

**Votes and Proceedings
Of the
Twentieth Parliament**

No. 5

**First Sitting of the Fifth Meeting
Tuesday, 21st December 2010**

10.00am

1. The House met at 10:00am in accordance to its resolution made on Tuesday 18th November 2010.
2. Hon. Landon Deireragea M.P., Deputy Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Statement from the Chair**

Hon. Deireragea M.P., Deputy Speaker of Parliament made a statement to the House which read as follows:

Honourable Members,

Before we commence with the business before the House today, I would like to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Speaker, to inform the House of certain recent developments in Parliament.

Hansard – digital recording, and workflow training

Firstly, today is the first day on which the new digital recording equipment will be used to record the proceedings of the Parliament. In March 2010, Parliament successfully applied to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Education Trust Fund for funding to obtain digital sound recording hardware and software, and training for Hansard staff in how to use the new software, as well as how to improve the Hansard workflow.

This means that instead of parliamentary proceedings being recorded on, and transcribed from, tapes – they will now be recorded as digital sound files that can be stored on computers. This is the same technology that is used in the Parliament of Victoria.

On 6 December a representative of the company from whom we have obtained the digital recording system, ‘For the Record’, arrived to spend 10 days in Nauru installing the equipment and training staff. I wish to thank Mark D’Arcy from FTR for all of his hard work while he was here, and also to thank the CPA Education Trust Fund, Lynette Mollard of the Commonwealth Parliament, and FTR, for the assistance they have provided.

I would also like to record my appreciation for the assistance recently provided by the Parliament of Victoria, which is Nauru's 'twin' Parliament under the CPA twinning program. Recently the Clerk of Victorian Parliament, Ray Purdey, kindly sent two officers from the Hansard Department of the Parliament of Victoria to offer advisory and technical assistance to Nauru's Hansard staff.

Mr. Angelo Altair, a publishing officer, and Ms Trish Greig, a sub – editor in the Victoria Parliament Hansard department, arrived on the island on the Monday 29th November. They spent ten days on the island, working with the clerk, Parliamentary Counsel and Hansard staff on upgrading Hansard workflow systems, designing new templates for the electronic publication of Hansard, and introducing Hansard staff to digital sound file technology.

As Members are aware, Hansard is the transcript of everything that is said in Parliament, and is an important historical public record. Nauru has not published is now planning to publish Hansard electronically on the new Parliament website. It is anticipated that by the beginning of 2011, Parliament will be able to post Hansard transcripts of sittings on the Parliament website within 3-4 days after a sitting, and will also gradually be able to upload older Hansards record to the website over the course of 2011. This will be of great value to Members of Parliament who need to refer to Hansard, and also to members of the public.

The new digital recording equipment and the software that accompanies it should make the production of Hansard easier, and the training that has been provided by our Victorian colleagues and by FTR should also be of great assistance in improving and streamlining the production of Hansard. Thanks are also due to the Hansard staff for their participation in the recent training and their ability to adapt to the new technology.

Legal Information Access Project and LPU

Secondly, I would like to inform members of the creation of the Legal Publication Unit within the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. The LPU is part of the legal Information Access Project, which is being managed by the Parliamentary Counsel. Because LIAP is funded by NZAID as part of its justice strengthening program, LIAP is a project that falls under the Minister for Justice. I believe the Minister for Justice proposed to update the House in some detail about this important project later today. But because the people working on the project are all housed in Parliament and are largely Parliament employees, I would also like to take the opportunity just to say a few brief words to congratulate the LIAP team on the work they have done so far.

I have been particularly impressed with the great productivity of the new LPU, which contains two staff: Serenaid Debao, the Legal Publication

Officer, and Francilia Akubor, the Legal Publication Assistant. Both have been working tirelessly on getting the laws of Nauru into electronic format for inclusion in the new legal information database that will be launched next year.

In the course of the LIAP, we have had another visitor in Parliament since 8 December: Mr. Jeremy Wainwright, the legislative drafting consultant for LIAP, who has been working closely with the Document Management Consultant Ronan Carroll. Their work has made Parliament a very industrious place indeed. Parliament will bid farewell to Jeremy Wainwright tomorrow, but I believe he will be back for another visit towards the end of the project early in 2011, and we look forward to welcoming him back. In addition to his legal drafting skills, he also has a fine voice which helped the red team win the singing competition at the Parliament staff Christmas party, for which the red team, including the Speaker, were very grateful.

World e-Parliament Conference

Thirdly, in October, the Assistant Parliamentary Counsel attended the World e-Parliament Conference 2010, which was co-organised by the United Nations, the inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliament of South Africa, the Pan-African Parliament and the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament and held at the Pan-African Parliament in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Conference brought together representatives from Parliaments across the world, addressing how the use of information and communication technology can help improve representation, transparency, accountability and effectiveness in the parliamentary environment. Delegates had the opportunity to analyse good practices, exchange view on latest trends and institutional developments, learn from each other's experiences, network with peers, and build partnerships in an international setting.

Conclusion

I would like to acknowledge the Speaker, who is unable to be here for this sitting due to family needs, but who has shown great leadership in bringing the long parliamentary stalemate to an end, and whom I know is looking forward to presiding over a constructive and productive Parliament in 2011. I am sure that the thoughts and prayers of all Members are with the Speaker at this time. On behalf of the Speaker and myself, I'd like to wish all members of Parliament, all Parliament staff and your families, and the people of Nauru a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you Members.

4. Notice of Motions

- 1) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move to present the Superannuation Repeal Bill 2010.
- 2) Mr. G. Thoma (Aiwo) moved that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall present the Aiwo Community Road Map Bill 2011.
- 3) Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Education) moved that at the next sitting of parliament, he shall present the Education Bill 2010.
- 4) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that at the next sitting of Parliament he shall move to present the Provident Fund Repeal Bill 2010.

5. Questions Without Notice were asked.

(Questions without Notice were extended for a further one hour)

6. Ministerial Statements & Tabling of Papers

- a) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) made a statement and Tabled the InterSub-Head Transfers 2010 – 2011, in the House.

Introduction:

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues,

Today I table for the Parliament the updated statement report of inter sub-head transfers (ISHTs) for the period 1 July 2010 to 20 December 2010.

Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) – Head 31

Fisheries' Milkfish project in Anabar required additional provisions for security services. An additional budget of \$10,899 was provided to fund this service from savings identified under the Salaries subhead as a consequence of unfilled vacancies. Additionally, tight salary control and deductions have also added to SH202's capacity to fund the ISHT for new security services.

Department of Health – Head 61

An additional \$16,000 was requested for SH205 – Salaries Other Contracts, to fund the costs of the Cuban Medical Brigade member's monthly

allowances for the remainder of the financial year, as well as for transit per diems during their recreation travels. Health has identified savings from SH204 – Allowances Staff Contracts at \$10,000 and the balance of \$6,000 from SH203 – Salary Expatriates. Savings achieved under both SH204 and SH203 in the last six months is sufficient to cover the ISHT to SH205.

Thank you

Summary of Inter-SubHead Transfers

Increases

Head	Agency	Subhead	Item	Increase (AUD)
61	Department of Health	205	Salaries – Other Contracts	\$16,000
31	NFMRA	326	Special Projects	\$10,899.20
				\$26,899.20

Decreases

Head	Agency	Subhead	Item	Decrease (AUD)
61	Department of Health	204	Allowances Staff Contracts	\$10,000
61	Department of Health	203	Salary Expatriates	\$6,000
31	NFMRA	202	Salaries - Local	\$10,899.20
				\$26,899.20

b) His Excellency President Marcus Stephen made a statement to the House which read as follows:-

Deputy Speaker and Honourable Members,

I would like to provide this August House with a brief report of my official trips to Cancun, Mexico, Havana and Cuba from which I only just returned early this morning.

