ministry intends to control the price of baby products such as clothes, diapers, lotion, etc. as the price is increasing making it unaffordable to the poor.
22. **Puan Mariah binti Haji Abdullah** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS** to state the procedure for foreign nationals to obtain citizenship or at least permanent residence status as there are many who have been in the country long but are yet to get their PR status.
23. **Tuan Zainal bin Rampak** to ask the **MINISTER OF DEFENCE** to state the outcome of his meeting with Admiral of the Fleet, US Pacific Navy, Thomas Fargo at Putrajaya, 21 June 2004 on national security issues especially the Straits of Malacca.
24. **Dato' Haji Muhammad bin Haji Abdul Ghani** to ask the **MINISTER OF CULTURE, ARTS AND HERITAGE** to state the plan made to ensure that quality of local films are at par with international films so that our films will be able to penetrate international market.
25. **Puan Ooi Siew Kim** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS** to state whether the Department has a different policy regarding tourists from China and why strict conditions are imposed on women tourists aged 25 and below from China when the same conditions are not imposed on women tourists from other countries.
26. **Datin Naomi Chong Set Mui** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state whether Petronas has plans to open new petrochemical plant in Sabah due to findings of oil reserves at the West Coast of Sabah.
27. **Dato' Lim Sing @ Lam Kam Sang** to ask the **MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION** to state whether computerized selection system for the public institutions of higher learning will be updated and improved so that STPM applicants with 5As will be given priority over those with 4As.
28. **Tuan Tan Cheng Tee** to ask the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION** to state the efforts taken to expedite the completion of school computer labs which are delayed.
29. **Puan Siw Chun a/p Eam** to ask the **MINISTER OF HEALTH** to state the number of haemodialysis patients in the country and the number seeking treatment from Government hospitals.

30. **Puan Nosimah binti Hashim** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state whether the function of JAKIM is adequate to help overcome the existing social problems. If so, state the programmes implemented by JAKIM.
31. **Puan Nosimah binti Hashim** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state explanation regarding the existing administration system of employees of Tithe Collection Centre and whether there is any plan to ascertain that tithe collector (Amil) appointed are qualified and capable to provide service to the society.
32. **Tuan Wan Nordin bin Che Murat** to ask the **MINISTER OF TOURISM** to state the shortage of quality accommodation for tourists especially in Perlis and the effort taken to overcome this problem in order to generate the economy of the state.
33. **Tuan Haji Hassan bin Haji Shukri** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state the number of abuse cases involving foreign workers nationwide from 2000-April 2004.
34. **Puan Hajah Che Jam binti Harun** to ask the **MINISTER OF WORKS** to state whether the ministry has the intention to upgrade the link bridge between Prai industrial areas to Butterworth Outer Ring Road (BORR) as congestions happens on the bridge as the effect of BORR construction.
35. **Puan Mariah binti Haji Abdullah** to ask the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION** to state measures taken to help students who are marginalized due to poverty.
36. **Puan Jaya Partiban** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state whether the government intends to review the current system of appointment and promotions of judges to make it more transparent and if so, whether a Commission comprises of representatives of Government Judiciary Body, Attorney General and the Law Council will be set up to monitor the appointment of judges.
37. **Dato' Haji Muhammad bin Haji Abdul Ghani** to ask the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** to state whether the government intends to reduce petroleum product subsidy as an effort to reduce the government expenditure.
38. **Tuan Chiam Yong Tee** to ask the **MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-BASED INDUSTRY** to state the government's plan to give aids to the farmers as the cost of fertilizers and insecticides are increasing while the price of agricultural commodity is stagnant.

39. **Tuan Wan Nordin bin Che Murat** to ask the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES** to state measures taken to face the shortage of skilled manpower in various fields especially science, technology and engineering. Whether the government plans to provide intensive training to attract the younger generation into these fields.
40. **Tuan Lee Sing Chooi** to ask the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** to state the results from the study conducted by Band Negara on the bank fees and charges imposed on the customers.
41. **Tuan Osman bin Bungsu** to ask the **MINISTER OF WOMEN, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** to state:-
- (a) the types of counseling provided for the community especially the people in rural areas and the number from the community who had received any service according to age and gender; and
 - (b) measures taken to provide information or explanations to the community and the importance of the service provided.
42. **Dato' Ratnam a/l Muthiah** to ask the **PRIME MINISTER** to state which quarters are responsible to ascertain that equity holders for Indians can be raised from 1.5% to 3% coming 2010 and the outlined privilege to achieve this target for Indians community.
43. **Dato' Omar bin Faudzar** to ask the **MINISTER OF DEFENCE** to state regarding the location of two islands, Perak Island and Jarak Island in the Straits of Malacca which are inhabited rich in biodiversity of the sea and are said to be the hub of pirates and terrorist. Whether this is true and the ministry's plan to tackle the problem
44. **Tuan Haji Hassan bin Haji Shukri** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state the additional cost that had to be borne by the government after telephone allowance for police detective officer was introduced.
45. **Tuan Krishnan a/l Maniam** to ask the **MINISTER OF EDUCATION** to state:-
- (a) the amount of annual aids given to SJK(T) between 2000 and 2003; and
 - (b) the number of SJK(T) receiving the provision according to state from 2000-2003.

