

Annex A: Budget 2020 Feedback Themes & Questions

We now seek feedback on how else/differently the Government and people can collaborate for our future. The five thematic questions are in the table below:

1	<p><u>Security and External Relations</u></p> <p>With ongoing threats of terrorism and cyber warfare, it is important for Singaporeans to play an active role in contributing to national efforts to strengthen domestic security and cybersecurity, and to build community resilience.</p> <p>a) Besides existing efforts, such as the SAF Volunteer Corps, the SGSecure movement, SCDF's Community First Responders, and the Government Bug Bounty programme, how can Singaporeans play a further part in enhancing this country's security?</p>
2	<p><u>Business Growth / Innovation / Costs</u></p> <p>There remains very good business potential in Singapore and the region, even in today's uncertain environment. (Consider, for instance, the ongoing US-China trade tensions.) We need to press on actively with transformation, and place ourselves in a strong position as a Global-Asia Node of Innovation, Technology and Enterprise to thrive in the longer run.</p> <p>There are many government schemes to deepen enterprise capabilities and enhance our competitive position. They include the Enterprise Development Grant (EDG), the Market Readiness Assistance grant (MRA), the Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG), SMEs Go Digital, Start Digital, and various Free Trade Agreements (FTAs).</p> <p>a) Amidst the current uncertainties, which areas of enterprise capabilities do businesses need in order to compete better?</p> <p>b) How are the internationalisation efforts in your industry progressing? What are some challenges and opportunities in internationalisation for your industry or company arising from ongoing US-China trade tensions?</p>
3	<p><u>Training / Employment</u></p> <p>We wish to encourage Singapore workers to continually adapt and acquire new skills throughout their careers. Meanwhile, employers will need to invest in their workers to have sufficient talent to grow their firms.</p> <p>There are available training and employment schemes to support firms and workers, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adapt and Grow (A&G) programmes, which help workers adapt to changing job demands, re-skill for new careers, and stay agile for new opportunities.• SkillsFuture, which supports lifelong learning. Firms that send workers for skills training also receive support, such as course fee subsidies. <p>a) What are some barriers to workers taking up more individual-based training, and employers sending their workers for training?</p> <p>b) What are some ways to address these barriers?</p>

4	<p><u>Support for Families</u></p> <p>With rising singlehood and smaller family sizes, the level of financial and non-financial support from family members may decline.</p> <p>There are schemes to encourage families to offer mutual care and support, such as housing schemes like the Proximity Housing Grant (PHG) and the Married Child Priority Scheme (MCPS), plus tax reliefs for topping up the CPF accounts of family members.</p> <p>a) How can we review and improve our schemes to further support the community and families in caring for one another?</p>
5	<p><u>Support for Seniors</u></p> <p>Singapore's population is ageing rapidly, and people are living longer. Many older workers wish to stay active and continue working. However, there remain some barriers to older worker employment.</p> <p>There are plans to support seniors who wish to continue working. Steps taken include the raising of the retirement age and re-employment age to 65 and 70 respectively by 2030, alongside increases in the CPF contribution rates for older workers.</p> <p>a) How can we further encourage and support older workers in continuing employment?</p> <p>b) For seniors who are unable to work longer due to health or personal reasons, what are some ways in which their family, relatives or community groups could partner the Government to support their needs?</p>

In the spirit of SG Together, we would also like to seek Singaporeans' views on longer-term issues through the following question:

1	<p>How can we form stronger partnerships to address future opportunities and challenges facing Singapore?</p>
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