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REASONS ON MAINTAINING AGE OF MAJORITY AT 21 YEARS OLD

Ms He Ting Ru asked the Minister for Law (a) what are the reasons for maintaining the age of majority at 21 years old, given that most other ASEAN member states set it at 18 years old; (b) whether the Ministry has reviewed the age of majority in recent years; and (c) if so, what were the findings and what considerations weighed against lowering it.

Mr Chan Chun Sing (for the Prime Minister):

The reasons for maintaining the age of majority at 21 years old were provided in my reply to a Parliamentary Question from Dr Lim Wee Kiak in August 2019. The reasons remain valid. We currently have no plans to review the age criterion.