

**Votes and Proceedings  
Of the  
Twentieth Parliament  
No 7**

First Sitting of the Seventh Meeting  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2011

10:00am

The House met at 10.00am in accordance to its resolution made on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**2.** Hon Ludwig Scotty MP Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.

**3 Notice of Motions.**

a) Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move to present the Development Fund Bill 2011

b) Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Health) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move to present the Public Health Bill 2011

c) Mr B Waqa (Boe) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall move a motion to establish a Select Committee on Nauru Utilities to investigate the deterioration of its services, interalia.

d) Hon D Tabuna (Minister for CIE) gave notice that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall, he shall move to present the Utilities Corporation Bill 2011.

**4. Questions Without Notice were asked.**

**5. Ministerial Statement and Tabling of Papers.**

**a)** His Excellency the President, made the following statement to the House on the special Audit Report on RONFIN as follows;

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members,*

*I am pleased to table the Special Audit Report of the Director of Audit on the Working of the RONFIN for 2010, in my capacity as Minister of Audit.*

*In compiling this report the Director of Audit was largely constrained by the absence of any Annual Accounts of the RONFIN Corporation since 1993 – 1995. His work was further hampered as he had no scope to verify many issues given the absence of any office bearers of the RONFIN Corporation. Therefore, this Special Audit Report has been confined to only a limited amount of transaction audit of the RONFIN Corporation and no Certification Audit has been possible at this stage.*

*Despite these limitations, I trust that the House will appreciate my Government's efforts for greater accountability and transparency and accept this report as meeting the statutory reporting requirements for the Financial Year ending June, 2010.*

*Mr. Speaker, I commend this report to the House.*

**b)** Hon K. Keke (Minister for Foreign Affairs) made the following statement to the House relating to his trip to Abu Dubai as follows;

*Mr Speaker and Honourable Colleagues,*

*I recently attended the First Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency, IRENA, which was held in Abu Dhabi from the 2nd to the 6th of April.*

*IRENA is a new international agency established with its primary goal being to effect a rapid transition towards the widespread and sustainable use of renewable energy worldwide.*

*The Statute for IRENA was concluded in Bonn on the 26th of January 2009. Nauru became a signatory to the IRENA Statute in June 2009 and Nauru's instrument of ratification was deposited on the 10th of August 2010.*

*Over the last 2 years, all the preparatory work has been undertaken to establish the agency, its secretariat, its offices, legal and financial frameworks and working procedures. This First Assembly saw IRENA officially launched into operation. It was also during this First Assembly that its Director General was elected and Members of the Council were appointed. Importantly for the Pacific region, Tonga was successful in its bid to be elected as a Member of the Council. The Council will oversee and drive much of the work of the Agency and hence the importance of ensuring that there is a Pacific voice representing the needs and priorities of our region on the IRENA Council.*

*IRENA, as a centre of excellence for renewable energy technology, shall act as a facilitator and catalyst by being a source of information, expertise and advice that will provide Member countries with experience for practical applications and policies, support the efficient development and transfer of knowledge and technology between countries, especially from developed to developing countries, enhance capacity building in regards to renewable energy and provide assistance to member countries in efficiently accessing available funding sources.*

*The UAE, which was confirmed as the permanent seat for the Agency, has committed a grant of US\$136 million over a 6 year period to support the operations of IRENA. UAE has also committed to fund 100 scholarships for post-graduate studies in Science and engineering at the new Masdar Institute of Science and Technology. The UAE has also established the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development of up to \$50 million annually to support renewable energy projects in the developing world. Nauru will be able to make submissions directly to the UAE government for consideration of either grant funding or low interest soft loans for renewable energy projects in Nauru.*

*Given our current reliance on diesel to power our nation, the high and rising cost of diesel and the inter-linked benefits to our environment and climate change by shifting to renewable energy, this Government has given a high priority to introducing widespread renewable energy for Nauru.*

*Despite Government's ambitious goal of attaining 50% of all our energy needs through renewable energy by 2015, progress to date*

*has been limited. We are however grateful to the European Union for its funding of the solar power project at Nauru College and more recently the solar lighting projects funded by the Republic of China, Taiwan. Taiwan currently has on island, technicians from SpeedTech, a Taiwan company specialising in solar lighting, who are installing over 150 solar street lights all around Nauru.*

*It is worth highlighting that the economics of renewable energy for Nauru are rapidly changing. One of the biggest obstacles to the deployment of renewable energy to date has been the very high capital cost to install solar, wind or other forms of renewable energy, when compared to current fossil fuel powered generators. However, the cost of renewable energy plants has been quickly reducing over the last couple of years. For example, the cost of solar panels has halved in the last year. Along with the increasing cost of oil, this is making the economic case for investment in renewable energy in Nauru a much more achievable and feasible possibility.*

*It is our desire and hope, that through such mechanisms as the new international agency, IRENA, as well as ongoing support from our development partners like Taiwan, that Government will be able to achieve this goal of substantial renewable energy for Nauru.*

*I was accompanied to the IRENA Assembly by Mr Russ Kun, Secretary for Commerce, Industry & Environment, and also Mrs Chitra Jeremiah, Nauru's Consul General to Australia. All of our travel and accommodation expenses were funded by the Government of the United Arab Emirates.*

*Thank you Mr Speaker.*

**c)** Hon D Tabuna (Minister for CIE) made the following statement to the House of activities within the CIE Department as follows;

*Mr. Speaker,*

*I would like to report to this August House of activities within the CIE Department.*

*In February of this year, I attended the Global Climate Change Alliance; this alliance through the European Union will finance Climate Change Activities for the Pacific Region with around*

*14million Euros. This Facility will mainly cater to adaptation and mitigation efforts in the Pacific and will be facilitated by the Forum Secretariat. Nauru will be working with the Forum Sec throughout this year to finalize projects to be funded by this facility.*

*Last week, I attended the South West Pacific Region meeting of FAO Ministers held in Tonga, the issue of Food Security and High cost of Food was high on the agenda. I also had the opportunity to meet the Director General of the FAO to further our issues in aquaculture and food security. From this meeting, Nauru's aquaculture in particular, Milkfish farming will be prioritized by the FAO to strengthen our food supply.*

*Mr. Speaker, I would also like to update CIE activities briefly.*

## *ENVIRONMENT*

### *IWRM*

*Nauru's groundwater resource is very limited and needs protection; it has the potential to play a key role in Nauru's efforts to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. There are projects that are currently working to address this, the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) and Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC).*

