

**Votes and Proceedings
of the
Twentieth Parliament**

No. 21

**First Sitting of the Twelfth Meeting
Thursday, 23rd February 2011**

10.00am

1. The House met at 10:30am in accordance to its resolution made on Tuesday 20th December, 2011.
2. Hon. Ludwig Scotty M.P., Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. Statement from the Chair

The Chair made a statement to the House which read as follows: "*Honourable Members, You will have noticed that we have lost one from amongst us in this august House who had always sat with dignity and pride at the centre point of the Clerk's table in front of me.*

I am sure you will join me in noting with sadness the untimely passing of our long time Clerk of Parliament, Frederick Valentine Cain who was better known as Freddy or Fred to those close around him.

He was given the nickname of 'ngait ibaka' by the first Clerk of Parliament the late Patrick Cook of which title Fred had been very fond of and of which he was playfully called by his jolly friends. Fred was also known as 'hopalong' to his family of which I was led to believe was due to the famous exploits of the film idol, Hopalong Cassidy.

Freddy Cain had joined the Nauru Parliament in 1977 and had served up to the position of full Clerk, for a combined total of 34 years and 5 months, non-stop, until the day he passed away in Brisbane on the 23rd of January of this year. The House will also note that he was brought back home to rest on the 31st of January coinciding with our 44th Independence Day.

Freddy, as I was told, had been quoted in the World Book of Records as the longest serving Clerk in the Commonwealth. This had been a great achievement which I believe cannot be surpassed in our Parliament, and elsewhere.

Since the time I had entered parliament in 1983 I had known Freddy to be a very dedicated and conscientious parliamentary employee who had served his former bosses well including the line of Speakers as they come and go. His vast knowledge and experience of parliamentary practice and procedure will surely be a drawback to our parliament especially to those serving as new Speakers.

I had worked closely with Fred during our former days as Speaker and in my current tenure in the Chair and had come to understand that Freddy stands firm in his belief for parliamentary diplomacy and the principles of democracy involving the process of the separation of powers governing the three arms of government. He had always believed in the independent status of the Legislature away from the Executive and the Judiciary, unless he could not help it like what happened during the turmoils of the SOE eras.

Even though Freddy had worked in an inferior office to mine, out of respect for his guidance in the rules of parliamentary process and his strong belief as noted, and his jolly personal nature, I had to put aside the official status of ranks and to make him a very close friend of mine to the extent of a brotherhood status.

As a matter of interest in our close association, together we had celebrated Freddy's 50th birthday overseas during one of our parliamentary travels. This happened with other guests. On my second tour as Speaker, we had celebrated Freddy's 60th birthday also on one of our parliamentary travel overseas, but that time it happened between only the two of us, which naturally meant that weary times had crept up on us and old black Joe is calling.

Looking back on our last journey together which I believe had been one of our longest travels on parliamentary business, and of which I had realized later that Fred had begun to travel under poor health, I had then come to sadly realize that it was destined to be our last farewell trip together in our parliamentary endeavour. A chapter is closed and a page is turned and I will really miss Freddy's companionship.

I had travelled far and wide around the world with Fred on our journeys on parliamentary business, and I knew that he had made so many friends on the international parliamentary circuit, many of whom had sent messages of condolence on hearing of his passing. The parliament of Norfolk Island had even stood in silence remembrance of Freddy. I quote a part of their proceedings – Honourable Members it is with great sadness that I record the passing of Mr. Frederick Cain, Clerk of Parliament of Nauru, a long time colleague of Mrs. Evans, Chief Minister and myself. Mr. Cain passed away in Brisbane on the 23rd January. He was the longest serving Clerk in the region, having served from 1977 until his death. His knowledge of Parliamentary practice and procedure in Nauru was unmatched, and he will be greatly missed in the halls of Parliament both in the Australian region, including Norfolk Island and the Pacific region. Freddy was a very popular Clerk and most of those who travelled from Norfolk Island to attend parliamentary conferences would know him well. This House extends its deepest sympathy to his parliamentary colleagues in Nauru and to his family and friends. Thank you Honourable Members, may he rest in peace. Honourable Members as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, I would ask that we all stand in silence for a minute and I unquote from the Norfolk Island Parliament. Finally, I put on record our parliament's appreciation of Norfolk Parliament's kind gesture.

Finally, I also put on record that Freddy's wife and children had requested me to convey their great and humble appreciation for their kind assistance given to them by the Dabwido government, members of parliament, and every other's silent and vocal who had given their support in the family's sad time of bereavement for the loss of their beloved father.

The presence of Frederick Valentine Cain will surely be missed.

I will ask parliament to stand for a minute's silence in honoured and respectful remembrance of our late Clerk.

Thank you Honourable Members.

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

5. **Motions**

a) Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved to extend question time a further two hours.

b) Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) moved that extension on question time be extended to 1 hour only.

