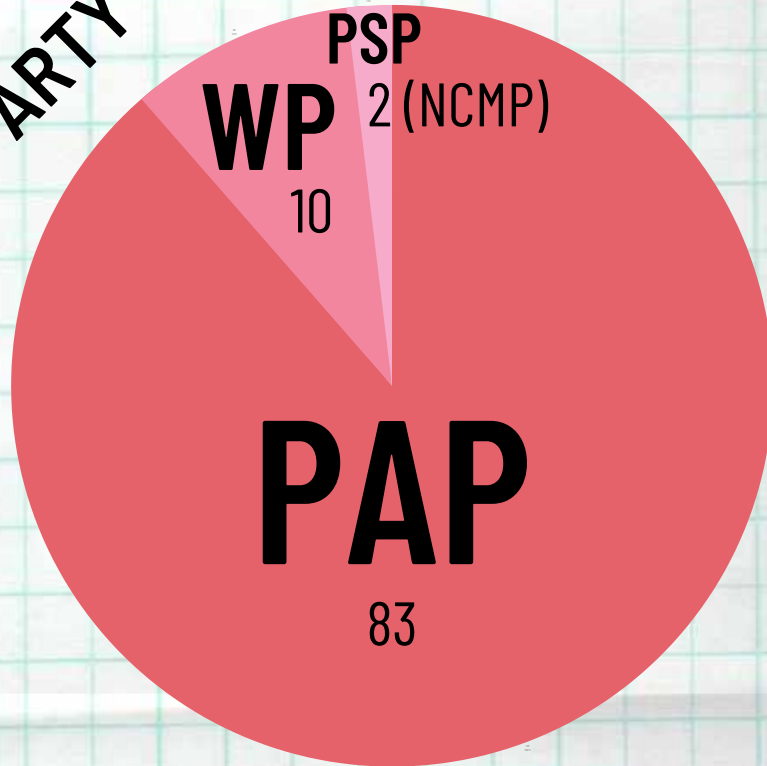


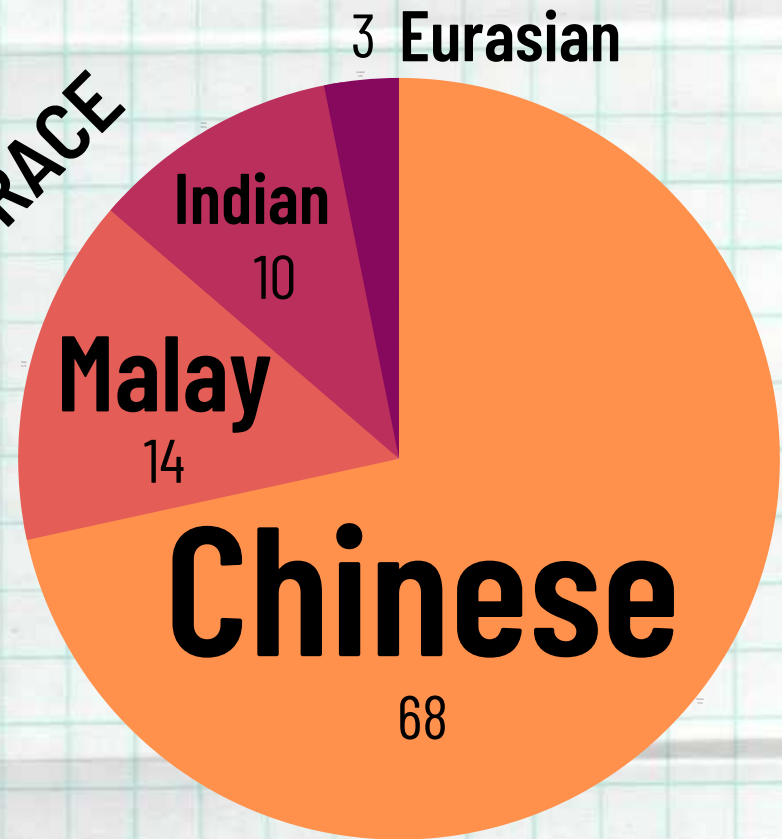
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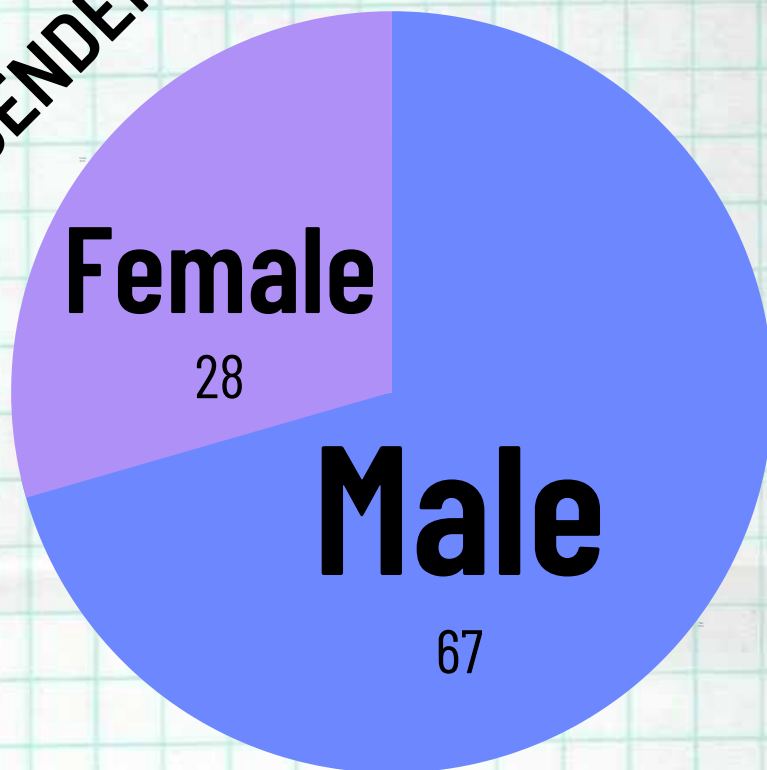
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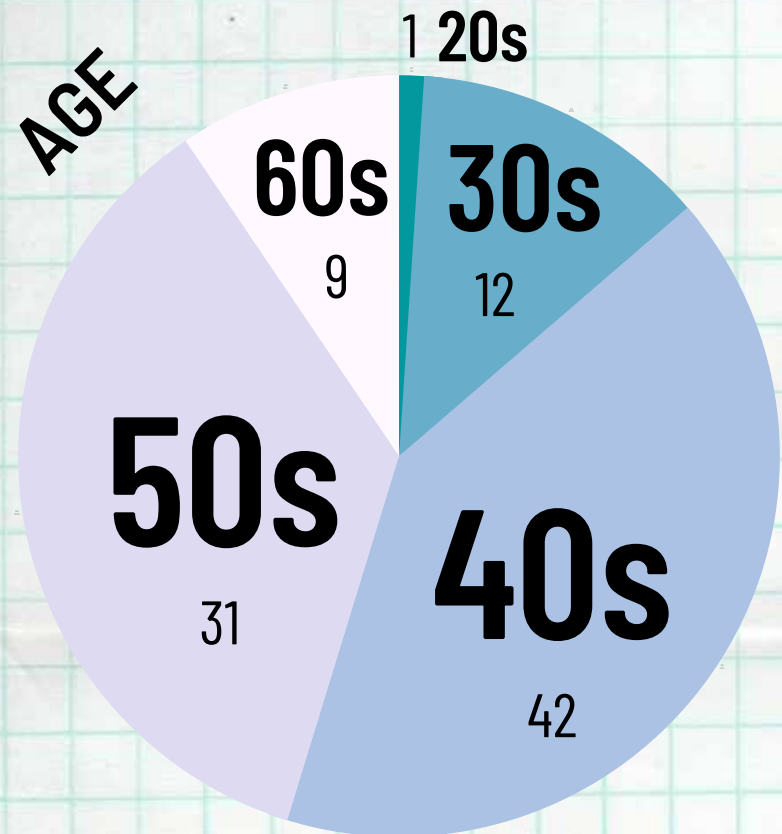
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WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT CARE ABOUT?