*The main focus of these two projects is to promote better water access to the people, where CIE through the IWRM has already worked with local contractors to replace existing cesspits with twin-chamber septic tanks on identified hotspots in Ewa and Anetan to reduce some of the contaminating source to the groundwater such as the e-coli. Once this is complete, the Department will again be calling for interested communities to undergo another project on compost toilets.*

*The PACC project is currently working on its demonstration site, Aiwo district has been identified as the site with its groundwater being contaminated with industrial waste. The Department has been working closely with an Australian company that manufactures solar water purification system to supply these houses with solar purifiers as an alternative source for water access. As part of the project, the*

*PACC Project has been approaching the communities and promoting safe conjunctive water use.*

### *National Adaptation Plan of Action (NAPA)*

*The First quarter of this year we were able to receive Dr Graham Sem for consultation on the Vulnerability & Assessment on climate change impacts and Greenhouse Gas Inventory training to collect emissions data. It was during this consultation where all stakeholders were invited to contribute to Nauru's strategy to adapt to climate change and called the document RONAdapt.*

### *Nauru CLIM*

*Training was done with stakeholders on a simulation software from CLIMSystems (a well-renowned company for developing computer-model systems) to examine effects of climate variability and change over time and space. The benefits of there is to enable Nauru to: describe baseline climates, examine current climate variability and extremes, assess present & future risks, investigate present & future adaptation, create scenarios of climate and sea-level change, conduct sensitivity analyses, project sectoral impacts of climate and sea level change, examine risks and uncertainties; and facilitate integrated impact analyses.*

### *SOPAC HYCOS*

*The Pacific Hydrological Cycle Observation System (aka HYCOS) has been working closely with this Department in terms of water. The objective of the project is to provide assistance in measuring the Hydrological parameters through capacity and technical equipment support. To date following are some of the key activities received:*

- 1. Setting up of Bacteriological Water Quality Equipment at RON Hospital and Training of Staff;*
- 2. Inspection of some rainwater harvesting collecting system at community level.*
- 3. Installation of a TB3 (Tilting Bucket) Automatic Rain Gauge system at topside Field Workshop.*

4. *Water Quality sampling, potential risk assessment from desalination plants, Bulk storages, delivery trucks and all community tanks and some domestic tanks.*
5. *GIS ground truthing validation of rooftops & water tanks.*
6. *Snap shot of Nauru's ground water resources.*
7. *GIS plotting of domestic wells and household sanitary systems.*
8. *Ground/Cave water quality sampling of all accessible or in use water wells, testing for salinity level and analyzing water contamination.*
9. *Community Workshop for feedback on survey purpose and preliminary results, understanding of sanitary surveys and water quality, advice on improved well protection and reduce risk of contamination.*

#### *Japan PEC Fund*

*Under the Japan PEC Fund, a concept note was drafted and approved by the Forum Secretariat, to access US\$4million dollars grant. The objective of this fund is for the provision of a new Reverse Osmosis to add to the three existing ones, and Solar Panels to power up this new RO and the 3 existing ones. This project will add value to the existing system and promotes water accessibility for the communities and contributes to Nauru's efforts of 50% to go green (renewable energy) by 2015.*

#### *Sustainable Land Management (SLM):*

*The goal of the Nauru Medium Sized Project under the Portfolio Approach is to contribute to maintaining and improving eco-system stability, integrity, functions and services while enhancing sustainable livelihoods. This will be done by building Nauru's capacity to implement a comprehensive regime for sustainable land management and to ensure that SLM is mainstreamed into all levels of decision-making.*

*The Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project has concentrated on the following activities so far this year:*

1. *Breadfruit Nursery: The Sustainable Land Management Project prioritized the request for assistance from the Directorate of*

*Agriculture for assistance to help implement the establishment of a Breadfruit Nursery;*

*2. National Action Plan (NAP): A National consultation was conducted in April 2010, whereby a draft NAP was completed and is currently awaiting the finalization through the development of an integrated financial strategy;*

*3. A basic GIS training workshop was carried out this quarter with over 30 relevant stakeholders taking part at the Tomano Room, the course was an intensive training on the GIS software benefitting all stakeholders managing land from Lands & Survey, Landowners Association and etc. A next level of training has been proposed to SOPAC for next year workshop for these participants.*

#### *UPCOMING Projects:*

##### *GEF Small Grants Programme*

*The Departments has been doing talks with UNDP SGP, the inability for Nauru's SGP to effectively carry out its projects due to capacity constraints at the non-government level. We have agreed that a hybrid approach where the Government and UNDP will be managing the project for the community. During a meeting with the Finance and CIE with SGP, we have committed \$1.2million USD from the country allocation under GEFS to SGP with specific target that the funds be split to address rainwater harvesting at \$600,000 and groundwater vulnerability at \$600,000.*

##### *AGRICULTURE*

##### *Agriculture Development Fund*

*In collaboration with the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM), we are fortunate enough to establish the Agriculture Development Fund, with this fund its objectives are to act as a revolving fund to support the TTM farms and its daily operations, and also to act as a form of grant to farmers who may require financial support for the existing farms. It is proposed that this fund will have a capability to fund per project at \$500 ceiling. This ADF is now fully operational since January 4<sup>th</sup> 2011, with current estimated revenue received around*



*\$4000 in its first two months, but this is estimated to increase once production level expands.*

#### *National Nursery Project (Breadfruit)*

*This project is in its implementing stage and currently it has secured a total funding of \$20,000.00 from SLM project to commence its infrastructure. The purpose of the project is to build a national nursery for fruit trees and root crops that will house and care for the plants before distribution to the community.*

*The project has identified land at Aiwo district situated at the old Golf House, land negotiations in process. Whilst this is in progress, already CIE has distributed its first 20 breadfruit to individuals interested.*

#### *Food Security and Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (FSSLP)*

*FAO has called an inception workshop to commence in 2 weeks Apia, Samoa, inviting the new Project Coordinator for this new project. The key outcomes of the project will be to build better capacity at the national level for food security and rural livelihoods programme development, participatory planning management and strong monitoring and evaluation of projects addressing food security and sustainable livelihoods under the FSSLP.*