Question on motion a) was put and negatived.

6) **Division of the House Called For**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Pitcher (Ubenide) called for division.

Bell rung (1 min) & House Divided

Result:

AYES	NOES
Mr. Akua	Mr. Dabwido
Mr. Kun	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Stephen	Mr. Dowiyogo
Mr. Deireragea	Mr. Solomon
Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Thoma
Mr. Tabuna	Mr. Bernicke
Dr. Keke	Mr. Waqa
	Mr. Amwano
	Mr. Dube
Total - 7	Total - 9

Question on the division to extend question time for two hours resolved in the negative.

Therefore the motion moved by Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) & Dr. Keke (Yaren) to extend question time for 2 hrs was defeated and the motion

moved by Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) and Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) to extend question time for one hour was deemed put and passed.

7) Question Without Notice continued for a further one hour.

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume at 2:30pm.

Resumed

8) Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers

(Due to the unavailability of the media coverage of the Parliament sitting, the Chair suspended the House to allow media technician to fix the problem and to resume when the bells ring.)

Resumed

a) His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido M.P., made a statement to the house on his recent official travel overseas, which read as follows; *“Mr. Speaker, as most of you would be aware, I have undertaken several business trips overseas since becoming President of this beloved nation. Being a responsible Leader and for the purpose of greater transparency, I would now like to present a report of these trips to this august House so that Members are kept informed and aware of my official activities.*

Before I continue I would kindly seek Members’ indulgence and patience to bear with me as this will be quite lengthy. I will however try to keep my report succinct and focused on the most pertinent information.

Mr. Speaker,

The very first official trip which I undertook in my capacity as President was to Durban, South Africa in December last year. On this occasion I was privileged to represent Nauru at the 17th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change or in short, COP 17.

For your information, this is the third consecutive year that Nauru was represented at the Head of State level – a practice begun by my predecessor. I felt it was important to continue this tradition because of the enormous implications that climate change and the international response have for our country.

Climate change will have numerous negative impacts on Nauru, many of which are well known. Climate change will shift weather patterns, leading to more dramatic extremes between destructive rainfall and prolonged drought. This will test our ability to deliver clean water to our people, much as was experienced earlier this year in Tuvalu and Cook Islands. Sea level rise will increasingly erode our coastlines and threaten vital infrastructure. And ocean warming and acidification will damage the productivity of our marine resources.

However, the impacts will not only be felt locally. Throughout the world, food production will be compromised and drive the price of essential imports even higher. An increasing share of our budget and others will be directed towards adapting to the negative impacts of climate change, which will have profound implications for the purpose and scale of international development aid.

This debate is too important for us to ignore, which is why I considered attending the conference a national priority.

While in Durban, I had the opportunity to meet with South Africa President Jacob Zuma and several other African leaders to discuss our shared concerns about climate change. I met with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, who reiterated his support of for the Pacific. I also had the pleasure of engaging with the other high officials of the climate talks – including the COP President, Her Excellency Maite Mashabane and Foreign Minister of South Africa.

All shared a deep concern for addressing climate change and all were frustrated by the slow progress at the negotiations.

I too was frustrated by what I saw in Durban, and the final outcome fell far short of what is needed to prevent the worst impacts from occurring. The Kyoto Protocol, the only international agreement with legally binding obligations for developed countries to reduce their emissions, is on life support. Kyoto is the cornerstone of the regime, containing a robust accounting and compliance system. Rebuilding it would take time that we do not have.

In addition, all of the major emitters resisted any attempts to raise the ambition of their actions to address climate change in the short term, and without a concerted effort next year, any new action may be delayed until 2020. Without a drastic change of course, the impacts on the Pacific region will be devastating.

But Mr. Speaker, it was not all gloom and doom in Durban. Some important and positive progress was made as well. For example, the new Green Climate Fund took another step towards becoming fully operational, and its board of directors will be appointed in the coming months. One seat is reserved for a representative from small island countries. The Fund is intended to channel a significant portion of the \$100 billion per year in climate finance committed by developed countries, so it is extremely important that we make sure it provides expedited access for small island countries.

Now that we have assumed the Chair of the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS), Nauru will have the opportunity to play a more central role in the climate negotiations. This coalition of 43 countries is an influential group at the negotiations, thought it has been at times too conciliatory. I would like Nauru to bring a new assertiveness to AOSIS, and with our UN Mission at the helm, I have no doubt this will be the case.

Next year may be a turning a point in the international response to climate change. Negotiations will begin immediately on the outline of a new agreement intended to bring all major economics under one common system. Currently, the

large emerging economies are not legally obligated to take any steps to curb their emissions. This new regime will likely supplant the Kyoto Protocol in 2020, so getting it right is critical and will happen on our watch. The viability and survival of many islands in the Pacific depends on our success.