When Parliament opens, President Halimah Yaacob will give her Parliament's Address, outlining the plans and priorities of the government for its five-year term.

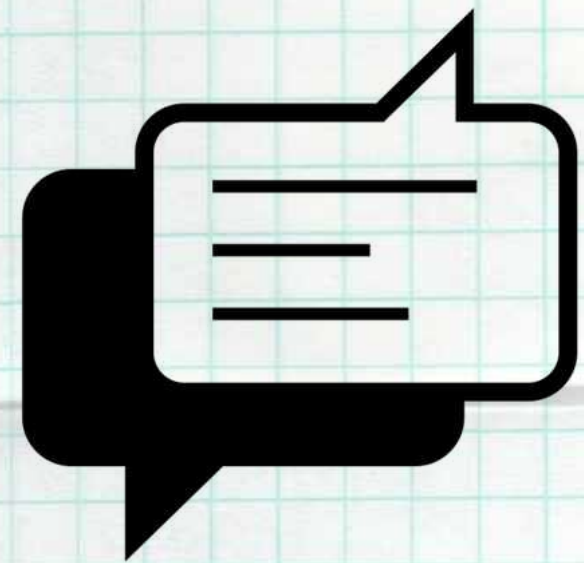


Ministers will also take the time in the next few sittings to outline the specific areas their Ministries will focus on.



WHAT DOES YOUR MP THINK?

In the next five days of Parliamentary sittings starting from next week, MPs will debate on the Motion of Thanks to the President, offering their positions and perspectives on the Government's plans.



This will be a pivotal moment especially for the 31 newly elected MPs to articulate their priorities and perspectives.

ARE MY MPs DOING THEIR JOB?



Parliament's role, according to Speaker Tan Chuan Jin, is to **hold the government of the day accountable to its citizens.**

MPs carry out this role by:

1.

Filing parliamentary questions to the relevant ministries on issues important to their constituents. Ministers will then have to answer these questions.

2.

Debating bills that the Government of the day propose, proposing amendments and voting on the bills at the end of the process. A simple majority is needed for any bill to pass, and a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority is needed for an amendment to the Constitution to pass.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

Are my MPs representing my concerns through their questions and statements?

Do I agree with the priorities and plans of the Government of the day?

How do I push my MPs to represent my concerns if they aren't doing so enough?