

Hot topics in the House



Almost all NSFs to do BMT together

With the exception of those in elite and support roles, all full-time national servicemen (NSFs) will enlist together in the Basic Military Training (BMT) Centre on Pulau Tekong.

They will undergo a common nine-week course.

Second Minister for Defence Ong Ye Kung said that the change tackles a demographic challenge, due to falling cohort sizes and the shrinking enlistment pool.



Boost in budget to fight against terror

The Home Affairs Ministry's spending is estimated to rise by around 11 per cent to \$6.48 billion this year.

A large part of this increase will go towards boosting Singapore's counter-terrorism capabilities, said Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam.

Mr Shanmugam said the growing terrorist threat is a reason and warned that the extremist group ISIS remains and will grow.



Singapore open to extradition treaties and arrangements

While Singapore is open to concluding extradition treaties and arrangements, it is not just a matter of numbers alone, said Senior Minister of State for Law Indraneel Rajah.

Responding to a question from Workers' Party MP Sylvia Lim, she added that negotiating an extradition treaty is not without complexities and would need "a careful and considered approach".