### *COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY*

#### *Nauru Entrepreneurship Development Centre (NEDC)*

*The Strategic objective of the Nauru Entrepreneurship Development is to build and strengthen the entrepreneurial capacity of Nauruans to confidently engage in group or individual micro enterprises that will provide a sustainable livelihood to those who are currently unemployed or underemployed. Particular focus will be given on empowering women and young people to engage in dignified work and self-employment.*

*A 6 weeks training as been given to applicants on basic business skills, startups and management. Since its commencement 40 applicants have been accepted for the entrepreneurship training and 14 were successful in their business plan presentation to receive a*

*loan from the microfinance facility. To date the NEDC will be completing its 3<sup>rd</sup> training next week Tuesday with a new lot of 21 participants.*

### *Microfinance Facility*

*In collaboration with the Taiwan Embassy, the Department has received a generous contribution from the ICDF, a \$200,000 fund to compliment the microfinance facility with the NEDC that would commit to loan arrangements for new and existing farmers wishing to start and expand their farm to business mode (Agri-business). It is that this microfinance will have a ceiling of \$4000 per agri-business project and will commence appraising agriculture related business plans from the current 3<sup>rd</sup> training participants at the NEDC.*

*Mr. Speaker, there are other projects that we shall inform the communities of Nauru, in regards to projects that will be of benefit to them such as Telefood funded projects etc. that the Department will update when available.*

*I hope members find these information's to their satisfaction.*

*Tubwa.*

**d)** Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) made the following statement to the House on his recent travel overseas as follows;

*Honourable Speaker & Members,*

*I wish to make a brief statement regarding my recent official travels.*

*On March 28<sup>th</sup> I travelled to Bali Indonesia to attend the Regional Ministerial Level Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime commonly referred to as the Bali Process. This was the fourth time this Conference has been held and the third time Nauru has attended. I was accompanied to this meeting by the Senior Legal Officer of the Department of Justice, Ms. Barina Waqa. Our attendance at the Bali Process was made possible by the assistance of the Government of Australia who funded our air-travel and accommodation. To this end*

*I express our sincere thanks to Australia for this valuable assistance. Enabling our attendance at the Bali Process ensured that Nauru remains engaged as an important partner and contributor to this increasingly burdensome problem of people smuggling and trafficking and its inherent connections with the criminal groups and syndicates whose activities transcends the borders of different countries in our region and beyond.*

*If organized crimes are becoming more organized the Government and law enforcement must be equally responsive. Countries engaged and in discussions at the Bali Process all expressed willingness to come up with new and more effective ways to deal with these problems and it was agreed by all that we need to have greater cooperation amongst our law enforcement networks and other Government agencies dealing with these matters.*

*The newest initiative was the creation of the Regional Cooperative Framework. The RCF was devised to provide a more predictable yet flexible way in which States, UNHCR, IOM and other stakeholders might come together to develop practical arrangements that would provide the best response to specific situations of mixed movement of people.*

*The RCF is an inclusive but non-binding framework. It will also assist States to develop more coherent and predictable responses to refugees and irregular movements in the region. It will also pave the way for Governments who opt to join to the RCF to work more closely with any other country who is a party to the RCF, on a bilateral level, to deal with specific issues relating to the irregular movement of people and the issues that arise from it affecting the two countries concerned.*

*Currently the Ministry of Justice is reviewing the RCF more closely and will submit to the Cabinet it's views in due course on whether Nauru should becoming a party to the RCF or not.*

*At the margins of the Bali Process, I also had bilateral talks with the Director General of the International Organisation of Migration on a range of issues. The IOM will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year so it is a momentous achievement for the organization and our talks focused on the times when IOM had presence in Nauru – it was probably fitting that both Barina and I were former employees of*

*IOM, which made the talks much more constructive. The outcomes and proposals emanating from our discussions will be considered fuller by Cabinet in due course.*

*On my return back to Nauru I stopped for a few days in Brisbane and had meetings with AFL Oceania to discuss and organize arrangements for important events involving AFL players from Nauru including our first recipient of an AFL scholarship, young Yoshi Harris.*

*In our talks I also secured funding for a certified coach and an AFL Oceania trainer to travel to Nauru during the week of our Grand Final to hold clinics at our school, run some training programs for our senior squad, help select the final senior squad who will be competing at the International Cup later this year and assist with the running of our Grand Final. The certified coach's name is Graham Pratt the father of current North Melbourne player Daniel Pratt and he will also be coaching the Nauru Chiefs at this year's AFL International Cup.*

*Thank you Mr. Speaker.*

e) Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport), laid on the Table of the House, the Report of Nauru Air Corporation ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

f) Hon D Tabuna (Minister for CIE) made the following statement to the House on RONPHOS and Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation as follows;

*Mr. Speaker,*

*I wish to update the August House on the Ronphos Corporation, a very important state owned entity.*

*Ronphos currently employs just fewer than 400 people with a salary bill of \$2,078,058 including overtime at the end of January 2011. It has paid pending salary amounting to \$2,427,526 in the said period. In addition to this it has paid \$5,178,020 to landowners for rents, leases and phosphate royalties. That is Ronphos alone has contributed \$9.68 million into the Nauruan Economy over the past seven months of this financial year. This naturally will have a*

*multiplier effect across the various sectors generating more economic activities.*

*These have been possible through the export of 228,465MT of phosphate earning the company \$16.73 million at the end of January 2011 despite the handicap of loading with only one arm. Ronphos expect to sell another 228,000MT in the remaining 5 months for a total sale of around 456,465MT. This is 12% short of the budgeted target. With the combination of global economic downturn which dictates the resource market and strength of the currency that we are trading in, and the mining and production problems that we have experienced in the first half of the financial year, Ronphos is now having to review its finances to ensure that Ronphos is able to meet its production, its obligations and to be able to provide government with funds for the public goods.*

*The budgeted production of 520,000MT over 330 days gives a daily rate of 1600MT. The actual production rate over the last 7 months averaged 1,212MT, 75% of the target. This reflects fairly the amount of downtime that is being experienced in the drying plant and its ancillary system. The production rate can vary from as low as 600MT per day to 2600MT on a good run. Mechanical failures (conveyors, feeding systems and kilns), dust complaints and phosphate supply are the major cause of downtime. Power supply used to be a major contributor of downtime but since the instalment of a standby GENSET in 2008 this problem has been overcome. The drying plant has been running on GENSET power over the last 3 months. The primary crushing plant at the loading bridge is now on GENSET power as well and therefore the present power shedding has not affected the production. The next plant on the agenda is the cantilever and shoreline transfer system. A 1500KVA GENSET is being procured and this will be placed at the unit and the present 800KVA unit will be taken to the cantilever.*