On the 7th to 10th December I attended the High Level Segment of the 16th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on climate change, or COP16 as it is commonly referred to. This meeting in Cancun is a continuation from last year's climate change conference in Copenhagen, in which Nauru also participated.

After the disappointing failure of the negotiations in Copenhagen, most of the participating countries including Nauru arrived in Cancun with low expectations. Numerous developed country parties sought to downplay expectations and many commentators openly wondered whether the UNFCCC system would survive beyond 2010.

But despite these misgivings, Nauru together with other oasis countries including our regional neighbours of Samoa, Kiribati, Palau, Tuvalu and the Federated States of Micronesia presented a strong and united front in Cancun and continued to push for the best outcome of our island nations.

I believe that in attending the COP16 we succeeded in having our voices heard and drawing the attention of the international community to the seriousness and urgency of the threat we face against climate change. This was made possible through a number of different activities including the delivery of national statements.

To that end I was privileged to be the third speaker at this High-Level Conference and to deliver a speech on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States. I was also very honoured that my speech generated a lot of support and interest from all corners of the world. I also had a breakfast meeting with the UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon along with other leaders from the Caribbean. At this meeting I strongly urged the Secretary General to fast-track climate financing before our countries started disappearing into the ocean as a result of global warming and sea level rise.

As chair of PSIDS, Nauru also organized a press conference for the PSIDS Member Countries. This was held in front of a large collection of media and the Leaders discussed the climate impacts already being felt in their region and answered questions from the press on issues ranging from finance to pacific initiatives on mitigation and adaptation. I also participated in a panel of discussions which was chaired by Mexico's President Calderon and focused on the way forward and setting the stage so that a deal can finally be reached in South Africa next year.

But despite our best efforts the outcome of COP16 was altogether not very promising. The agreement reached in Cancun was far from what is needed to address climate change, although it did help to re-establish confidence in the process and set the stage for more progress in 2011.

Regarding achievements, the Cancun compromise brings several institutional improvements to the UNFCCC system. For instance, on finance, the COP established the green climate fund which is intended to channel a significant portion of the US\$100 Billion committed by developed countries

for adaptation and mitigation in developing countries. This fund will be designed over the course of 2011 by a new transitional committee which will have representatives from SIDS and LDC's.

These largely institutional advances could enhance the implementation of the convention however climate change will not be adequately addressed without Parties (1) agreeing to significantly increase the ambition of their mitigation commitments and actions, and (2) identifying and deploying new and predictable sources of financial support for adaptation and mitigation in developing countries.

At present, there still remain deep divisions among parties on many of the most important issues and it is not clear that these divisions will be any easier to resolve at COP17 in South Africa.

Honourable Members, whilst it is true that COP15 and now COP16 have to date failed to yield any tangible and positive results for Nauru and other small island states, it is absolutely vital that we do not abandon these negotiations but in fact step up our efforts in this important process. Many of the institutional reforms agreed to in Cancun will require elaboration over the course of 2011 and Nauru will need to engage in these processes if the new institutions are to be responsive to our needs.

I trust that Members of this august House will not only continue to support government's efforts in this regard but will also actively involve themselves in this fight for our very own survival.

I now turn to my report on my official trip to Cuba.

Mr. Deputy Speaker,

Immediately after my meeting in Cancun, I headed to the neighbouring country of Cuba. This was my first ever state to Cuba since the establishment of our diplomatic relations.

During my stay in Cuba I had the distinct honour and privilege of having a private meeting with President Raul Castro where we openly discussed a number of wide-ranging issues, including our bilateral co-operation. You may be pleased to know that this was the very first time that President Castro has agreed to meet with a leader from the pacific and this is a clear indication of the close and friendly relations between our two countries and people. You may also be interested to know that our discussions lasted for two hours – yet another strong sign of the special and warm friendship between Cuba and Nauru.

I also managed to visit our Nauruan students who are currently training to be doctors. I am pleased to inform you that all of them are in good health and coping well with their studies. During my tour at the Latin American School of Medicine, I raised the possibility of expanding our current scholarship program to other areas of healthcare to allow greater

flexibility and more study options as well as career paths. This proposal was well-received by the medical centre and may be implemented in the near future

My tours in Havana also included a very informative visit to the National School of Gymnastics where I had the chance to observe their young and dedicated athletes. All in all, my three-day visit to Cuba was a very enjoyable and interesting experience. In fact, I believe it was a resounding success and served to consolidate and further strengthen the friendly ties which already happily exist between our two governments and people.

Thank you.

c) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Health) made a statement to the House which read as follows;

Mr Speaker and Members,

I wish to provide a report on the activities and services undertaken in the Ministry of Health for 2010.

Governance

The Ministry is headed by the Secretary for Health and consists of 5 Departments, Medical Services, Nursing, Public Health, Administration and Planning and Finance and are each headed by a Director.

Staffing

At the beginning of the year the Secretary for Health, Mr. Sunia Soakai, Strategic Health Planner, Mr. Norman Powell, Health Educator, Ms. Pauline Fitzgerald, were at post, however due to personal reasons the Health Educator resigned in April and the Strategic Health Planner in November.

The Ministry has as a staff establishment of 202 local and 34 expatriate staff. The Ministry has a further 8 staff employed under donor projects. There are 19 vacancies in the local and 5 in the expatriate establishment. These vacancies are attributed to resignations, dismissals, reserved for returning scholars and non renewal of contracts. The Ministry has initiated recruitment of all these vacancies to ensure a full strength workforce.

Staff Training

As we are all aware national capacity across both the public and private sector is an ongoing challenge for Nauru and the Ministry of Health is no exception. A snapshot of the workforce indicates there are 14 doctors in employment of which only 1 is a Nauruan. All qualified clinical support staff (laboratory, pharmacy, x-ray, physiotherapy, nutrition) are expatriates. All practicing midwives are also expatriate staff as well.

The Ministry has a total of 31 Nauruan nationals pursuing medical studies (medicine 13, 10 in Cuba and 3 in Fiji, 4 nursing students in Fiji and 1 in Kiribati, and 12 Health Trainees pursuing bridging courses at USP campus, Nauru.

The Ministry for the first time in 2010 was able to fill its 4 ARDS scholarships and I am pleased again to advise 4 Health Trainees have been shortlisted for ARDS scholarships in 2011 and we are awaiting the outcome of AusAID 's assessment of all regional applications. The Ministry is expecting 3 Nursing graduates at the end of 2010 or early 2011.

Leadership Group

To complement the staff training programme and to acknowledge promising staff currently employed, the Secretary of Health in consultations with Directors have identified 30 staff as potential leaders across the Ministry ' s 5 departments.

Participation in the leadership group is entirely voluntary and each staff is required to confirm their interest and willingness be involved. For staff agreeing to participate, career development plans will be developed for implementation. Consultations with development partners are underway, in particular AusAID to support the group member ' s development plan.

Administration Department

Mrs. Marissa Cook, Director of Administration heads this Department which supports both curative and public health services and is responsible for the overall day to day non-clinical administrative requirements.

