

DPA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES

Employment

- The employment rate of persons with disabilities is currently less than half that of the employment rate of the general public. Additionally, persons with disabilities face higher unemployment rates, and are very concerned about under-employment. If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to address such economic and employment inequities that persons with disabilities face in Singapore?
- What is your party's position on enshrining workplace reasonable accommodation protocols into law? Is it the view of your party that workplace anti-discrimination law should contain provisions to ensure reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities?
- If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to push for an employment landscape to ensure that persons with disabilities have equitable opportunities to reskill and upskill in an ever-changing economy?

Financial assistance/insurance Measures

- A common concern highlighted in our survey and in our research and conversations with persons with disabilities, is the per capita household income (PCHI) means-testing requirement needed to access many government financial support schemes such as the Assistive Technology Fund (ATF). Persons with disabilities have expressed concerns such as the PCHI means-testing requirement often being set too low for such schemes, or how for a variety of reasons, they as persons with disabilities cannot or do not wish to seek financial support from their family members, but as they live in the same household as their family, their overall PCHI puts them out of reach from attaining government financial assistance. If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to address such concerns?
- In recent years, DPA has received feedback from persons with disabilities – especially from the autistic/neurodivergent community and from persons with psychosocial disabilities, expressing concerns of private insurance companies applying discriminatory or irrelevant criteria in assessing such individuals. While there are currently guidelines that private insurance companies must provide an objective assessment, and that the outcome of the assessment has to be explained to the applicant, is it the position of your party that there should be a law to protect persons with disabilities from potential unfair or prejudicial practices by private insurance companies?

Transport and Infrastructure

- If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to advocate for more and more streets in Singapore to be accessible to wheelchair users and disabled PMA users?
- A common concern from our research and conversations with persons with disabilities is that times of disruption often pose the greatest accessibility barriers, and can easily make a familiar accessible route inaccessible. Examples of times of disruption include times during construction or renovations of pathways, exits, and entrances, or during the height of the pandemic when entrances and exits were frequently opened and closed. If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to address such concerns.
- Persons with disabilities note that Singapore's transport and infrastructure policy can improve to provide equity for persons with disabilities – such as the need for more audible traffic signals to not have volume completely turned off at night, or the need for more assurance to guide dog handlers in accessing and using services of private hire vehicles. If one or more candidates of your party are elected into Parliament, what would they do to address such concerns?