Leading AOSIS will bring Nauru unprecedented international attention, and will provide an opportunity to highlight the gravity of the climate crisis in the Pacific. Our success will depend on our ability to maintain a concerted diplomatic effort to reach out to our development partners and like-minded allies. In more practical terms, it will provide an opportunity for a new generation of Nauruans to build strong connections with the wider international community, and learn the skills needed to excel in a globalized world.

Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully ask that we embrace this opportunity in the spirit of bipartisanship, and dedicate the resources necessary to be successful.

I would also ask your support for convening a climate change summit for the leaders of the 14 Pacific small islands developing states. It would be the first of its kind, and would provide our countries with an opportunity to present a united front on this important issue.

In Durban, the Pacific gave a fitting tribute to Grenada, the outgoing Chair of AOSIS, for all of their hard work over the past several years. Nauru was warmly welcomed as incoming Chair, but I would be lying if I said there were no detractors. There are those that question whether a country of just 10,000 people can possibly handle such an enormous responsibility.

Mr. Speaker, we must prove the detractors wrong. The issue is too important. The stakes are too high. Most importantly, the Pacific has been quiet for too long, and it is time that we tell our story to the world.

This brings me to the conclusion of my report on my trip to Durban for the climate change negotiations. I now turn to my report on my second official trip which was undertaken in the second week of January.

Mr. Speaker,

On 11th January, I departed Nauru and travelled to Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, in order to attend the IRENA Pacific Leaders Meeting and the 2nd Assembly of IRENA from 13-15 January.

IRENA, as most of you would know is the International Renewable Energy Agency which was only established in 2009 and has been mandated by its member states – Nauru being one of them – to promote widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy. IRENA aims to assist countries promoting renewable energy program tailored to their specific needs while considering national resource endowments as well as social and economic factors.

This was the first ever meeting of Pacific Leaders to be convened by IRENA and it is part of IRENA's overall effort to step up to its presence in the Pacific. The main purpose of this particular meeting was for Leaders to provide guidance and input on the Programme and Budget for 2012. The outcomes of the meeting

were then presented at the second Assembly for discussion and adoption. A copy of the communiqué is attached for Members to read at their own leisure.

Members may be interested to know that one of my proposals at this meeting was for IRENA and overcome the tyranny of distance. More importantly, I called upon IRENA to assist Nauru in developing a roadmap which will enable us to meet our ambitious target of 50 percent renewable energy by 2015. I am pleased to advise Members that this request was well-received and we can expect IRENA to assist us in meeting our national goals for renewable energy.

Mr. Speaker,

Following my visit to Abu Dhabi, I then proceeded to Malaysia to explore various investment opportunities and possible business ventures. Over my three – day visit, I held meetings with a number of representatives and agents from different companies and organizations and also went on several tours and site inspections. In the interest of time, I will not mention all of the meetings which I undertook but instead will focus on some which I thought were of particular interest and benefit to Nauru.

This included a meeting with Suntech Power, the world's largest solar manufacturer, where we discussed the possibility of developing a solar farm on Nauru among other things; and a meeting with Malaysian Phosphate Additives, the sole phosphate plant in Southeast Asia, which invited Nauru to participate in a joint venture to distribute and sell phosphate. I also held a meeting with Nanomaterials Technology Pte Ltd, a Singapore-based company which specializes in using limestone for the development and manufacturing of nano-materials, to discuss possibility of adding value to our limestone and phosphate resources. For instance, normal limestone is currently sold on the world market at US\$10 per metric ton but nano-particles can fetch up to US\$600 per metric ton.

I also visited a Call Centre where I was given a full tour and managed to fit in a site inspection of a limestone quarry in order to see whether these particular projects or activities can be replicated in Nauru. If Members are interested to learn more of my activities in Kuala Lumpur, a more detailed report of my trip to Malaysia has been appended to this statement.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the visit to Kuala Lumpur proved to be an extremely worthwhile and rewarding experience and opened up a number of promising opportunities. I also found the meetings and tours to be very informative. I believe some of the projects mentioned briefly in this report are well worth pursuing as they have huge potential to enhance Nauru's economic wealth and create new sources of revenue and employment. I will be sure to keep Parliament updated of any progress in these ventures.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure that most of you will be relieved to know that I am nearing the end of my report and will now dwell on the final part which is centred on my trip to Fiji earlier this month.

Mr. Speaker, on the 31st January, I left Nauru in order to attend the Multilateral Meeting between Russia and the Pacific Small Island Developing

States (PSIDS) which was convened in Nadi on the 1st February. Although I regretted the fact that I would be unable to attend some of Nauru's national celebrations for its 44th anniversary including the annual Independence Day State Function, I felt that the meeting with Russia was far too important to miss and my participation would serve to further reinforce and strengthen our close and friendly relations.