The following were achievements during the year;

- *Timely recruitment of all vacant positions.*

- *Supervising local technicians engaged to maintain generators, reverse osmosis units, mortuary.*
- *Assisting expatriate technicians engaged to maintain oxygen plant, dental equipment, and dialysis machines.*
- *Management of weekly ordering of stationery and non medical supplies through local suppliers.*
- *Installation of new water pipelines to laundry.*
- *Repair entrance to Republic of Nauru Hospital.*
- *Repair electrical supply to Nurses Quarters.*
- *Repair submerged pumps.*
- *Install pedestrian entrance at the Republic of Nauru Hospital to support use of boom gate.*
- *Install security lighting at front and back entrance at Republic of Nauru Hospital.*
- *Renovation of 10 disabled homes to facilitate easy access for patients.*
- *Supervised refurbishment of Buada Health Promotion Centre which was commissioned in July.*
- *Supervised construction of Physical Activity building at Naeoro Public Health Centre and commissioned in August.*

Medical Department

Dr. Alani Tangitau, Director of Medical Services heads this Department and includes the largest portion of the health workforce and consist of outpatient, inpatient and clinical support services.

The following were achievements during the year;

- *The Republic of Nauru Hospital has in employment the full complement of specialist, Surgeon, Obstetrician, Physician, Paediatrician, Anaesthetist, 1 Senior Medical Officer and 4 General Medical Officers.*
- *Visiting ENT, renal vascular, ophthalmology teams successfully utilised the Operating Theatre to perform their respective surgeries.*
- *Successfully hosted the ICDF Mobile Medical Mission in July and November.*
- *Continued 24/7 cover of Out Patients and Accident and Emergency by a medical officer.*
- *Initiation of after hours and weekend consultation registration.*
- *H1N1 and Influenza like Illness (ILI) surveillance and reporting to WHO on a weekly basis.*
- *Planning and initiation of Triage System at Outpatients and Accident and Emergency.*

- *First mental health specialist visit by Dr Mapa Puloka to review all registered mental health patients and plan future visits and activities.*
- *Mental Health Training Plan for Nauru submitted to the Pacific Island Mental Health Network (PIMHNET) for review and implementation.*

Nursing Department

Mrs. Gano Mwareow, Director of Nursing heads this Department which is responsible for assessing all patients presenting to outpatients and the wards, providing direct patients care and coordinating patient care related activities.

The Department continued to pursue implementation of the Nursing Services Review Report 2009 recommendations. Expatriates are still required to fill gaps in specialist areas such as midwifery and Operating Theatre nursing.

The Department was delighted to employ 6 nationals who graduated following tertiary nursing studies, 4 graduated from the Kiribati School of Nursing and 2 from the Fiji School of Nursing. These new staff members were Cherish Deireragea, Lynette Joram, Trixie Fritz, Patricia Demingauwe, Kyreena Ratabwiy, Marquita Detabene and Myann Capelle. The Department expects the return of 3 graduates 2 nurse midwives in 2011.

The following were achievements during the year;

- *Introduction of hospital linen initiative.*
- *Draft Hospital Infection Control Manual completed.*
- *Performance Management System introduced.*
- *Priority nursing equipment and instruments ordered and received.*
- *Employment of 3 expatriate midwives.*

Public Health Department

Dr Thant Zin was Director of Public Health from January to July and was replaced by Dr Setareki Vatucawaqa in July. The Department is responsible implementing public health programmes; health promotion and primary health care services in collaboration the medical services department, other government departments and instrumentalities, civil society organisations, churches and community groups.

The following were achievements during the year;

- *The recruitment of NCD Coordinator in July under the SPC NCD grant.*

- *The Eat Healthy Live Healthy programme was introduced providing healthy breakfast to all infant and primary schools twice a week.*
- *With the assistance of ICDF a home gardening programme was initiated.*
- *With donor funding, the department developed the physical activity building at the Naeoro Public Health Centre and communities.*
- *Ongoing physical activity programmes such as the Wednesday walk, twice a week aerobics, community physical activities, and physical activities competitions.*
- *The national weight reduction campaign “Stomp the Fat” initiated 2008 and repeated in 2010.*
- *Education and treatment program using WHO SAFE strategy were ongoing in the communities, and schools.*
- *STI surveillance survey had been undertaken and STI management guidelines have been developed and circulated to relevant stakeholders.*
- *Workshops for Influenza Pandemic Preparedness with a focus on animal health was conducted in collaboration with quarantine and facilitated by SPC and WHO.*
- *The Pandemic Taskforce was tasked with updating the Pandemic Preparedness Plan following visits from WHO and SPC Technical staff.*
- *Antenatal service is now managed by the Obstetrician and the clinic has shifted to RON Hospital and is staffed by both PH and midwifery staff.*
- *The EPI program is ongoing with 100 % coverage maintained and increased drug compliance for Rheumatic Heart Disease.*
- *Vector borne diseases outbreak prevention and control programmes continue and a minimal supply of insecticides, materials and equipment has been stockpiled for emergency use.*
- *Regular inspection for food safety was carried out and medical check-up for food handlers was initiated whereby 124 business licenses, 23 restaurants and 84 food handlers were registered.*
- *Commemorative awareness campaigns were undertaken for World No Tobacco Day, World Sight Day, World AIDS Day, Mental Health Day, Road Safety Week, World TB Day, World Diabetes Day and World Leprosy Day.*
- *SPC continues to disburse funding for Nauru’ s Global Fund HIV/TB project which includes staff salaries, procurements, training, capacity building, logistic supplies, technical assistance, support for planning, monitoring and evaluation of the project. A vehicle, 3 motorbikes, 3 laptops were received during the year. Funds were also made available for refurbishment of a room at the Antenatal clinic for HIV counseling.*
- *TB and Leprosy follow up programs had been strengthened in the communities and sputum screening, contact tracing, public awareness programs had also been initiated in accordance with WHO guidelines.*

- *HIV/TB prevention including awareness programs, education and training programs were on going in the public health department and communities.*
- *The Tobacco Act came into force and with the assistance of the Parliamentary Counsel, public awareness was undertaken including no smoking signs and banning of selling tobacco to children notices have placed at all outlets, government offices and public notice boards. Awareness workshops were held in conjunction with the Police and relevant health staff. Warning letters were issued in Chinese to all shop-keepers to warn of the illegality of selling individual cigarettes (pwids).*
- *A new National Nutritional Guideline for Nauru has been developed.*
- *The visiting Ophthalmologist undertook outreach activities in an effort to create awareness and treat trachoma patients, of the 620 patients tested in four districts (Boe, Aiwo, Anabar and Location), 50% were positive, resulting in 93 patients receiving treatment.*
- *The Public Health team under the auspices of the Pandemic Taskforce successfully undertook a whole of population H1N1 influenza mass vaccination programme. This also included vaccination of our overseas students who arrived in late November.*
- *The Naeoro Public Health Centre refurbishments were completed and commissioned in April, funding was provided through the MOU with the Government of Australia.*
- *The Physical Activity Building was completed in July and commissioned in August, funding was provided by the SPC NCD Regional programme.*
- *The Buada Health Promotion Centre refurbishment was completed and commissioned in July.*
- *In light of effect of diabetes, a Foot Care Clinic was inaugurated in October to provide patient counseling and treatment of extremities.*
- *Planning for a STI Presumptive Treatment campaign has commenced with the objective of undertaking treatment of all Nauruans in the 15-44 age group in quarter 2 2011.*
- *A draft Public Health Act is currently been finalized for processing to Parliament.*
- *A Strategic Health Communication Guideline for Nauru is being developed and refined for later adoption*
- *A new expatriate Environmental Health Officer was recruited and commenced work in late November*

Health Planning and Finance Department

This Department is newly created under the Organization Reform Report and Mr. Norman Powell was assigned responsibility for heading it and managing the sections and services. The Planning Division mission is to provide accurate and meaningful information and supportive services to the

Department of Health in the planning and implementation of health services for the people of Nauru.