*Ronphos is slowly but surely gaining on its objective of increasing the production rate but sustaining it at a particular level with small variations is the present challenge. Minimizing the length and frequency of each downtime is the solution and this is being addressed by automating the feed conveyors and kiln flame system for more efficient use of fuel while producing a steady flow of material*

*with moisture content below 3% which, in turn, will increase the efficiency of the dust suppression system. Secondly redundant or backup system are being established wherever possible and thirdly to implement an effective preventative maintenance program.*

*In regard to price of Phosphate, Nauru has been able to maintain to a degree, pricing with phosphate of similar specifications. The next round of talk is in May and Ronphos will aim to achieve market prices for phosphate of the same quality as Nauru's. The new prices will come into effect in July 2011. There is every indication that the price of phosphate is going up and government is aware of and fully appreciates that the price of Nauru rock should be maximized for the economic benefit of all Nauruans.*

*The failure of the south arm counter weight structure in mid June 2010 was a wake-up call on the need to undertake essential repairs to the cantilever structures. The north arm was inspected immediately and it was found to be in a very precarious condition with structural failure imminent. The arm was closed for 2 months while critical repairs were undertaken. It was opened in the second half on September for ship loading and then was closed for another 2 months. This coincided with the re-laying of the new mooring system. It was re-opened in the second half of November and continued today with ships being loaded in the second half of each month to allow repairs to be done without interruption. It is estimated that about \$500,000 will be spent on the renovation of steel structures on the north arm including repairs to slewing mechanism and housing and walkways and applying anti-rust paint.*

*The counter-weight structure for the south arm is being fabricated in Australia by Port Adelaide Construction who was awarded the contract after a successful bid against 5 other interested parties. The cost of the new section is in the order of \$438,000. The components will be delivered by ship in May and assembled on site. There will be other costs to renovate the slew house and mechanical system, walkways and for anti-rust paint application. It is estimated that this will be in the order of \$400,000.*

*At this stage, the south arm is on target to be re-commissioned towards the end of July 2011. The estimated cost for the restoration of the cantilever will be in the order of \$1.34 million.*

*The current strength of the mooring system is rated at 32,000MT maximum gross displacement whereas the designed strength is 45,000MT. The reason for the lower rating is because the A2 buoy anchor was dropped slightly out of position and therefore tension on A2 system is below the required load. Correction will be undertaken within this financial year by adding extra length of chain between the span buoy and A2 to bring the buoy into correct position while it is tensioned to the required load. The cost of the corrective work should not exceed \$40,000.*

*Mr. Speaker and Members, I submit for your kind update on the operations of Ronphos Corporation.*

Mr F Pitcher (Ubenide) moved that the paper be noted.

**g)** Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) laid on the Table of the House Inter-Subhead Transfers as approved by Cabinet for the period 11<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011;

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues,*

*Today I table for the Parliament the updated statement of inter sub-head transfers (ISHTs) approved by Cabinet for the period 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.*

***Foreign Affairs – Secretariat – Head 71***

*Two inter sub-head transfers consisting the following:*

*1) \$789 in savings from their Plant & Equipment budget from a better priced ICT package was transferred to their diesel fuel budget. The fuel allocation was requested as part of Nauru's support of Taiwan's volunteers working in Health & Agriculture.*

*2) There have been a significantly higher number of Ambassadors and other VIPs visiting Nauru during this financial year which has required additional expenditure on Protocol expenses for the Department. \$18,000 of savings from their membership fee budget was transferred to the Protocol Subhead.*

## ***Education – Head 51***

*There was insufficient provision in the Printing & Stationeries budget to cater for 10 schools as well as for the Head Office requirements. A request for \$15,000 was sought to cover for a major order of stationeries as well as for other urgent local purchases. Savings from their Plant & Equipment budget were identified to fund these needs.*

## ***Parliament – Head 6***

*Two inter sub-head transfers consisting of the following:*

*1) An amount of \$19,948.44 was transferred to Travel – Business to fund Parliament staff attendance at the CALC Conference as well as Member of Parliament official travel. Savings of \$16,700 were identified in the Special Projects Subhead along with savings of \$3,248.44 in the Travel – Staff Subhead.*

*2) The original Budget approved by this House did not include any provision for fuel for Members of Parliament. Since the passage of the Budget, Government agreed to a request from Members to provide a weekly fuel ration to enable Members better fulfill their constituency duties. An amount of \$2,586 for petrol and \$3,586 for diesel was sought to cover the fuel requirement for this financial year.*

*A further amount of \$5,985 was also sought through this Cabinet Submission to increase the allocation under the Plant & Equipment Subhead to enable replacement of an air conditioning unit which has been out of service since October 2010. The amount will cover the supply and installation of two split air-conditioners as well as associated costs. Savings were identified from the Salary – Expatriate Subhead as a result of the delayed engagement of a new PAC Secretary. It is expected that the PAC Secretary should commence duty prior to the closure of the financial year but that the remaining budget amount will still be sufficient following the transfer of \$12,157 to replenish the other subheads detailed earlier.*



## ***DCA – Head 94***

*Increases sought were to cover the overspent in the Printing & Stationeries budget of \$41 as well as to top up the petrol fuel budget with the amount of 41,051. The local salary budget had savings, largely due to deductions for absenteeism, to enable \$1,092 to be transferred to these Subheads.*

## ***Ministerial – Head 2***

*The budget provision for business travel was not sufficient to cover for all the Ministerial travels for this current financial year so an amount of \$50,000 was approved for transfer to cover for the anticipated travel expenditures until the end of June 2011.*

*An additional \$5,000 was transferred to the Ministerial Entertainment Subhead for the catering expenses during budget sessions and for other entertainments before June 2011.*

*The total amount of \$55,000 was transferred from savings identified in the Consultancy Subhead.*

## ***Chief Secretary-Secretaryiat – Head 3***

*The Chief Secretary Budget provision for Public Works originally only catered for expected fees for rubbish collection at Government offices, however unforeseen needs arose in relation to an urgent need to construct a sea wall at the Menen Hotel to protect the buildings and adjacent housing, as well as the cost for clearing the Aiwo Primary School site following the burning down of the school. The total cost for these additional activities was \$43,833, consisting of 428,833 for the Menen Hotel sea wall and \$15,000 for Aiwo School as invoiced by the NRC. A transfer of \$41,800 was approved from savings identified in the Special Projects Subhead. The savings have resulted as a consequence of delayed commencement of the “Clean & Green Nauru” project which is expected to commence in June or July.*