Members will be aware that Nauru has been working hard in recent years to build its bilateral relationship with the Russian Federation. My Government continues this commitment to engage and cooperate with Russia as well as provide a bridge to our Pacific neighbours. Members will also agree that our hard work is already yielding positive results not only for Nauru but also for the Pacific region. This particular meeting, which is a follow-up to the groundbreaking Ministerial meeting in New York, is a perfect example.

At the meeting, a number of important issues were discussed including: climate change cooperation, development assistance for PSIDS; regional scholarship programmes; cooperation in seabed exploration/mining in the Pacific; sustainable fisheries management and developing trade and economic ties. The participants agreed that the next PSIDS/Russian Foreign Ministers Meeting should take place in New York in the margins of the UN General Assembly in September later this year. I have attached a copy of the Outcomes Document as well as my statement which I delivered at this meeting for Members' kind information and ease of reference.

I am also pleased to report that I had a very positive bilateral meeting with the Russian Foreign Minister in Nadi and we discussed a range of issues of mutual concern. I am further pleased to advise that I also had a very good one-on-one discussion with the Fiji Prime Minister at the margins of the PSIDS/Russia meeting and I was able to raise a number of concerns including the very important issue of Our Airline's discontinuation of flight services to Fiji.

Mr. Speaker, from Nadi I went to Suva to undertake several meetings before returning home to Nauru. The first meeting I undertook in Suva was with the Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the Minister for Civil Aviation. Whilst I cannot divulge the full contents of our meeting, I can however confirm that our discussions were very positive and focused mainly on the future of Our Airline. In particular, I made it clear to the Deputy Minister that Nauru's keenness to resume Tarawa-Nadi Flights is not driven purely by commercial and profit-making interests but rather out of genuine concern for the continuing survival and viability of Our Airline.

I also visited the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) Office whereupon I signed the negotiated Standard Basic Assistance Agreement between Nauru and the UNDP, which basically outlines the conditions under which the UNDP and its Executing Agencies shall assist Nauru in carrying out its development projects, and under which such UNDP-assisted projects shall be executed. This Agreement shall apply to all such UNDP assistance and may

consist of services of advisory experts, consultants and operational experts; the services of members of the United Nations Volunteers; equipment and supplies not readily available in Nauru; seminars, training programs, demonstrations projects, expert working groups and related activities; scholarships and fellowships and any other form of assistance which may be agreed upon by Nauru and UNDP.

Mr. Speaker, it is envisaged that signing of this Agreement will result in greater interaction and engagement with the UNDP and related UN agencies. It is further hoped that this will yield positive results for Nauru and I look forward to the day when we can reap greater and much more tangible and concrete benefits from our affiliation with the United Nations and its related agencies.

Finally, I am pleased to report that while in Suva I also met with Japan's Ambassador to Nauru in order to sign the Exchange of Notes for a Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA) of Japanese Yen 100 million, which is equivalent to approximately US\$1.3 million, which will be used for fuel procurement.

Members may already be aware that Japan, through its NPGA program, has donated six times to the Government of Nauru continually from fiscal year 2005 to 2010 and this occasion will mark the seventh successive year of Japan's commitment to Nauru. I wish to make the most of this opportunity and place on record the deep appreciation of my Government and sincere gratitude of the people of Nauru towards the Government and people of Japan for their kind assistance and support. Nauru looks forward to continuing these good relations and building on these positive ties of cooperation in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, you may be interested to know that I also managed to hold bilateral talks with the Japanese Ambassador and our discussions included the upcoming Sixth PALM Summit which will be convened in Okinawa in May. But perhaps the most important topic of discussion, and one which would be of great interest to the people of Nauru, is in relation to Nauru's application for grant aid from Japan to enable the construction of a reef-edge quay wall and causeway at Aiwo Harbour. I am pleased to announce that Japan is willing to reconsider Nauru's application and have invited us to resubmit our project proposal, which I can confirm has already been done. Whilst we will not know the results for at least a few months yet, our chances of being given the nod of approval are looking very good and I am hopeful that Japan will give its go-ahead to our project proposal this time around. Again, I will be sure to keep you and Members of this House updated on any progress made on this matter.

Mr. Speaker, I think it would be remiss of me if I failed to mention the respective members of my delegation whom accompanied me on these aforementioned trips. I should also acknowledge the good work they put in towards the travel arrangements and all other necessary preparations for my meetings including follow-up activities. Each individual contributed to the success of my trips and I would like to use this opportunity to register my thanks and appreciation to all of them.

