

Media Release

Minister for Finance Instructs POFMA Office to Issue Correction Direction

Singapore – 1 April 2020: The Minister for Finance has instructed POFMA Office to issue a Correction Direction¹ to Facebook user "超静" ("tifinnytara") with regard to her Facebook post on 29 March 2020, 8.01am. The post contained false statements concerning Singapore's Resilience Budget (Supplementary Budget 2020). The Correction Direction requires user "超静" ("tifinnytara") to carry in full, the correction notice at the top of the Facebook post.

2. For facts of the case, please refer to the Factually article, "Corrections and Clarifications regarding Falsehoods about the Resilience Budget" (<u>https://www.gov.sg/article/factually-clarifications-on-falsehoods-about-resilience-budget</u>).

About the POFMA Office

The POFMA Office, situated within the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), is responsible for the administration of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA). For more information about POFMA Office, visit <u>www.pofmaoffice.gov.sg</u>.

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¹ A **Correction Direction** is a Direction issued to a person who has communicated a falsehood (i.e. the recipient) that affects the public interest. It requires the recipient to publish a correction notice, providing access to the correct facts. The Direction does not require the recipient to take down their post or make edits to their content, and does not impose criminal sanctions.