### ***Justice-Secretariat – Head 43***

*An amount of \$750 was transferred to the Entertainment Subhead from the Travel – Business Subhead, to cater for the welcome reception held on the occasion of the swearing in of the new Chief Justice, Geoffrey Eames AM Q.C.*

### **SUMMARY OF INTER-SUBHEAD TRANSFERS**

#### *Increases*

<b><i>Head</i></b>	<b><i>Agency</i></b>	<b><i>Subhead No.</i></b>	<b><i>Item</i></b>	<b><i>Increase (\$AUD)</i></b>
71	<i>Foreign Affairs - Secretariat</i>	355/02	<i>Purchase of Diesel</i>	789.00
51	<i>Education</i>	301	<i>Printing &amp; Stationary</i>	15,000.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	255	<i>Travel-Business</i>	19,948.44
94	<i>DCA</i>	301	<i>Printing &amp; Stationary</i>	41.00
94	<i>DCA</i>	355/01	<i>Purchase of Petrol</i>	1,051.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	355/01	<i>Purchase of Petrol</i>	2,586.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	355/02	<i>Purchase of Diesel</i>	3,586.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	502	<i>Plant &amp; Equipment</i>	5,985.00
2	<i>Ministerial</i>	255	<i>Travel-Business</i>	50,000.00
2	<i>Ministerial</i>	270	<i>Entertainment</i>	5,000.00
3	<i>Chief Secretariat</i>	361	<i>Public Works</i>	41,800.00
71	<i>Foreign Affairs – Secretariat</i>	271	<i>Protocol</i>	18,000.00
43	<i>Justice - Secretariat</i>	270	<i>Entertainment</i>	750.00
				164,536.44

*Decreases*

<b>Head</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Increase (\$AUD)</b>
71	<i>Foreign Affairs - Secretariat</i>	502	<i>Plant &amp; Equipment</i>	789.00
51	<i>Education</i>	502	<i>Plant &amp; Equipment</i>	15,000.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	326	<i>Special Projects</i>	16,700
6	<i>Parliament</i>	255	<i>Travel – staff</i>	3,248.44
94	<i>DCA</i>	202	<i>Salary – Local</i>	1,092.00
6	<i>Parliament</i>	203	<i>Salary – Expatriates</i>	12,157.00
2	<i>Ministerial</i>	325	<i>Consultant fees</i>	55,000.00
3	<i>Chief Secretariat</i>	326	<i>Special Projects</i>	41,800.00
71	<i>Foreign Affairs – Secretariat</i>	309	<i>M/fees &amp; Subscriptions</i>	18,000.00
43	<i>Justice - Secretariat</i>	255	<i>Travel – Business</i>	750.00
				164,536.44

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) moved that the paper be noted.

**h)** Hon D Tabuna (Minister for CIE) made the following statement to the House as follows:

*Mr. Speaker,*

*I would like to provide you and members of the House an update on the current status of Utilities operation.*

**Power supply**

*Mr. Speaker, we continue to have some issues with our generation capacity although we are ahead with most of the necessary works. Mr. Speaker, the supply for the island has been sustained by three*

*engines at a maximum capacity of around 2.6MW which is below our average demand.*

*Ruston No. 1 Mr. Speaker is running on line at maximum output at this stage of 1.2MW. The engine is overdue for minor overhaul but can't be shut down until #7 is brought on line.*

*Ruston No. 5 is running on line producing at a maximum 800KW. It is also due for minor overhaul also can't be shut down until another engine on line.*

*The Cummins No. 8 is running on line at a maximum 600KW. Parts have been received to increase output to 800KW-1MW once they are installed. This unit cannot be shut down. This set is causing the blackouts due to a transformer star point fault (feeding a 155amps back into the HV grid). This week end we plan to change the transformer to avoid further problems.*

*Work has been done on Ruston No. 7. The crank regrinds on conrod pins no.5 A & B have been completed and new under size bearings have been fitted including all other bearings mains and conrods. New transfer diesel pump seal has been fitted including new injectors. We expect to commission #7 by the week end if all work is successfully completed.*

*Mr. Speaker we have also worked on the Government generator which has been an outstanding project. The genset is now operational although some minor work needs done to run the genset and disruptions to government work will be reduced.*

*The Airport generator now is fully functional on auto mains failure with the time lapse of 7 seconds when mains drop out and generator comes on line. Mr. Speaker, we have also assisted with maintaining the gensets for Menen Hotel and the RON Hospital.*

*A Diesel Fitter is now engaged full time at the power station for an initial period of 3 months. He has been instrumental in progressing*

*the much needed work at the power station. Funding is available to extend his service to a full year to ensure that the operation of the generators is undisrupted.*

### ***Water production n distribution***

*Mr. Speaker, water production has been sustained with minimal disruptions. All three RO units are running 24/7 to produce sufficient water to meet the needs of our community.*

*Two of the delivery tankers are operational and one has been off the road for repair. However, the delivery shifts are maintained throughout the week.*

*Mr. Speaker, the volume of water delivered for period July 2010 to January 2011 was approximately 29,783 tonnes at an average of 4,255 tonnes monthly.*

### ***Fuel supply***

*Mr. Speaker, we received a fuel shipment last month about 2,500MT of diesel at 960 USD per MT and 450MT of petrol at 1,070 USD per MT to cover the demand for the current period until July. Work is in progress to secure short supply of four hundred and fifty tones of petrol [450MT] for the post period of July.*

*The Japanese government has committed to donate one million [1m] USD worth of diesel fuel which is equivalent to approximate eight hundred and ninety four [894] tones at current price. This fuel is expected to cover one and a half months [1.5] of diesel supply for the island. Our team and the team in Japan have started their preparation for tendering which will be managed by the Japan International Cooperation System.*

*Our fuel usage Mr. Speaker for period January to March this year has been two percent [2%] less than same period last year. Our total fuel usage has been two million and ninety two thousand and eleven litres [2,092,011mL] for diesel; three hundred and eight thousand, six hundred and ten litres [308,610L] for petrol, and three hundred and*

*twenty eight thousand five hundred and eight litres [328,528L] for aviation fuel.*