On my trip to Durban, I was accompanied by Hon. Milton Dube, Ambassador Marlene Moses, Third Secretary Mrs. Lara Daniel, Private Secretary Kim Aroi and ADC Jachin Bop. On my trip to Abu Dhabi I was again accompanied and ably assistance by the Honourable Milton Dube, the Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr. Michael Aroi, the Secretary for Commerce Mr. Russ Kun, Private Secretary Ms. Kim Aroi and ADC David Canon. On my trip to Kuala Lumpur I took exactly the same team minus the Secretary for Commerce. On my trip to Fiji, I had a very strong delegation comprising of the Minister for Utilities Hon. Shadlog Bernicke, Hon. Milton Dube, Acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr. Michael Aroi, UN Ambassador Ms. Marlene Moses, High Commissioner to Fiji Mr. Jarden Kephas, First Secretary Mr. Masau Detudamo, Consul General to Australia Mrs. Chitra Jeremiah and Presidential staff members Ms. Kim Aroi and ADC Gregor Garoa.

Mr. Speaker, I know that by now you will be extremely pleased to know that this definitely brings me to the conclusion of my report on official trips undertaken for the Republic of Nauru. Thank you again for indulging me with your patience and undivided attention.”

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved that the Paper be noted.

b) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo, M.P. (Minister for Health) made a Statement and updated the House on His recent official travel to the Marshall Islands, which read as follows; *“Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, I wish to update the House of my recent official trip to the Marshall Islands to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of His Excellency Christopher J. Loek, President of the Republic of Marshall Islands, on behalf of His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido.*

The Inauguration Ceremony was held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at the Nitijela Chamber, opening with a Welcoming Speech by the Honourable Speaker Donald F. Capelle. The ceremony was attended by officials from other countries including Heads of States, President of Palau and President of the Federated States of Micronesia and Delegation of the respective countries, Governor and Speaker from the State of Pohnpei, Official representatives from the Government of the United States of America, residential Diplomats, Traditional Leaders and Government officials of the Republic of Marshall Islands.

Before order of business, the Ceremony begins with a Moment of Silence to pay tribute to the late Reverend Jude Samson, and then proceed to Official matters including the Roll Call and Introduction of House and Members and then the taking of Oath of Office by the President and Cabinet Ministers, administrated by Hon. Carl Ingram, Chief Justice of the High Court of the Marshall Islands.

In closing of the ceremony, the 33rd Constitution Regular Parliament Session officially commenced its first sitting.

On the second day of the programme, I pay a Courtesy Call on His Excellency the President Christopher Loeak followed by bilateral discussions with other Cabinet Ministers, mainly the Vice President and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Other Bilateral Meetings

Mr. Rubin Tsitsi – All relevant information handed to Minister for CIE.

Mr. Daniel Cramer – All relevant information handed to Minister for Rehab Corporation.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker!”

c) Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Transport) made a Statement and tabled the Civil Aviation (Fees) Regulations 2011, which read as follows; “Mr. Speaker,

As required under section 17 of the Interpretation Act 2011, I wish to table in the House today the Civil Aviation (Fees) Regulations 2011. The regulations were made by Cabinet and published in the Gazette on 30 June 2011.

The Civil Aviation (Fees) Regulations 2011 are made under section 171 of the Civil Aviation Act 2011. Under section 188 of the Civil Aviation Act 2011 ((the Act'), regulations made under the repealed Air Navigation Act 1971 remain in force under the Act until expressly repealed. The Civil Aviation (Fees) Regulations 2011 repeal and replace the regulations relating to most fees.

Mr. Speaker, the Regulations make no changes to the vast majority of fees charged under the Air Navigation Act 1971. There are three exceptions to this. First, the fee for navigation through Nauru's airspace is increased slightly. This fee is collected on Nauru's behalf by Air Services Australia, and is paid by all aircraft that fly over Nauru's airspace. Second, there is a new fee for aerodrome identity cards. Finally, there is a fee for an application to land a military aircraft in Nauru. This is the only fee for military aircraft - the other fees are not applicable as, in general, the Act does not apply to military aircraft - it is an Act to regulate civil aviation, not military aviation. However, the requirement for military aircraft to obtain approval to land in Nauru is specifically provided for in section 72 of the Act.

The other fees prescribed by these regulations are the same as the fees charged under the repealed regulations. These include various application fees - applications for scheduled international air service licences, authorizations to operate non-scheduled international flights, authorizations to land in Nauru (for lights other than licensed scheduled international flights or authorized non-scheduled international flights) and landing fees for normal, licensed and authorized flights. There are also fees for parking an aircraft at the aerodrome

and late departure fees. These fees reflect the cost of operating the civil aviation system in Nauru.

Some of the fees are calculated according to formulae based on aircraft mass. The regulations define aircraft mass and provide for its calculation. A number of the fees specified in the Schedule are cumulative - for example, an aircraft operating a scheduled flight under a licence that lands in Nauru might be subject to the fees specified in items 7, 8 and 9, depending on the circumstances. The regulations also allow the air navigation fee to be collected by a person other than the Civil Aviation Authority or the Republic if the air navigation service is provided by a person authorized under the Act to provide it. Section 171 of the Act specifically allows regulations to be made for the payment of fees in this way. Air Services Australia is authorized to provide the air navigation service through the Nauru flight information region, and collects fees for this service directly. This is the standard arrangement in the region.