The Departments main functions are:

- *Planning Health Information services.*
- *Co-ordinate Health National Strategic Development Plan.*
- *Management of AusAID PPD health budget and implementation of funded activities.*
- *Supporting hospital administration.*
- *Staff training and development.*
- *Relieving Secretary for Health and Medical Services as required.*

The following were achievements during the year:

- *Development of 5 year Strategic Plan and Annual Operational Plans for the next five years.*
- *The Medical Records Department has been transferred to Planning.*
- *The formation of the National Health Information Committee.*
- *Supporting the HIS Consultants in reviewing death data and health information collection processes.*
- *Determined a small set of indicators that are relevant, realistic and achievable for Nauru for which data sources exist.*
- *Participation in Planning Committee for the visit of President of Taiwan.*
- *Equipment Committee established to oversee the prioritization and procurement medical equipment.*
- *The development of disaster planning policy.*
- *Participation in the Disaster Planning, Tsunami Preparedness and Climate Change Planning Groups.*
- *Participation in the Maternal Death Review Group.*
- *Development of the Ministry ' s Staff Performance Appraisal System and the subsequent training of OIC 's in undertaking the Performance Appraisals.*
- *Participating in 9 Staff Selection Panels in consultations with the Chief Secretary ' s office.*
- *Participated in Staff Orientation presentations for newly recruited staff.*

Mr. Speaker I now wish to highlight specific activities and programmes the Ministry has pursued.

Cuban Medical Brigade

The full Cuban Medical Brigade has been in post since December 2009, the Physician and Pharmacist arrived in July 2009 and the remaining members, a Paediatrician, Obstetrician and Laboratory Technician arrived in December 2009. Team members have assimilated well and are now an integral part of the clinical setup and have gained respect from both staff and the public.

Visiting Medical Specialists

The AusAID funded Pacific Island Projects managed by the Royal Australian College of Surgeons continues to provide much need specialist medical services whereby the Renal Team visited Renal twice during the year, 16-26 May and 3-10 October and the Cardiovascular team is scheduled to visit before the end of the year.

As of 2011 the visiting specialist programme will be managed by the Fiji School of Medicine and Nauru is positioned to receive the complement of visits, Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Cardiovascular, Renal and Gastroenterology.

Taiwan Mobile Medical Team

The Mobile Medical Team has visited twice during the year, the first from 12-26 July and the second team arrived today and will be on Nauru from 1-17 November 2010. The team was made up of Cardiologist, Endocrinologist, Dialysis nurse to work with our dialysis staff and Podiatrist or Foot Care Specialist.

Ambassador Wan and the visiting team donated much need pharmaceuticals and medical supplies on 3rd November at Republic of Nauru Hospital.

I wish to convey my appreciation to the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its continued support to the health sector and anticipate continued assistance into the foreseeable future.

Taiwan Volunteers

The Ministry welcomed 2 ICDF Volunteers, an Accident and Emergency Nurse and Physical Activity Trainer both will be in Nauru for 2 years.

Reverse Osmosis Unit

The Reverse Osmosis Unit donated by DIAC continues to operate and complements rain water captured at Republic of Nauru Hospital and deliveries from Nauru Utilities Authority the unit is serviced by a local technician.

Oxygen Plant

The Plant continues to pose challenges whereby a part was sent to Australia for repair by the contracted Technician. The repair has been undertaken and the part has been returned and installed and continues to periodically fail.

The Technician has recommended an interim solution to ensure the plant operates whilst the part is sent for repair and his return during is scheduled maintenance visit in January 2011.

Hyperbaric Chamber

The Chamber has been out of commission and based on the technician 's report a NPP was developed and presented to Cabinet and Caucus during the 2010/2011 budget consultations. Cabinet subsequently instructed AMU to present the NPP to donors for consideration.

Dialysis Services

This service continues to be available to Nauruans and the Technician regularly visited to undertake routine service and repair of the units, the most recent visit at the end of November whereby 10 of the 12 units are operational. The Technician strongly recommended the units require replacement as they all have reached or are nearing their replacement dates.

The Ministry of Health is currently in discussions with counterparts in the Singapore Ministry of Health for possible support to the dialysis services in terms of equipment and training needs and will progress matters in the first quarter of 2011.

Pharmaceuticals

The Ministry has approved an Essential Drugs List (EDL) to guide its procurement of drugs. Work on the National Medicine Policy continues and anticipate its finalization early in 2011.

Public Health Act

A WHO consultant visited to complete drafting the Public Health Bill and is now with the Parliamentary Counsel for finalization prior to submission to Cabinet for review and subsequent tabling before Parliament.

Food Safety Regulations

A WHO consultant visited twice to progress Food Regulations and Standards and consultations are underway with the Parliamentary Counsel for due process and subsequent implementation and enforcement by the Ministry.

Pandemic Preparedness

A SPC Adviser visited to finalise Nauru's Pandemic Preparedness Plan and is now before the Nauruan Pandemic Taskforce for final review. The Plan will be subsequently processed to Cabinet for consideration and decision.

2-1-22 Regional NCD Programme

Under the above project the following visits were made.

Monitoring and Planning

A SPC Adviser undertook the quarterly monitoring visit to review the Nauru's progress in implementing the programmes activities and I am pleased to advise the programme activities are well ahead and acknowledge the efforts of Public Health staff.

Communication Strategy

A SPC Communication Adviser visited to consult Ministry staff, community leaders and stakeholders to collect information to serve as the basis for the Nauru NCD Communication Strategy. A draft has been received and the Ministry's feedback has been submitted to SPC for incorporation and finalization.

Nutrition Guidelines

A SPC Nutrition Adviser visited to assist the Public Health Department in finalizing the Nutrition Guidelines. The Public Health Department have now finalised the Guidelines for publication.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)

A SPC STI Adviser visited in November to progress work on the STI Implementation Strategy for Nauru, consult Ministry of Health and stakeholders on the STI Implementation Strategy, mapping exercise for Chlamydia and other STI 's and undertake case finding training for staff.

Pursuant to my parliamentary statement on 18 November 2010 the Ministry of Health is concerned with the high prevalence of STI 's in Nauru and has commenced planning for consultations with communities, churches, education providers and all relevant stakeholders with the objective of undertaking a Presumptive Treatment programme for all Nauruans within the 15-44 age group.

This approach will shelter those who have the infections thus removing to a great extent the notion of being identified and stigmatised.

This is not a 'stand-alone' strategy as it will be accompanied by a carefully packaged approach which will include:

- 1. Strategic Health Communication (SHC) over couple of months to educate everyone and dispel myths*
- 2. Syndromic Management of Symptomatic STIs for those who come forward seeking early treatment*
- 3. Expanded testing for Chlamydia and other STIs for pregnant mothers and their spouses / partners including others who may voluntarily seek testing*
- 4. Epidemiological Treatment (or presumptive treatment) of Chlamydia*
- 5. Monitoring and Evaluation to keep track of the diseases and success of the programme*

District Primary Health Care Workers

Under the leadership of the Director Public Health and Health Island Coordinator consultations have been held with communities to create awareness of the 14 District Primary Health Care Workers role.