*The work on the pipeline Mr. Speaker has been completed and this pipeline is expected to have a life of 20 years. A fully equipped laboratory for fuel testing of quality and specification checks has also been completed. We are now able to test our fuel quality to ensure that we have the right product and that it does not damage our machineries and vehicles.*

*The upgrade of the electrical system at Tank Farm is now going out to tender. Mr. Speaker, the last upgrade work on this system was back in 1995 under Ronphos management. This work is crucial to ensuring that safety standards are being met.*

*The refueling service is maintained and Our Airline is able to pick up fuel on island at a competitive price of \$1.40 per litre.*

### ***Outsourcing of TF Management***

*Mr. Speaker, the work on tendering the Tank Farm facility is progressing. The tender documents have been prepared and the Expression of Interest will be put out within the next few days. Once we receive expression of interests we would provide a guideline for selected bidders to prepare their office accordingly. We continue to maintain our timeline of July implementation.*

### ***Administrative***

*Mr. Speaker, the budget for the new financial year is being prepared. Our revenue has suffered due to the power disruptions we have had in the last few months.*

*For period of January 2011, our total sales was approximately \$167,137 and \$1.2m received from AusAID. This is equivalent to just over a third of budget. In terms of expenditure, we have been able to keep within budget.*

*Mr. Speaker, the work on corporatizing Utilities has progressed. Two Consultants were engaged by ADB – one to work on policy and the*

*second to look at technical standards. These Consultants have been working closely with Working Group and their draft final reports are now available and it is in the process of being finalized before Cabinet considers recommendations on the governance structure for Utilities.*

*A few of our staff were sent off island on various technical training on water management in Singapore, solar installation in Niue. Four staff has recently been nominated to participate in the solar powered pv system installation funded by Taiwan and convened in the Solomon Is. Mr. Speaker, the area of renewable energy is paramount in our effort to reduce our reliance on imported petroleum and bring the cost of power production down.*

*In addition to local training, training attachments have also been set up for the billing staff in partnership with the Fiji Electricity Authority.*

*Many of our staff have been signed up to short courses at USP local campus in the following areas: computer software applications, accounting, power point presentations, project proposal writing etc.*

*Mr. Speaker, Utilities assisted with the installation of the solar powered street lights donated by Taiwan and we will pay a key role in repairing and maintaining the system. Preparation for local training on solar pv installation and maintenance has been made. We expect to involve at least twenty of our people in this training which is to be funded by SPREP's PEGGAREP initiative.*

*Tubwa.*

Mr. F Pitcher (Ubenide) moved that the paper be noted.

**i)** Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Sports) made the following statement to the House as follows;

*Honourable Speaker & Members,*

*It is with great pleasure to inform this August House that on March 25<sup>th</sup> 2011, I received information from AFL Oceania that the Great Western Giants, the new AFL club will be entering the AFL competition next year have offered Yoshi Harris of Nauru an AFL Scholarship for the next 2 years.*

*This is an historic development and one that every member here and each person in Nauru should feel proud of, especially those who have played, officiated and supported this great game of AFL here in Nauru, past and present, and especially those our forefathers who were exposed to the game of AFL in Geelong Victoria and imported the game to our shores. The achievement announced now is a great reward and testament to the achievements of the early pioneers of the game.*

*In June this year, Yoshi will be travelling to Sydney Australia to partake in the AFL U/18 Championships as a member of the Oceania team. He will be joined by two other boys from Nauru, Tomwell Raidinen and Donatello Moses, who also have been selected in the Oceania team.*

*This Championship in Sydney will also give the Great Western Sydney club the first opportunity to see Yoshi in action and for Yoshi to meet the club officials for the first time.*

*Arrangements are now being made for Yoshi and the other boys to stay on after the U/18 Championship and be hosted by the club or other clubs until the International Cup in August.*

*I congratulate Yoshi for this magnificent achievement and I am sure all Members will join me in wishing him all the best over the next couple of years so he can obtain a playing contract and become the first Nauruan to play at the elite level of AFL football in Australia.*

*Thank you Mr. Speaker.*

## **6. Motion.**

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) moved that his motion on the Notice Paper, to present the Telecommunications Bill be deferred to the next sitting.



Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

## **7. Motion.**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that his motion on the Notice Paper to present the Statute Law Revision Bill 2011 be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon R Kun (Minister for Education) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

## **8. Motion.**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that his motion on the Notice Paper to present the Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2011 be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

## **9. Statement From the Chair**

The Chair informed the House that there is a slight change to motion No4 on the Notice Paper, in that His Excellency the President will now present the Legislation Publication Bill 2011 formerly introduced in the House as the Acts Publication Bill instead of the Minister for Justice.

## **10. Motion.**

His Excellency the President moved to defer the presentation of the Legislation Publication Bill 2011 to the next sitting.

Hon K. Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

**11. Motion.**

Hon K. keke (Minister for Finance) moved to defer the presentation of the Superannuation Bill 2011 to the next sitting.

His Excellency the President seconded

Question Put and Passed.

**12. Motion.**

Mr G..Thoma (Aiwo) moved that his motion on the Notice Paper to present the Aiwo Community Road Map Bill 2011 be deferred to the next sitting.

Mr B Waqa (Boe) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

**13. Motion.**

Hon K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that his motion on the Notice Paper to present the Provident Fund Repeal Bill 2011 be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

**14. Motion.**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) moved that the House resolve that RONWAN beneficiaries be permitted to withdraw all their monies from the RONWAN Fund this calendar year 2011.

Hon A. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.

Hon K. Keke (Minister for Finance) raised a point of order claiming that the motion is out of order as it may contravene certain provisions of the Constitution.

The Chair suspended the sitting to look into the matter raised by the Minister for Finance and to resume when the bells ring.

## **15. Ruling From the Chair.**

Honourable Members,

I suspended the sitting to see whether the motion that Mr Adeang (Ubenide) seeks to move in relation to the RONWAN Funds is in order.