Finally, I should note that the regulations allow Cabinet to waive any fee on application by the person to whom the fee applies.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned, the regulations were published in the Gazette on 30 June 2011. They are also available on Nauru's online legal database, RONLAW, at ronlaw.gov.nr.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

d) *Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) made the following Statement and tabled the Business Licences Regulations 2011. "Mr. Speaker, as required under section 17 of the Interpretation Act 2011, I wish to table in the House today the Business Licences Regulations 2011. The Regulations were made by Cabinet on 28 July 2011 and published in the Gazette on 29 July 2011. They commenced on 1 August 2011.*

Mr. Speaker, Members will recall that the licensing of businesses in Nauru was previously regulated under the Licences Act 1922. The Act required stores to have a trading licence, and required a person importing explosives to obtain a licence.

It was considered desirable to broaden the category of businesses that require a licence, so that a wider range of businesses could be effectively regulated through licence conditions. Rather than broadening the category of businesses that require a licence by amending the Licences Act 1922, Parliament repealed and replaced the Licences Act with the Business Licences Act 2011. The new Act is more suitable to the present needs of Nauru and is drafted in plain language.

In order to provide for flexibility in relation to the classes of business that require a licence, licence conditions, fees and other matters, the Business Licences Act provides only for the basic structure of the licensing system, and enables the details to be prescribed by regulation. This allows Cabinet to

respond to changing circumstances by making and amending regulations, rather than having to amend the Act each time a new class of business is to be added or a fee is to be changed.

Mr. Speaker, the Business Licences Regulations 2011 prescribe the details that are crucial to the operation of the Act. Perhaps the most important provision prescribes the types of businesses that must be licensed – this ranges from general retail stores to petrol stations, restaurants, internet cafes and building and construction businesses. In fact, most businesses that operate on the island now require a licence. However, anybody corporate established by a Nauru Act (that is, a statutory corporation) is excluded from this requirement under the regulations. This means state-owned enterprises such as RONPHOS, Rehab and the Nauru Utilities Corporation are not required to be licensed - they are regulated under the Acts that establish them.

In addition to prescribing the types of businesses that require a licence, the Regulations also prescribe the licence fee, which is \$250 for each premises of the business for a licence that will be valid for 12 months. This means that a business that operates from more than one office, store or branch will need to pay \$250 for each premises. However, if the business is operated on a mobile basis, such as a building and construction business that operates out of a head office, the fee is only paid for the head office. The requirement to pay \$250 for each premises does not mean that the business holds multiple licence - it is a single licence, for which the fee varies depending on the number of business premises.

The Regulations also prescribe a precondition for the issue of any business licence - if the business name is required to be registered under the Business Names Act 1976, the licence cannot be issued unless the applicant produces evidence of registration of the business name. This will improve enforcement of business name registration requirements.

The Regulations stipulate that it is a condition of a business licence that the licence be displayed in a prominent place at each business premises. This will assist in enforcement of the Act.

Mr. Speaker, the transition to the new business licence scheme has been relatively smooth, with the new licensing requirements in place since 1 September 2011. The Regulations include a transitional provision which allowed businesses to operate without a licence for 1 month after commencement of the Act and Regulations. This allowed business time to apply for a licence.

Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned, the regulations were published in the Gazette on 29 July 2011. They are also available on Nauru's online legal database, RONLAW, at ronlaw.gov.nr.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.”

e) Hon. Ryker Solomon (Minister for CIE) made a statement on the Re-Opening of Eigigu Supermarket and updated the House on other EHC matters which read as follows; *“Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I make this ministerial statement with respects to the re-opening of Eigigu Supermarket and updates on other EHC matters.*

Eigigu supermarket

As Members are aware, the Eigigu Supermarket was born from what was known in our history as the Nauru Co-operative Society or NCS.

As a co-operative society it was required to provide food lines and other goods to its membership which was the Nauruan community. These products were provided at prices which was both affordable and within the income range of the Nauruan community.

But the real message of NCS was that it was an institution that showed that Nauruan's do in fact have the capacity to look after their own institutions and could capably run their own affairs. It was a prelude to self-determination. The Eigigu Supermarket is the NCS of today. Its significance to our nation must be highlighted as relevant today as NCS was to our founding fathers. When it was closed, in our opinion, there was significant public disagreement. Many saw the significance of its traditional tie. Others saw its role as standing to continue to provide food and goods to the community against a backdrop of high prices. We believe there should be competitive pricing that would stretch the working man's pay resulting in more food on the table for Nauruan families. And in this regard Eigigu Supermarket plays a very important role. This role must be encouraged not discouraged. As a government we have taken the step to encourage this.