13 District Primary Care Health Workers have completed a 3 month refresher course through USP and upon completion anticipate they will possess the appropriate skill sets to strengthen their roles as a conduit

between their respective communities and services offered at Naoero Public Health Centre and the Republic of Nauru Hospital. A graduation ceremony was held to recognition o the successful completion of their programme.

The Bauda Congregation Church Council has allocated office space to Public Health to house a Community Health Promotion Centre for Bauda district. Renovation has been completed and is used by the Bauda District Primary Health Care Worker as a base to deliver services to the community.

The Scope of Works developed for standardized Health Promotion Centres have been completed for the remaining districts and the next steps are to identify appropriate locations and secure funding for construction.

World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day is commemorated annually on 14 November and under the leadership of the Director Public Health and his staff a series of sporting events and activities were are planned for Saturday 14 November with the primary objective of creating and maintaining public awareness of the key risk factors of Non Communicable Diseases, these are physical inactivity, unhealthy dietary habits, abuse of alcohol, and tobacco use.

Outsource Security

The Ministry recognised the importance in ensuring its assets are secured at all times and following Cabinet ' s establishment of the PGU Taskforce to review the PGU services, the PGU recommended the 2 sites at health, the Republic of Nauru Hospital and Naoero Public Health Centre be outsourced on a trial basis.

A Term of Reference and bidding documents were prepared. Following an invitation for registration of interest, eligible contractors were invited to bid. An Evaluation Panel was convened to evaluate and rank the bidders.

I am happy to advise security services at the Republic of Nauru Hospital and Naoero Public Health Centre have been outsourced with effect from October for a period of 12 months.

H1N1 Vaccination

I wish to report Nauru is one of only 2 countries in the world that have completed a whole of population H1N1 vaccination programme and I wish to acknowledge the oversight provided by multisectoral Pandemic Taskforce

and leadership of the Director Public Health, Strategic Health Planner and Primary Health Care Manager and the vaccination teams in undertaking this excellent work.

I acknowledge WHO for supplying the vaccine and associated consumables. The Governments of New Zealand and the Republic of China (Taiwan) donated vaccines which were used during the vaccination programme and I wish to express my appreciation to these countries for their donation and support.

Infrastructure

The Refurbishment of Nauru General Hospital was completed in March and commissioned in April. The scope of works involve the renovation of existing structures to cater for, Health Promotion, Environment Health, Community Health, Nutrition, Diabetic Clinic and meeting rooms. The Buildings and compound is renamed as Naoero Public Health Centre.

I acknowledge the financial support from the Government of Australia and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community which has enabled the refurbishment. I have no doubt Public Health staff find themselves in a more conducive work environment and anticipate improved work performance in their provision of services the people of Nauru.

Bidders have been invited to tender for refurbishment works at the Republic of Nauru Hospital with the objective contracts will be awarded and work commence in February 2011.

New Multipurpose Health Facility

The Ministry welcomes the Australian government 's pledge to fund the Master Planning exercise for the new Multipurpose Health Facility its support in "principle" for the Facility ' s subsequent construction.

The Ministry will initiate procurement of consultants to develop the Master Plan once the 2010/2011 PPD is formalized between the Governments of Nauru and Australia.

Medical Referrals to India

The Ministry in its efforts to explore more cost effective options for medical treatment embarked on referrals to India in September. To date 2 trips have been undertaken, the first with single patient and the second with a group of 3 patients.

All 4 patients have returned following successful treatment and government will continue to pursue India for patient referrals into the foreseeable future.

Medical Referrals to Taiwan

The Ministry of Health has initiated discussions with hospitals in Taiwan for possible referral of patients and we anticipate formalizing and subsequently sending patients to Taiwan in the New Year.

Mr. Speaker I trust the above provides a snapshot of the work pursued by the Ministry of Health ' s during 2010 and I wish to acknowledge the leadership provided by the Secretary for Health, Mr. Sunia Soakai, and supported by his Directors, Dr. „Alani Tangitau, Dr Setareki Vatucaawaqa, Ms. Gano Mwareow, Ms. Marissa Cook, the Strategic Health Planner Mr. Norman Powell who have collectively championed the reform and garnered the support of staff who have produced the results I have tabled above.

I wish to thank all the staff in the Ministry for their loyalty, dedication and support who have all contributed to the accomplishments and achievements reported. I wish each of these staff a joyous and safe festive season and prosperous 2011 both on a personal and professional basis.

Thank you Mr Speaker.

d) Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport) made a statement to the House which read as follows:-

Honourable Members,

VH INU commonly known as OURAIRLINE will be undergoing repair work on January 16, 2011 until February 5, 2011.

The cost is estimated to be AU\$240,000. OurAirline management will bear this cost from their own funds.

During this period Norfolk air will be rescheduled to take OurAirline route along with Norfolks. The usual Brisbane flight that departs on Sunday will depart on the Monday a 24hr rescheduling. The departure ex Nadi is unaffected.

Thank You,

e) Hon. R. Kun (Minister for Fisheries) made a statement to the House which read as follows:-

Mr. Deputy and Honourable Colleagues,

I wish to update the House on developments in the PNA Special Ministers meeting and the WCPFC 7th Annual Session I recently attended.

PNA Ministers meeting held in Majuro on 26th November 2010.

Fisheries Ministers from PNA members endorsed the continued high seas pocket closures and introduced new high seas closure within 10°N and 20°S latitudes and 170°E and 150°W longitudes to purse seine fishing to take effect from 1st January 2011, essentially covering an area of 4.5 million km² the largest marine conservation area in the world, to protect our tuna resources from over-exploitation.

The fisheries Ministers also continued their support to the 2 months FAD closures period each year to protect juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tuna which are susceptible to Purse seine fishing boats must stop hauling and free the whale sharks if they are found in the net.

One of the new measures also agreed upon was the banning of purse seine fishers from setting nets around whale sharks (live or dead). The measure means purse seine fishing boats must stop and free the whale sharks if they are found in the net.

These measures will be enforced through strengthened Minimum Terms and Conditions and 100% observer coverage of the purse seine fishery in the region. The PNA Ministers also endorsed implementation of a mandatory PNA crewing requirement of 10% on all purse seine fishing vessels licensed to fish in PNA waters.

These are exciting developments that will benefit the peoples of PNA.

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Mr. Speaker, I also attended the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission that was held in Hawaii which followed on from the PNA Minister's meeting in Majuro. Nauru delivered an opening statement reiterating our commitment to conservation measures that are in place as well as the vessel day scheme. As I mentioned in previous statement, Nauru is the first to close its waters to purse seine fishing once our allocated fishing days was reached and this reinforcing the integrity to the whole scheme.

The PNA proposed a suite of new measures to the Commission for the conservation of tuna stocks, which included the additional high seas closure.

However, the additional high seas closure was not adopted by the Commission. Therefore the PNA will now be implementing this and other new measures through licensing conditions whereby all purse seine vessels wishing to fish in PNA waters must comply.

We look forward to another challenging year.

Tubwa kor Speaker.

f) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice & Border Control) made a statement to the House on the following:-

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of Parliament,

As with any year, Christmas provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how the preceding year has gone – to pat ourselves on the back where things have gone well, and to resolve to improve in areas where we could have done better. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the activities of the Department of Justice and Border Control during 2010.

As you all know, 2010 presented us with considerable challenges, particularly during the period of the political deadlock, which led to the declaration of emergency, and the extended period under emergency rule. The Department of Justice provided critical support through this period, and I would like to express my gratitude to the Department for this assistance.