*Honourable Speaker,*

*The proposed motion states: 'that this House resolve that Ronwan beneficiaries be permitted to withdraw all their monies from the Ronwan Fund this calendar year 2011.'*

*If this motion were to be allowed and were passed, its effect would be to say that the House will do whatever necessary to allow those funds to be withdrawn. In reality, withdrawal of the funds would require the repeal or amendment of the Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust Act 1968-2009 and the Nauru Phosphate Royalties (Payment and Investment) Act 1968-2008.*

*Because the effect of repealing or amending these Acts for the purpose of breaking up the Ronwan fund and distributing the capital to beneficiaries of the fund would be to withdraw monies from an Article 58 fund (that is, a fund established for a specific purpose into which monies are payable by law), any Bill to repeal those Acts would*

*be a law that, under Article 59(3) would have to be recommended to the Parliament by the Cabinet. This is a fact that has been confirmed by the Supreme Court in Constitutional Reference No. 1/86.*

*Because the motions seeks to compel Parliament to pass a law that requires a recommendation from Cabinet, and no such recommendation has been provided, the proposed motion is unconstitutional and ought to be disallowed.*

## **16. Motion of Dissent**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) moved that the Chair's ruling be dissented from.

Mr Amwano (Ubenide) seconded

Debate ensued

Question Put and Negatived.

## **17. Leave Sought For.**

Mr F.Pitcher (Ubenide) sought leave of the House to move a motion to establish a Select Committee on Electoral Boundaries.

Leave was granted

## **18. Motion.**

Mr Pitcher (Ubenide) moved the following motion;

*“Whereas:*

- the electoral boundaries of Nauru have remained unchanged since 1965; and*
- the current ratio of representatives to voters varies enormously between constituencies; and*

- *it is timely to consider whether it is necessary or desirable to amend Nauru's electoral boundaries;*

*I therefore move:*

*(1) that, pursuant to Standing Order 197, the House resolves to establish a Select Committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Electoral Boundaries, and that such Committee report to the House, on or before 31 August 2011, on the matters referred to the Committee under paragraph (5) of this motion; and*

*(2) that the Committee consist of six Members, namely:*

*H.E. Marcus Stephen  
Hon Freddie Pitcher  
Hon Ludwig Scotty  
Hon Sprent Dabwido  
Hon Godfrey Thoma  
Hon Aloysius Amwano*

*(3) that the quorum of the Committee be four Members;*

*(4) that the Committee have the power to send for and examine persons, papers and records;*

*(5) that, in conducting its inquiry, the Committee examine the following matters:*

- (a) the population in each existing constituency;*
- (b) the number of registered voters in each existing constituency;*
- (c) any perceived inequity in existing electoral boundaries;*
- (d) proposed alternatives for the review of electoral boundaries, including:*

- (i) the possibility of separating certain constituencies into separate constituencies for each district in order to create a more equitable and relevant division of electorates;*
- (ii) the possibility in particular of the separation of the constituency of Anabar, Ijuw and Anibare into 3 separate constituencies, each with its own individual Member of Parliament;*
- (iii) the possibility of the separation of the constituency of Ubenide into separate constituencies for each of the Districts within that constituency;*
- (iv) the possibility of creating a new electorate to encompass the area containing the Location compound and the NPC settlement residents;*
- (v) submissions from the public;*
- (vi) any other matter that the Committee deems necessary or relevant to enable it to complete its Report on electoral boundaries;*

*(6) that, in its Report to Parliament, the Committee:*

- (a) may make recommendations for the review of electoral boundaries and the amendment of relevant legislation; and*
- (b) must present a fair summary of the information gathered by it and of the evidence and views presented to it;*

*(7) that the first meeting of the Committee shall be held on Monday 25 April at 12:00pm;*

*(8) that the Committee may present progressive reports and recommendations to Parliament as it deems fit;*

*(9) that the foregoing provisions of this motion, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.*

*Moved: Hon Freddie Pitcher*

*Seconded: Hon Riddel Akua*

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

## **19. Leave Sought For**

His Excellency the President sought leave of the House to move a motion to establish a Select Committee on Land Issues.

Leave was granted

## **20. Motion.**

His Excellency the President moved the following motion

*“(1) that under Standing Order 197, the House resolves to establish a Select Committee to be known as the Select Committee on Land Issues to inquire into land matters for the purpose of gathering information, background material and public opinion on certain land issues as the first step in a broad review of land issues and land laws, and that such Committee report to the House, on or before 31 December 2011, on the matters referred to the Committee under clause (5) of this motion;*

*(2) that the Committee consist of 5 Members, namely:*

*H.E. Marcus Stephen  
Hon. Dominic Tabuna  
Hon. Roland Kun  
Hon. Sprent Dabwido  
Hon. Aloysius Amwano*

*(3) that the quorum of the Committee be 3 Members;*

*(4) that, in conducting its inquiry, the Committee:*

- (a) have the power to send for and examine persons, papers and records; and*
- (b) consider forming a Commission consisting of experts and prominent Nauruans to seek public views, to examine any of the matters mentioned in clause (5) and to report to the Committee;*

*(5) that, in conducting its inquiry, the Committee examine the following matters:*

- (a) the system of land ownership in Nauru, including inheritance of land and fragmentation of land portions;*
- (b) the system of administration of land matters in Nauru including the handling, storage and preservation of land records, decision-making in respect of land matters, handling of land disputes (including whether a special land court should be established) and recording of decisions and other information in respect of land ownership;*
- (c) the Lands Act 1976 and all other laws relating to land issues in Nauru so as to clearly ascertain the current state of land laws in Nauru;*
- (d) the classification, zoning and uses of land in Nauru and derivation of income from land;*
- (e) access to land for indigenous landless Nauruans;*
- (f) perceived problems with or shortcomings of any of the matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (e);*
- (g) the views of the community in relation to the matters listed in paragraphs (a) to (e), and in relation to any other land issues of concern to the community;*
- (h) any other matter that the Committee deems necessary or relevant to enable it to complete its Report on land issues;*



(6) *that, in its Report to Parliament, the Committee:*

- (a) *need not identify proposed solutions to any perceived problems that have been identified through its inquiry into and examination of land issues, but may make recommendations as to certain identified issues that may, in the course of the broader review of land issues and land laws, require further attention and/or expert advice; and*
- (b) *must present a fair summary of the information gathered by it and of the evidence and views presented to it; and*
- (c) *must present its findings in relation to the current state of land laws in Nauru;*

(7) *that the Committee may hold closed meetings from which all strangers are excluded, but that wherever practicable the Committee shall hold its meetings in public;*

(8) *that the Committee may present progressive reports and recommendations to Parliament as it sees fit;*

(9) *that the provisions of this motion, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect despite anything contained in the Standing Orders.*

*Moved: H.E. Hon Marcus Stephen*

*Seconded: Hon Dr Kieren Keke*

Hon D Tabuna (Minister for CIE)) seconded

Debate ensued

## **21. Motion of Amendment**

His Excellency the President moved that Hon D Tabuna and Hon R Kun be replaced by Mr Thoma (Aiwo) and Mr Deireragea (Ewa/Anetan) in the Committee membership.