Mr. Speaker, I should also add that Eigigu Supermarket does not plan to take over market of the main stores like Capelle and Milton Ross but instead concentrate more on the basic essential commodities. That is the rationale behind the re-opening.

Mr. Speaker, the opening took place on the 21st of February 2012, selling stock that had already arrived as it makes economic sense to begin selling stock on arrival.

I am also pleased to announce that Eigigu Supermarket will also be providing a scheme to start up branch stores that will enable local shop owners after a period of time, to fully own the stock in their own small shop and thus enable them to run their own small business. This scheme should commence later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to also add that no moneys have been appropriated by Government to enable Eigigu Supermarket to re-open. All the funding has been within the cash flow of Eigigu Holdings Corporation.

And it is also on that note that I wish to inform the House of certain policy changes with respects to Eigigu Holdings Corporation. With effect from the 1st of January 2012, EHC implemented a policy to centralize its finance along with a

Human Resources section. This is to ensure better control of its cash flow that would take into account and provide for the Corporation as a whole as opposed to fragmented cash management.

The centralizing of the management of Human resources enables better management of personnel and enables management to better understand its divisional needs which in turn assist to bring about better and more efficient job performance. This also enables EHC to manage training programs and allows enhancement of skills as well as providing for trainees for its different entities. The centralized model also meant that EHC could better manage its cash flow to take into consideration new ventures that in our opinion would provide long-term financial benefit to the Holding group as a whole.

So far, it has enabled the re-opening of the Eigigu Supermarket and the launching of the new batching plant with Eigigu Enterprise and has further enabled Eigigu Enterprise to be in a position to be competitive with its equipment ready and well maintained for the current construction jobs it is undertaking as well as any construction task ahead.

ATM Service

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to announce the installation at the Menen Hotel of the first ATM service in Nauru. This cash withdrawal service will allow hotel guests and the general public to access their overseas bank accounts. The system is secure and encrypted and accepts cards from all major banks, major credit cards or cards on the cirrus, maestro or eftpos financial systems. Cash withdrawal will depend on the bankcard limit allowed. A fee of \$3.50 will be applied per transaction made.

Mr. Speaker, that completes my update to parliament and I look forward to making further statements to Parliament on Eigigu Holdings Corporation progress.

Tubwa"

Mr. Kun (Buada) moved that the Paper be noted.

f) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Sports) made a statement and updated the House on Sports activities under the Ministry of Sports.

Sir,

44th celebrations of Independence day

This year's Independence Day Sports and recreation program involved Basketball, Boxing, Football, Softball, Power-lifting, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tug of War, and the Traditional Games of Ibibwo, Itsibweb, Karaduga and Wrestling. New events that were included this year were Atti (Frigate Bird Catching), Chess and Poreijeid.

It is so pleasing to see more people taking part in these events.

Details of result is attached

Epon Keramen

Launch of the first Epon Keramen Community Sports Festival officially opened 20th February 2012. The 16 communities under the Epon Keramen will be participating in 5 sports in 4 age categories over 5 weeks, U14 girls/boys, U19 girls/boys, youths 20 - 34yrs men/women; 35yrs plus men/women 1st week - volleyball, 2nd week - tennis, 3rd week table/tennis, 4th week basketball, 5th week softball

This festival will be held every year up to 2014.

Our thanks to the ongoing support of AUSAID for the Epon Keramen Project.

PROJECTS REPORT

Partnerships and Programs

National Days Sports Programs

44th Anniversary of Independence

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Basketball (Location Courts) Organizer:

Epo N Keramen

Women's Pool (No of participants: 50)

Final Buada defeated Denig

Men's Pool (No of participants: 130)

Final Buada defeated Uaboe

Boxing (NBF Gym, Aiwo) Organizer: Federation

Boxing

Football – North vs South (Linkbelt Oval) Nauru

Organizer: Aft

Under 16's (No of participants: 24)

South 10.3.63 defeated North 5.6.36

Soul – Goals: Kazzam baiu 3, Brammel Teimitsi 2, Yitzhak Bop 2, Frederick Harris, Iverson Star, Reid Dageago, Trevin Bernicke

Best: Reid Dageago, Kazzam Baiu, Iverson Star, Jesse Kakiouea, Yitshak Bop

North - Goals: Mutambo Harris, Graigor Uera, Royce Dick, Ricky Jorem, Shawn Kemp Maaki
Best: Royce Dick, Kaison Tatum, Graigor Uera, Shawn Kemp Maaki, Cash Scotty

Seniors (No of participants 40)

North 9.4.58 defeated South 7.6.48

North - Goals: Steve Smith 4, Claasen Heinrich 3, Kyde Menke 2

Best: Steve Smith, Yoshi Harris, Zack Temaki, Deiri Cook, Claasen He, irirfch

South-Goals: Bureka Kakiouea 2, Dosh Kepae 2, Kraymer Temaki, Johnny Dagiario, Jenke Jeremiah