The responsibilities of the Department of Justice and Border Control cover a range of areas – the Secretariat, Immigration, Customs, Quarantine, Passports, Curator and Financial Intelligence Unit, Director of Public Prosecutions, Public Defender and the Correctional Service.

There were some key personnel changes during 2010. At the beginning of the year the Department was without a Secretary, as the former Secretary, Eliesa Tuiloma, had returned to Fiji in December 2009. We were able to secure the services of the former Kiribati Solicitor-General, David Lambourne, who arrived in Nauru in March. In February our Principal Quarantine Officer, Rennie Gadabu, left to study in Samoa, and in July the Principal Legal Officer, David Aingimea, resigned. In September, David Detageouwa was confirmed as Chief Correctional Officer, having acted in the post since the establishment of the new Correctional Service in late 2009.

The end of April saw the winding-up of financial support to the Department channelled through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, under the auspices of PRAN (Pacific Regional Assistance to Nauru). On 1 May New Zealand commenced direct funding support for the Department and the Judiciary, under the Support to Nauru's Legal Sector project, providing financial assistance for the positions of Secretary, Solicitor-General, Director of Public Prosecutions and Resident Magistrate. I am very grateful to the

New Zealand government for this assistance, which will continue through until April 2013. While we have faced some delays in identifying a suitable Solicitor-General, I am pleased to inform this House that we expect the new Solicitor-General to arrive in mid-January. Her arrival will boost significantly the Department's capacity to provide timely legal advice and support to Government departments and instrumentalities.

Mr Speaker,

There have been significant advances in the area of corrections. After the formation of the new Correctional Service in late 2009, 2010 has been a year of consolidation. We have embarked upon an ambitious programme of improvement of the facilities at the correctional centre here in Yaren. In May I opened a dedicated facility to accommodate young offenders, while August saw the reopening of the former Police double-storey building, which has been renovated to house female prisoners. The coming year will see further work to improve the facilities for the male prisoners. The top floor of the women's facility is now used as a training room for prisoners seeking to better themselves. The new training programmes offer courses in English, mathematics, woodwork and fisheries, among others. We take very seriously the need to ensure that those who are serving sentences of imprisonment are given opportunities to prepare themselves for life after prison, so that they are better equipped to contribute more positively to their communities.

The border control agencies – Customs, Immigration and Quarantine – continue to enhance their cooperation and co-ordination efforts, to ensure that threats at the border are minimised. Many of the frontline staff have made the most of training opportunities, as part of our overall drive to build capacity. We have seen the passage of new Customs tariff legislation, to introduce the concept of the Harmonised System codes – this will improve our statistical data-gathering and ensure that revenue due on imports is collected in accordance with the law. Next year we hope to see the introduction of a comprehensive Customs Act, to replace laws that have been in place for almost 90 years, and increase our enforcement capacity. There is always room for improvement, but I am pleased with the progress that the border control agencies have made this year.

The Financial Intelligence Unit has taken the first steps this year to introduce what I hope will be a regular series of audits of financial institutions. Those businesses that engage in moving money into and out of Nauru play an important role in facilitating business here, but it is equally important that these pathways not be used to break the law. Having in place a rigorous and robust anti-money laundering regime is a critical step in the restoration of Nauru's global reputation in the provision of financial services. I trust that the mutual evaluation of the FIU, to be conducted next year under

the auspices of the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering, will provide further evidence of the efforts we have made in this regard.

Mr Speaker,

In the criminal law area, the efforts of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions during 2010 are to be commended. With the assistance of the Australian Attorney-General's Department, and working with the Nauru Police Force and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, we have embarked upon a comprehensive reform of the Criminal Code, which has so far remained largely unchanged for more than 100 years. While it is a huge undertaking, running over the next few years, the steps taken to date augur well for a positive outcome.

2010 has seen the first full year of the provision by Government of the services of a Public Defender. The importance of ensuring that persons accused of criminal offences are provided with legal representation cannot be over-stated. While we are still in the early stages of this initiative, I am pleased with what I have seen so far.

Mr Speaker,

Moving beyond the confines of the Department of Justice and Border Control, there are a number of other activities in the broader legal sector that are worthy of comment.

The Judicial Department has seen some changes this year. Nelson Laurere finished his term as Resident Magistrate in April. With Nelson's departure, the former Secretary for Justice, Eliesa Tuiloma, returned to assist us as Resident Magistrate while we recruited a successor. I want to express my gratitude for the contributions made by these gentlemen. In November we were joined by Peter Law, who will be our Resident Magistrate for the next few years. He brings considerable experience to the job, and I am sure that he will serve the people of Nauru well in this position.

The appointment of the Honourable Robin Millhouse QC as Chief Justice came to an end during the year. Robin served as Chief Justice for four years. I know that all of you present today join with me in conveying our gratitude to Robin for his substantial contribution to the legal sector in Nauru. We were very fortunate to be able to secure the services of the Honourable John von Doussa QC, who has accepted appointment as a puisne judge of the Supreme Court for the next three years. Justice von Doussa is extremely highly regarded, and he brings an incredible wealth of experience to the position. Furthermore, we hope to soon be in a position to announce the appointment of a new Chief Justice of similar calibre.

Mention should also be made of the Legal Information Access Project, or LIAP. When it ends in February 2011, this landmark project, overseen by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and funded with the assistance of the

New Zealand government, will revolutionise the ability of ordinary Nauruans to find the law. Before now, it has been impossible to find or access a complete and accurate collection of the laws of Nauru, and there has not been a consolidation of legislation since 1937. It is essential for people to be able to access the laws that apply to them, and it is especially important for people who administer or apply the law (such as government departments and the courts) to have a complete and accurate picture of what the law is.

The end results of this project will be:

- *consolidated electronic reprints of all laws in force*
- *an online searchable database that contains a complete and accurate collection of legislation, court decisions and Gazettes; and*
- *a Legal Publication Unit responsible for on-going maintenance of the database and for other publishing tasks.*

Ronan Carroll is the project's team leader and Document Management specialist, and is working full time on the project from an office in Parliament. Jeremy Wainwright is the Legislative Drafting specialist, and he is working largely from Canberra, but has also made a number of trips to Nauru to work with the rest of the team.

By the end of the project, a custom-designed database system will be available on-line to the public free of charge and will allow users to access up-to-date versions of all Nauru's legislation, Gazettes and court decisions.

A new Legal Publication Unit has been created under the Office of Parliamentary Counsel with two full-time Nauruan staff. The Legal Publication Unit will continue the important work of managing our legislation database once LIAP has concluded.

There are a number of proposed pieces of legislation associated with this project, one of which, the Administrative Arrangements Bill, will be introduced to this House later today by His Excellency the President. The others – the Acts Publication Bill, Interpretation (Amendment) Bill and the Statute Law Revision Bill – will be introduced by me at the next sitting.

While the project will finish in February the important work of maintaining Nauru's collection of laws will continue into the future. This is a project that has been under discussion for many years, and it is very satisfying to see that this important work is now almost complete. LIAP will improve the rule of law in Nauru and the administration of government and justice. I commend our two consultants and the new Legal Publication Unit staff for their sterling efforts thus far. In many ways linked with the objectives of LIAP, PacLII is also a key player in ensuring access to laws. Members will be aware of PacLII– the Pacific Islands Legal Information Institute – which provides free online access to legislation and court decisions from Nauru and

other Pacific nations. This government reaffirmed its commitment to PacLII earlier this year when I signed a memorandum of understanding with PacLII, agreeing to continue providing copies of Nauru's legislation and court decisions, and reiterating our support for the concept of free access to our national laws for all.

