

MYPOINT

F1 and stormy S'pore

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MRS PAULINE GOODENOUGH: “The track infrastructure for the F1 Singapore Grand Prix includes several kilometres of high metal fencing, behind which race officials and volunteers will operate over three full days. What springs to mind is the prospect of lightning and thunderstorms during the race weekend and whether the metal structures will heighten the danger. Singapore has one of the highest rates of lightning activity in the world, reportedly with an average of 171 thunderstorm days recorded annually. The recent tragic incident of a lightning strike on a couple at the Punggol Jetty underlines how serious the problem can be. Could the track fabricators clarify if lightning control features have been installed around the circuit and, if so, how effective these measures are.”

Greying Singapore

“Allow Singaporeans over 40 to use Medisave for health screening.”

MS SHARON LEE: “As the population is ageing, I appeal to the Ministry of Health to

allow Singaporeans over age 40 to use Medisave for health screenings every year. This amount can be capped at \$200 per year. The health screening package should include general checks for diabetes, heart diseases, kidney failure, pap smears and mammograms. This will help to detect and treat major illnesses early. Prevention is better than cure and many lives can be saved. The Medisave withdrawal limit for hospitalisation and day surgery should also be revised to cover at least the deductible payable under MediShield which currently varies from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Alternatively, the Ministry of Health can fix a percentage that Singaporeans can claim from Medisave every year for any medical surgery based on their current Medisave balance. This will ensure that retirees have enough Medisave to pay for the deductible and co-insurance when they are hospitalised.”

Also used for laundry...

“Plastic pails may not be safe as food containers.”

MR SAW POH ONG: “I have seen plastic pails increasingly being used by food stalls in food courts and hawker centres recently to keep food such as hot boiling soup. These pails are the same ones used for the washing of laundry or cutlery. When I queried a stall owner, he replied that metal containers were too heavy and plastic pails were easier to handle. Such plastic pails may not be safe as food containers. They are not made to keep food and high temperatures could disintegrate the surface material of the pails and harmful chemicals