

# Hot topics in the House



## WP chairman Sylvia Lim refuses to say sorry

Her suspicions that the Government had backtracked on the timing of the goods and services tax hike "may have been wrong", but Workers' Party chairman Sylvia Lim yesterday refused to withdraw and apologise for her comments, saying she was "doing my duty as an MP to convey ground concerns, reactions and confusion". Leader of the House Grace Fu said she was disappointed with Ms Lim's decision.



## Singapore football under scrutiny

The dire standards of Singapore football, with the national team ranked 173rd globally, were a talking point with MPs querying the progress made by the new Football Association of Singapore (FAS) council elected nearly a year ago. Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) Parliamentary Secretary Baey Yam Keng said the ministry was encouraged by the FAS' moves to boost youth development, build a vibrant football culture and crack down on smoking to raise professionalism.

## Youth engagement

Several MPs spoke about the importance of engaging Singapore youth on key policy issues and exposing them to regional affairs. MCCY Minister Grace Fu said her ministry would be launching the Youth Conversations next month to keep youth informed on important issues and encourage them to find new solutions together and with the Government.



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