Mr Speaker,

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all within the Department of Justice and Border Control, for their contributions over the year. No organisation can succeed without the commitment of its people, and I am proud of the achievements of the Department during 2010. I also wish to make a special mention of my general in the Department of Justice, Mr. David Lambourne who in a short period of time, has managed to not only familiarise himself with the work surroundings and challenges confronting the department, but has taken significant steps to consolidate the activities of the department, leading from the front and quickly winning the respect and admiration of all those who work with him. At this point in time, David is likely to finish up in February next year so I wish to make special mention of his great contributions to the reforms and improvements in the Justice and Border Control areas and I know that he will remain energetic and committed to the task on hand right up to the last hour of his appointment.

With David's leadership and the significant progress we have made in all sections of the departments I am confident that the department of Justice and Border Control will continue to develop and strengthen in 2011.

Thank you.

g) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Health & Sports) made a statement to the House which read as follows;

Hon. Deputy Speaker,

I wish to report to this August House on activities I had attended overseas recently in my official capacity as Minister for Health and also as Minister for Sports. Firstly I travelled to India departing Nauru on September 29 returning on October 10 and secondly I travelled to Taiwan on October 20th returning home on October 31st.

Mr. Deputy Speaker my travel to India had three purposes. To attend the Commonwealth Sports Ministers meeting which was held a day after the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony, to attend the Commonwealth Games to support our athletes and team and also to hold meetings with the Cherian Lifeline Cardiac Specialty Hospital in Chennai to discuss our patient referrals to this hospital which only commenced earlier in May of this year. Mr. Deputy Speaker in the last sitting His Excellency the President did make

brief mention of the achievements of our athletes in Delhi at the Games especially the two medal winners in the sport of weightlifting, Mr. Yukio Peter and Mr. Itte Detenamo. For all those Nauruans at the Games who witnessed the magnificent achievements of these two elite weightlifters, I am certain like me, these medal winning lifts by these two young men would have been their main highlights and capped off what was a very successful Games for the national team. Even those members of the team who did not win medals at these Games can hold their heads high and be proud of their own personal achievement, as not only did they represent Nauru with great distinction but they also behaved superbly as sportspersons and young Ambassadors for Nauru throughout the whole trip and as a result won the respect and admiration of their team managers and all of us from Nauru who were supporting and cheering them on. For the information of Honourable Members we had ten athletes in total, 4 in the sport of boxing, Jake Ageidu, Joseph Deireragea, Colan Caleb and Lad Agege and 6 in the sport of weightlifting, Michaela Detenamo (our only female athlete), Itte Detenamo, Yukio Peters, Ika Aliklik, Elson Brechtefeld and VJ Starr.

I also wish to commend and make special mention of the team managers especially the Chef de Mission for the national team, Mr. Sean Oppenheimer and the team Attaché, Mr. Sasi Kumar, for their excellent management of the team leading up to and during the Games. They ensured smooth transition of our athletes from Nauru to Delhi and into the Games village, which enabled our athletes to quickly settle and focus on their final training and preparations without any undue stress or distractions.

Honourable Members would recall that leading up to the Games speculation was rife in the international media about the lack of preparedness of the Games, health outbreaks in Delhi and ongoing security concerns therefore the challenges facing team management especially the Chef de mission were onerous and very demanding, months before the Games even started. Notwithstanding it was extremely pleasing that our national team was not affected in anyway and in fact the Delhi Games ended as a great success and according to many experienced observers it will go down as one of the greatest Commonwealth Games ever.

On this note I wish to commend and thank on behalf of us all, the Chef de Mission, Sean Oppenheimer and his team management group, Sasi Kumar, Dogabe Jeremiah, Ken Ageidu, Cheyanne Ika, Dominic Cain, Paul Coffa and the team doctor Dr. Naing. Their leadership and efforts ensured that the many challenges leading up to the games were managed in a competent and comprehensive fashion and arrangements for the team were done efficiently and professionally thus guaranteeing the team's safety and well being at all times.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, on a different but related note at the Games, Nauru also had another achievement in the sport of weightlifting when Mr.

Vinson Detenamo was re-elected for a third time to the prestigious position of President of the Commonwealth Weightlifting Federation, a position he has held since 2002. Additionally Mr. Trent Dabwido was appointed the new Assistant Secretary of the CWF. These prestigious appointments is testament to Nauru's remarkable achievements in the sport of weightlifting at the Commonwealth level and I am sure Honourable Members will join me in extending our congratulations to both Vinson and Trent for these recent prestigious and much respected appointments in the world of weightlifting.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, also whilst in India I took time off the Games for one-day and headed down to Chennai to visit the Cherian Lifeline Cardiac Specialty hospital. Honourable Members will recall that earlier this year in May the Ministry of Health referred our first ever government sponsored patient to India for a cardiac operation. The first referral was considered a tremendous success therefore the Ministry referred another group of cardiac patients to the same hospital in Chennai India. It was my good fortune that my official trip to India coincided with the group's stay therefore during my visit to Chennai on October 6, I had the pleasure to visit the three government sponsored patients, who when I arrived have all undergone their respective operations and were recovering well. I met with the treating doctors and the owner of the hospital, Dr. Cherian who personally headed the operations of all our patients. My visit to the hospital was an eye-opener and reaffirmed my belief and confidence that the referral of our cardiac patients to this hospital was a definite step in the right direction. The level of expertise at this specialty hospital was world class therefore our patients were handled and treated by world standard cardiac surgeons in super impressive specialised facilities at only fraction of the cost of our traditional referral destination of Australia. Also my visit has further reinforced and strengthened the relationship between our Ministry of Health and Cherian Lifeline which will positively impact future cardiac referrals to this hospital.

Before leaving India on October 8, I also joined His Excellency the President in bilateral talks with the Prime Minister of India. The meeting was fruitful and covered a range of topics including assistance for some of our key governance Institutions i.e. Audit and PAC, assistance for reforms and strengthening of the ICT sector, the UN Security Council bid from India, the medical referrals of Nauru patients to Indian hospitals and general advice on artificial turf for Nauru's sports oval. We also conveyed our congratulations to the Prime Minister, his government and people for successfully hosting a wonderful Commonwealth Games despite the many challenges and adverse publicity.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, my second trip to Taiwan had a more leisurely paced program. I was invited and funded by the Government of Taiwan to attend the 3rd Global Health Forum a conference which saw Health

Ministers and many well renowned experts in the various fields of Health come together to discuss the contemporary challenges in Health.

Four Ministers from allied countries in the Pacific attended this meeting including the new Solomon Island's Health Minister so I took the opportunity to meet with him at the margins of the meeting to discuss and progress the issues that I had started with his predecessor. These issues involve training of our nursing staff, assistance in the development of our own prosthetics unit at RON Hospital, joint arrangement to better manage our medical students in Cuba and other matters.

For the information of Honourable Members there was an initial visit being planned to occur earlier this year in January that would have seen me head a Health delegation to Solomon Islands to advance these issues however due to the political unrest at that time, the planned visit was cancelled. Since my discussions in Taiwan, we are now once again planning to progress this visit and will be looking to hold this meeting at the margins of the upcoming Pacific Health Minister's meeting hosted by Solomon Islands in June 2011.

Mr. Deputy Speaker, in closing I wish to place on record my gratitude to the Government of Taiwan for their continued strong support of the Health sector and on this occasion for inviting me and funding my travel to Taiwan to participate at this year's conference. It was indeed a fruitful meeting.