46. **Tuan Zainal bin Rampak** to ask the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES** to state the actions taken against conglomerates that set up a holding company to transfer all the assets under the holding company and subsidiary companies which are responsible for the operational side and not the welfare of the workers and whenever the subsidiary company has gone into liquidation, the holding company must be responsible and pays for the compensation of the retrenched workers.
47. **Puan Hajah Che Jam binti Harun** to ask the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** to state the ministry's plan to help Bumiputera companies to increase Bumi equity ownership to 30% in Bursa Saham Malaysia.
48. **Dato' Haji Muhammad bin Haji Abdul Ghani** to ask the **MINISTER OF HEALTH** to state why there is a difference in the practice of government and private clinic regarding immunization for newborn babies to 2 year-old especially the MMR immunization.
49. **Datuk Syed Ali bin Tan Sri Syed Abbas Alhabshee** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state:-
- (a) the latest statistics on snatch thefts and the number of arrests made so far; and
 - (b) the surveillance made in housing areas as there are complaints that snatch thefts often occur in early morning and these snatch thieves are working in group.
50. **Tuan Chiam Yong Tee** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state:-
- (a) the number of snatch thefts in public in the first half of 2004; and
 - (b) the number of arrest made.
51. **Datin Hajah Puizah @ Faedah binti Haji Abu Kasim** to ask the **MINISTER OF RURAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to state:-
- (a) the educational system implemented by KEMAS for 2000-2004 in comparison to 1995—1999 from the aspect of the subjects taught and the ability of the curriculum to compete with private kindergartens; and
 - (b) the educational level of KEMAS teachers.

52. **Dato' Ratnam a/l Muthiah** to ask the **MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES** to state:-
- (a) the number of houses owned by estate workers under the Home Ownership Scheme launched in 1976; and
 - (b) the actions taken against the estate owners for refusing to participate in the housing for estate workers programme.
53. **Dato' Dr. Vijayaratnam a/l Seevaratnam** to ask the **MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS** to state whether the ministry will invite Singapore to participate in the next Sukan Malaysia.
54. **Puan Ooi Siew Kim** to ask the **MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION** to state whether the intake of students to public institutions will continue to be based on the meritocracy system eventhough there are a lot of confusions.
55. **Datuk Yaakob bin Haji Mohammad** to ask the **MINISTER OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS** to state the number of foreign companies including those owned by foreign government (limited and private limited) registered in the country, out of this figure, the number that faced winding up by the court and list out the state and category of workers affected such as management, common users and the lower income group.
56. **Dato' Haji Arzmi bin Haji Abdul Hamid** to ask the **MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS** to state the poor performance and quality in football, badminton and 'sepak takraw' events, which we have been dominant once. Please state the measures to revive these sports events.
57. **Dato' Ikhwan Salim bin Dato' Haji Sujak** to ask the **MINISTER OF WORKS** to state when the 2nd East-West Highway from Simpang Pulai to Kuala Berang will be completed. Please state the original date of completion and the cost of building, whether there is an increase of the cost.
58. **Puan Safinah binti Jusoh** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS** to state:-
- (a) the procedures for applying permanent resident status and the conditions for the approval; and
 - (b) whether there is a way for the 'refugees' to get the status after having stayed here for decades.

59. **Datuk Mansor bin Haji Md. Jaafar** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS** to state whether the ministry plans to include other parties such as RELA and volunteers to assist the police to patrol, organize campaign of awareness and gather information regarding the suspects.
60. **Dato' Ikhwan Salim bin Dato' Haji Sujak** to ask the **MINISTER OF FINANCE** to state whether the government plans to the majority shareholders in the companies that manage the privatization of water system as water serves as an important daily basis to people.
61. **Dato' Hamzah bin Zainudin** to ask the **MINISTER OF INTERNAL SECURITY** to state whether the ministry intends to encourage public especially those at housing areas to become Police Volunteer Reserve and to authorize them to arrest the criminals involving in snatch thefts, drug-taking, illegal car race, wandering, etc.
62. **Dato' Ikhwan Salim bin Dato' Haji Sujak** to ask the **MINISTER OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** to state whether the ministry intends to allow the local authority to set conditions that community infrastructure is to be built surrounding the mosque or community hall at all housing areas.

