

MHA COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY DEBATE 2023

Keeping Singapore Safe and Secure



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Playing Our Part to Keep Singapore Safe and Secure

We are committed to keep Singapore and our online space safe and secure. We will continue to update our laws and enhance our capabilities to respond to a dynamic and constantly changing operating environment.

WHAT'S NEW:

- ✓ Introduce the **Online Criminal Harms Act** to better protect our people and strengthen the Government's ability to deal with online criminal activities. It builds on our current laws by:
 - Expanding the scope of regulatory levers that we can apply to online criminal activities.
 - Increasing the scope of entities we can act against.
 - Introducing levers that deal more effectively with the nature of the online criminal harms.



Tackling Terrorism, Combatting Drugs and Enhancing Rehabilitation

To prevent youth radicalisation, we work closely with stakeholders and have structures and processes in place to fight terrorism.

We will continue to strengthen our harm prevention approach to combat drug abuse, and work in partnership with the community to keep Singapore drug-free, and reduce long-term recidivism.

WHAT'S NEW:

- ✓ Deployment of **Saliva Test Kits** at Checkpoints from January this year to aid CNB officers to identify potential drug abusers. From February this year, Saliva Test Kits are also deployed at Police's roadblock operations.
- ✓ Launch the **Yellow Ribbon Sandbox** initiative where industry partners and employers hire releasing inmates, and provide on-the-job training or work-study programmes after they start work.
- ✓ Pilot new scheme for volunteers to provide pro-social support and assist supervisees emplaced on Community-Based Programmes.



Combatting Scams and Safeguarding Singapore, Together

We continue to work with partners across the Whole-of-Government, private sector, and community to combat scams.

We will enhance efforts to educate the public about scams to empower them to take action against scams.

We launched a national **anti-scam campaign** in January with the tagline 'I can ACT against scams' to mobilise every citizen to take action against scams.

WHAT'S NEW:

- ✓ Launch of **Scam Public Education Office** to drive our collective efforts with community partners in the war on scams.
- ✓ Amend the **Corruption, Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Crimes (Confiscation of Benefits) Act** to prescribe specific conduct which can hold money mules criminally liable.