Thank you.

h) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Sports) made a statement to the House which read as follows:-

I would like to provide a brief report on the Ministry of Sports, epon Keramen (EK) project that has been operating within various community groups over the past few years.

i. Staff Members:

- The EK project now has a full team in place with Mr. Joske Teabuge (National coordinator), Mrs. Leona Star (Deputy Coordinator) and Mr. Horacio Cook (Administrative officer) the most recent appointment and newest member of the team.*
- The EK team has a weekly staff meeting every Friday morning, the purpose of this meeting is to make sure the staff are actually had completed their own task according the action plan.*

ii. Training program

Recently the EK project ran a training program for its volunteers, which was conducted by Sanimilli Talatoka from the Oceania Sport and Education Program (OSEP). The training is part of the EK project volunteer training programs targeting those who organise sports in their respective communities. EK is an Australian Sport Commission program that runs until 2014. The program is aimed at grassroots sports promoting regular physical activity for all through the provision of organised sporting activities.

Participants learnt about the following:

- 1. The need for organisation*
- 2. Setting up a community sport club*
- 3. Organising a community sport event*
- 4. The Role of a community coach*
- 5. The community coach delivering games based sport coaching*
- 6. Safety First when coaching*

At the end of the training, the participants planned two projects to assist two communities of Ewa and Boe in strengthening their community sport club and events organisation.

The team will meet regularly to share their experiences and learn about best practices. The project team will provide regular feedback to OSEP which includes providing evidence of their support. This will contribute to the competition to their training and certification.

The Administrative Officer, Mr. Horacio Cook also conducted a short training on basic planning process at Anabar, as it was requested by the EK volunteer coordinator Mr. Jason Kun. The purpose of this training is to enable participant to develop their own action plans and implementing it in the long run.

iii. Volunteer & Community activities:

In order for the communities to be eligible for equipments, training opportunities and other incentives on offer by the EK project, they must demonstrate that they have volunteers consisting of 1 coordinator and 10 sports leaders, they must have in place a sport calendar for at least 6-months to show evidence that they have sporting programs and activities in place and lastly must choose 2 sport that will enable most if not all members of their communities to participate in.

Current EK Community Members are: Yaren, Denig, Buada, Aiwo, Nibok, Ewa, Anabar and Ijuw. Other remaining communities will be

registered under the EK umbrella next year as they are endeavouring to meet the EK requirements so they can join and enable access to EK assistance and resources.

iv. Volleyball Tournament

The volleyball tournament was a successful project that was design by one of our volunteers Mr. Tilson Ephraim. It was first time again for the communities to have a chance of competing against each other. This tournament was a first trial therefore it was a one round robin event which included semi-finals and a grand final. Over 150 people participated both gender and it took about 2month to run this event. Many commented that this tournament should be an ongoing activity in the future.

v. Facilities

One of the major activities that the EK project wants to accomplish is to provide assistance with establishing and renovating sporting facilities.

Buada and Anabar are first two areas that EK management team has commenced dialogue with and if all goes well, refurbishment work on existing but old basketball courts will be commenced. This will provide a sports area that can be used by the communities concerned to run their EK programs as well as other sporting activities.

Landowners have been approached by the EK staff to obtain permission to utilize their land for the community's sports facilities purpose, with the understanding that the land remains for sport activities purpose for the benefit of their whole community.

Ijuw and Anabar recently received their aggregate 5mm to dust for their volleyball court. Aiwo basketball court is under renovation by the Ocean construction company and the duration for this project has been estimated to be completed in only four days. These projects are funded by the EK project.

vi. Equipments:

Another bulk of equipments will be ordered according to the communities who are willing to register under the EK structure in the year 2011. There still some equipment left in stock but will required auditing before distributing to the communities. The full sets of equipment will be provided to the community once they registered and have established or submitted their program to the EK office.

vii. Transport:

The EK project had purchased 1 Honda bike from Capelle store; it's for the deputy coordinator to visit the communities on a daily basis to make sure that communities are operating well according to their action plan. The current EK vehicle will be replaced and sold through a public tendering process.

In closing Mr. Speaker I wish to make special mention and praise the EK team for their great efforts in trying to generate interest within the communities and the success they have had this year evidenced by the growing list of communities now involved in the EK program. However six districts are still not with the EK program including my own district, so the task ahead of the team is still a challenging one.

I urge all of us leaders to encourage our own communities to engage with EK so they can receive the assistance required to help them start their own community sporting programs within their own communities.

Apart from the tangible benefits of receiving sporting equipments and refurbished sports facilities, the health benefits of increased physical activities are immense and will help us turn around our alarming health statistics and NCD problems.

Thank you.

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings

Resumed

7. Motion

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) as Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee moved to present a Bill.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Motion withdrawn and to be re-submitted.

Mr. A. Amwano (Ubenide) as Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee, moved to withdraw his Bill and will present it again at a later stage in the sitting.

Mr. S. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

1) Motion - Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2010

His Excellency Marcus Stephen moved to present the Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2010.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Motion – Second Reading

His Excellency Marcus Stephen moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a further date.)

2) Motion – Administrative Arrangements Bill 2010.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen moved to present the Administrative Arrangements Bill 2010.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read first time.

Motion – Second Reading

His Excellency Marcus Stephen moved that the bill be read a second time.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate is adjourned to a future date)

3) Motion – Passport Bill 2010

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved to present the Passport Bill 2010.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Motion – Second Reading

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a future date).

4) Motion – Civil Aviation Bill 2010.

Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport) moved to present the Civil Aviation Bill 2010.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Motion – Second Reading.

Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport) moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded.
Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a future date).

5) Motion – Telecommunication Bill 2010

Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Telecommunication) moved that motion No.5 from the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

6) Motions

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that motions Nos. 6, 7 and 8 from the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resumed

7) Motion – Leave sought for

Mr. A. Amwano (Ubenide) as Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee sought leave of the House to present the Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendment) (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded.

Leave was granted.

Motion – Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendment) (Consequential Amendment) Bill 2010.

Mr. A. Amwano (Ubenide) as Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee moved to present the Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010.

Mr. S. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Motion – Second Reading

Mr. A. Amwano (Ubenide) as Chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee moved that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a future date.)

8) Motion – Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2010 - 2011

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved to present the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2010 – 2011.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

Motion – Second Reading

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be read a second time.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, further debate on the second reading be adjourned to future date.)

Suspension of Standing Order 159

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that Standing Order 159 be suspended to enable debate on the second reading to proceed forthwith.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

Letter of Recommendation

The Chair read the letter of Recommendation to the House received from His Excellency the President as Chairman of Cabinet which read as follows:

Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2010-2011

Article 59(3) of the Constitution on Nauru

I, Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru, as Chairman of the Cabinet and in pursuance of a Resolution of the Cabinet, hereby notify Parliament that the purpose of the withdrawals from the Treasury Fund as proposed by the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2010-2011 is recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet.

Dated this 21st Day of December, 2010

Marcus Stephen
President &
Chairman of the Cabinet

Leave sought for

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded.

Leave was granted.

Motion – Third Reading

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

9) Motion Fixing the Date For the Next Sitting

His Excellency, President Marcus Stephen moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

10) Adjournment

His Excellency, President Marcus Stephen moved that the House do now adjourn.

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

And then the House at twenty minutes past eight o'clock p.m adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Members Present

All members were present at some time during the sitting.

John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.