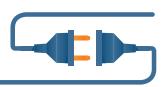
Singapore's Leading Monthly Public Survey

Singaporeans Tune in to the New Open Electricity Market -

November 2018



Singaporeans are increasingly aware of the new Open Electricity Market, an initiative aimed at liberalizing the retail power market in Singapore. Nearly 9-in-10 Singaporeans (88%) are aware of the change, marking an increase of 27% since April this year.

Just over 7-in-10 Singaporeans (72%) also claim to be aware of new retailers, in addition to long term incumbent, Singapore Power. At this stage, wellknown brands like Sembcorp Power and Keppel Electric are dominating consumer recall.

1-in-10 Singaporeans surveyed claim to have switched providers already, while 1-in-4 (25%) say they are planning to. Expect a lot more activity in this consumer space in 2019 Awareness of the Open Electricity Market has increased by 27% since April 2018

72% of Singaporeans are aware of

new retailers

 Yes, I am aware

 Apr-2018
 61%

 Nov-2018
 88%

No 28% Yes 72%

Around 4-

Around 4-in-5 Singaporeans (80%) in the Northern and Western part of Singapore

10% of Singaporeans claim to have already switched retailers

Yes, I have Not yet, but I I'm still I will stay already am planning looking at the switched to switch soon options for now 10% 25% 37% 29%

The top 7 electricity retailers Singaporeans have seen advertising/ promoting to household consumers
 Sembcorp Power
 65%

 Keppel Electric
 63%

 Tuas Power
 61%

 Senoko Energy
 49%

 Union Power
 33%

 Pacific Light
 31%

 iSwitch Energy
 30%

Singapore's Top 5 News Stories of the Month

The Lion Air crash in Indonesia which resulted in the deaths of 145 people

29%

Train and bus fares to increase on December 29

38%

NS man dies after accident with Bionix during training in the Jalan Murai training area

23%

The Open Electricity Market starts on November 1 with 350,000 Singapore consumers now able to switch electricity providers for the first time

20%

The Aljunied-Hougang Town Council (AHTC) Trial

18%

Who Followed the News

Who Paid Close Attention



COMMUNITY SATISFACTION

Those who say they are satisfied with the way things are going in Singapore

Oct 69 No 71



Community Satisfaction rises by 2 points



PERSONAL FINANCES

Those who rate their personal finances as Excellent/Good

Oct 66 Nov 66



Personal Finances remain steady



NATIONAL ECONOMY

Those who rate current economic conditions in Singapore as Excellent/Good

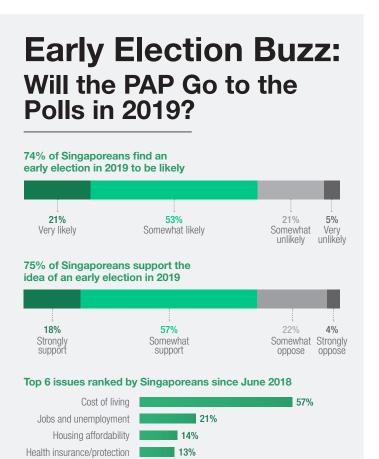
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Nov **72**



National Economy rises by 3 points

November 2018





In an interview in November, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong raised the likelihood of an early general election in 2019. "It's always possible," said PM Lee.

We polled Singaporeans in November on this possibility and found that nearly 3-in-4 (74%) think an early election in 2019 is likely, while 75% are supportive of an early poll.

In another interview, Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat announced that the 4G ministers will launch a series of discussions with Singaporeans for feedback on the fundamental issues to be addressed after Budget 2019.

Our monthly YouKnowAnot findings since June show that 57% of Singaporeans say the cost of living is the most important issue to them. Jobs and unemployment (21%) is the second-most important issue, followed by housing affordability (14%).

Taking the Scenic Route Home: Prospects for Flying Taxis

Trials for air taxis will take off in Singapore, as German aviation start-up Volocopter looks to conduct flight tests in the second half of 2019.

Level of salaries and wages

Government accountability

Just under half of Singaporeans (46%) say they are willing to try out flying taxis, while 16% want to use one every day to avoid traffic. 39% of Singaporeans think it is too dangerous and would be fearful of getting into one.

Nearly 1-in-2 Singaporeans (49%) believe safety is the biggest potential problem with flying taxis, followed by perceived costs (34%).



Government Satisfaction Index

Perceptions of public transport dropped by 4 points compared to the previous month. Singaporeans also expressed concerns in the areas of CPF, moral standards, and civil rights as these three categories fell by 2 points this month.

However, respondents were satisfied with how the Government is handling the gap between the rich and poor, which improved by 4 points this month.

GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION INDEX

Monthly Index

80 GSI

Monthly Trend

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About the Results

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Rank	Issue	Satisfaction with Government	Change since last month	Change over last 12 months
1	Crime levels	96%	0%	0%
2	Defence/ national security	96%	1%	0%
3	Racial relations/ integration	94%	2%	2%
4	The environment	93%	0%	0%
5	Education system	90%	0%	0%
6	Care for the Elderly	87%	0%	-1%
7	Moral standards	86%	-2%	1%
8	Management of the economy	85%	1%	0%
9	Health insurance/protection	84%	0%	-3%
10	Public transport	81%	-4%	8%
11	Jobs and unemployment	78%	0%	0%
12	Taxes	78%	0%	-2%
13	Government accountability	76%	-1%	-4%
14	CPF/pensions	76%	-2%	-5%
15	Level of salaries and wages	74%	0%	-1%
16	Civil rights/ liberties/ free speech	74%	-2%	-1%
17	Population management	72%	-1%	-3%
18	Motor vehicle prices/ COE	69%	0%	9%
19	Housing affordability	67%	0%	-2%
20	Gap between rich and poor	67%	4%	-2%
21	Cost of living	58%	1%	-2%
	Overall Government Satisfaction Index	80	1	0



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