

## **MP Pritam Singh clarifies coalition government comment**

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The Workers' Party (WP) has clarified that being part of a coalition government is not one of its aims.

Asked by The Sunday Times yesterday if the WP aims to be a member of a coalition government one day, Mr Pritam Singh, an MP for Aljunied GRC, replied: "No, that's not one of our aims...The party has never discussed the idea of coalition at all."

Also responding to The Sunday Times, WP secretary-general Low Thia Khiang said he did not wish to respond to hypothetical questions, but "as a matter of principle, WP is prepared to work with other political parties" if that is in the interest of the nation.

The WP men were clarifying remarks by Mr Singh at a recent Institute of Policy Studies forum, when Mr Singh was quoted on Channel NewsAsia as saying: "It may be a case in future whereby the PAP only wins 36 (seats)...we may have to form a coalition government."