

ANNEX A: LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Area	Proposed amendment
Establish governance and oversight of SCIS	a. To legally recognise the establishment of SCIS and its powers to award a full undergraduate degree in Islamic Studies. MUIS will be able to recognise the SCIS' Islamic Studies degree for the recruitment and employment of asatizah.
	b. Include administration of SCIS as one of MUIS' statutory functions. MUIS will have power to give directions on SCIS' provision of tertiary religious education and provide funding for SCIS from community funds under MUIS' oversight (zakat, Mosque Building and MENDAKI Fund, etc.)
	c. Give the Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs oversight of selected administrative and financial matters relating to SCIS.
Enhance Muslim marriage and divorce processes	d. Set a minimum period of physical presence in Singapore for Muslim marriages where at least one party is neither a Singapore Citizen nor a Permanent Resident. This is in line with the requirements under the Women's Charter.
	e. Empower SYC to make financial-related orders and child-related orders upon a foreign Muslim divorce.
	f. Allow SYC greater discretion to waive procedural requirements for divorce proceedings, where the Court has determined that such requirements are not necessary and can be met through other means.
Strengthen child-centricity in Muslim divorce cases	g. Empower SYC to make orders to allow or prevent a child under a custody, care or control order to be relocated outside Singapore.
	h. Make clear that a child's welfare is SYC's most important consideration in matters involving children.