Debate continued

Question Put and Passed

The following Members indicated to the Chair that their names be recorded in the noes namely;

Mr Adeang (Ubenide)

Mr Waqa (Boe)

Mr Dowiyogo (Ubenide)

Mr Solomon (Meneng)

Mr Bernicke (Bauda)

## **22. Leave Sought For**

His Excellency the President sought leave of the House to move a motion to establish a Select Committee on Funds held in NPRT Fund 2.

Leave was granted

## **23 Motion**

His Excellency the President moved the following motion “that pursuant to S.O 197, the House resolves to establish a Select Committee to be known as the Select Committee on NPRT Fund 2 etc etc

(find motion from PC)

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

## **24. Motion**

His Excellency the President moved that the House be suspended and to resume tomorrow morning at 10.00am.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

With concurrence of the House, the Chair suspended the sitting and to resume tomorrow morning Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am

Resumed

## **25. Orders of the Day No 1: Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2010:**

Resumption of debate: on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

## **26. Division of the House Called For.**

Mr D Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr Bernicke (Bauda) called for a division

The House Divided

Ayes:

Mr Stephen  
Mr Keke  
Mr Kun  
Mr Batsiua  
Mr Akua

Noes:

Mr Adeang  
Mr Bernicke  
Mr Solomon

Mr Tabuna  
Mr Pitcher  
Mr Dabwido  
Mr Amwano  
Mr Dowiyogo  
Mr Deireragea  
Mr Waqa  
Mr Thoma

**Total: 13**

**Total: 3**

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time

**27. Motion:**

His Excellency the President moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

**28. Motion: Third Reading**

His Excellency the President moved that the Bill be now read a third time

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a Third Time

## **29. Orders of the Day No 2: Passport Bill 2010**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time

## **30. Motion: Suspension of Standing Orders**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith.

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed

## **31 Motion: Third Reading**

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

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a Third Time

## **32. Orders of the Day No 3: Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010.**

Resumption of Debate on the Question that the Bill be now read a second time

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

### **33. Division of the House Called For.**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr Dowiyogo (Ubenide) called for a division.

The House Divided.

Ayes:

Mr Stephen

Mr Keke

Mr Kun

Mr Batsiua

Mr Akua

Mr Tabuna

Mr Pitcher

Mr Dabwido

Mr Deireragea

Mr Solomon

Mr Amwano

Noes:

Mr Adeang

Mr Dowiyogo

Mr Waqa

Mr Bernicke

**Total: 11**

**Total: 4**

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time.

### **34. Motion:**

Mr Dabwido (Meneng) moved that the Bill before proceeding into the Committee of the Whole be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed.

### **35. Orders of the Day No4: Education Bill 2011**

Resumption of debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time.

### **36. Motion: Suspension of Standing Orders:**

Hon R Kun (Minister for Education) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith.

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded

Question Put and Passed

### **37. Motion Third Reading**

Hon R Kun (Minister for Education) moved the Bill be now read a third time

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) seconded

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a third time.

### **38: Leave of Absence Sought For**

Mr G Thoma (Aiwo) sought leave of absence for Mr Dube (Aiwo) who is away overseas.

Leave was granted.

### **39: Orders of the Day No5**

“that the statement made by Hon D Tabuna (Minister for Utilities) relating to update on the current status of Utilities operation, be noted.”

### **40: Motion.**

Mr Thoma (Aiwo) moved that Order No5 on the Notice Paper be discharged.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

### **41. Leave Sought For**

His Excellency the President sought leave of the House to move to present the Legislation Publication Bill 2011

Leave was not granted

### **42. Motion: Suspension of Standing Orders**

His Excellency the President moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move his motion.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed



### **43. Division of the House Called For.**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr Waqa (Boe) called for a Division

Ayes

Noes

Mr Stephen

Mr Adeang

Mr Keke

Mr Waqa

Mr Kun

Mr Solomon

Mr Tabuna

Mr Akua

Mr Pitcher

Mr Dabwido

Mr Deireragea

Mr Thoma

**Total: 9**

**Total: 3**

Question Put and Passed

### **44. Motion**

His Excellency the President moved to present the Legislation Publication Bill 2011

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time

### **45. Leave Sought For.**

His Excellency the President sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill. .

Leave was not granted

#### **46. Motion. Suspension of Standing Orders**

His Excellency the President moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

#### **47. Division of the House Called For**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr Waqa (Boe) called for a division

The House Divided

Ayes

Mr Stephen

Mr Keke

Mr Kun

Mr Batsiua

Mr Tabuna

Mr Akua

Mr Pitcher

Mr Dabwido

Mr Deireragea

**Total: 9**

Noes

Mr Adeang

Mr Solomon

Mr Waqa

Mr Bernicke

**Total 4**

Question Put and Passed

#### **48. Motion: Third Reading**

His Excellency the President moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a third time

#### **49. Leave Sought For.**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to enable the second reading debate on the Statute Law Revision Bill 2010 to proceed forthwith.

Leave was not granted

#### **50. Motion to Suspend Standing Orders.**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the second reading debate on the Bill to proceed forthwith

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed

#### **51. Division of the House Called For.**

Mr Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr Solomon (Meneng) called for a division.

The House Divided

Ayes

Mr Stephen

Mr Keke

Noes

Mr Adeang

Mr Solomon

Mr Kun  
Mr Batsiua  
Mr Akua  
Mr Tabuna  
Mr Pitcher  
Mr Dabwido  
Mr Deireragea

Mr Waqa  
Mr Bernicke

**Total: 9**

**Total: 4**

Question Put and Passed

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time

## **52. Leave Sought For**

Hon M Batsiua (Minister for Justice) sought leave of the House to move for the third reading of the Bill.

Leave was granted

## **53. Motion: Third Reading**

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

Hon R Akua (Minister for Transport) seconded

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a third time.

## **54. Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting.**

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

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Question Put and Passed

## **55 Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn

Hon K Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

And then the House at twenty seven minutes past eleven o clock pm, adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

### **Members Present:**

All Members were present at sometime during the sitting except –

\* Mr. Dube

Frederick Cain

Clerk of Parliament

\* Leave of Absence