Best: Otto Adam, Jenke Jeremiah, Johnny Dagiario, Jammy Temaki, Febriano"Baguga

7's Touch Rugby - (Denig Oval) Organizer: Nauru Rugby Federation

(No of participants: 40)

Vikings 12	defeated	Warriors 4
Barbarians 5	defeated	Kings 4
Vikings 4	defeated	Kings 3
Barbarians 3	defeated	Warriors 2
Vikings 3	drew with	Barbarians 3
Warriors 6	defeated	Kings 4

Final

Barbarians 19 defeated Vikings 12

Softball - linkbelt Oval Organiser: Epo N Keramen

Women's Final

Anetan def Location

Men's Final

Anabar def Meneng

Weightlifting - Aiwo Gym no result Organiser: Dominic Cain

<u>Lifter</u>	<u>Body weight</u>	<u>Snatch</u>	<u>Clean</u>	<u>&</u>	<u>Jerk</u>	<u>Total</u>
Points						
Men						

Women

**Power lifting - Meneng Junction Gym
Federation**

Organizer:

Power-lifting

Body weight Wilks Squat B/P D/L Total Points

Placing

Female (No of participants: 2)

81kg

Jerusha Mau 72.1 140 62.5 155 357.5 1st

84kg

Ruther Edward 118.5 140 55 130 325 2nd

Male (No of participants: 24)

59kg

Jude Teabuge 53.1 .9062 150 100 195 445 427.289
10th

66kg

Sonsi Matasima 59.6 .8581 155 100 185 440 377.564 21st
Jude Reweru 65.1 .7942 190 120 200 510 405.042
15th

74kg

Bobob Amwano 69.2 .7561 180 132.5 215 527.5 398.8428 18th
Lyle Engar 69.5 .7535 200 140 180 520 391.820 19th

83kg

Ayker Maaki 77.1 .6993 180 130 200 510 356.643 24th
Syd Namaduk 81.1 .6769 200 130 - BMB
Deamo Baguga 82 .6724 240 140 300 680 457.232 16th

93kg

Derio Namaduk 85.9 .6545 272.5 122.5 245 640 418.880 12th
Rint Hubert 86 .6540 230 180 210 620 405.480 14th
Jasper Uepa 89.9 .6388 245 190 232.5 667.5 426.399
11th
Jesse Roland 91.5 .6331 250 200 270 720 455.832
7th

Odonga Agigo 91.7 .6325 240 150 250 640 404.800 16th

105kg

Cazaly jeremiah 94.1 .6247 260 230 260 750 468.525 4th
Boomer Ratabwiy 95.2 .6214 250 160 210 620 385.268 20th

<i>Demedoa Mobit</i>	96.6	.6174	220	120	120	200	333.396	10 th
<i>Bremoki Maaki</i>	99.4	.6101	225	185	210	620	378.262	22 nd
<i>Joash Teabuge</i>	99.5	.6098	330	212.5	285	827.5	504.610	2 nd
<i>Eric Duburiya</i>	102.2	.6057	250	230	250	730	442.161	8 th
<i>Tuki Aubiat</i>	102.8	.6021	260	115	250	625	376.312	23 rd
<i>Elvin Brechtefeld</i>	103.3	.6011	230	200	240	670	402.737	17 th
<i>Rioli Fritz</i>	104	.5996	250	175	270	695	416.722	13 th
<i>Elton Scotty</i>	104.4	.5988	310	210	290	810	485.028	3 rd

120kg

<i>Ricco Dame</i>	110	.5885	275	190	280	745	438.432	9 th
<i>Kallinski Brechtefeld</i>	115.9	.5799	320	230	250	800	463.920	5 th

120kg

<i>Jesse Uepa</i>	137.5	.5603	370	277.5	315	962.5	539.288	1 st
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Inter Department Tug Of War – Denig Oval Organizer: Sports Department

Women's Competition (No of participants: 90)

Health defeated Eigigu (Denig)

Rehab defeated Utilities (location)

Clean and Green (Yaren) defeated Taiwan Agricultural Farm (Anabar)

Semi Final *Clean and Green def Rehab*

Final *Clean and Green def Health*

Men's Competition (No of participants: 90)

Rehab A defeated Utilities (Location)

Rehab B defeated Taiwan Agricultural Farm (Anabar)

Correctional Centre defeated Clean and Green (Yaren)

Semi Final *Correctional Centre defeated Rehab B*

Final *Rehab A defeated Correctional Centre*

**Traditional Sports - Denig Oval
Department**

Organizer:

Sports

Men's Karaduga (No of participants: 30)

First Round *Ijuw defeated Boe*

8-3

Denig defeated Anetan 7-5

Uaboe defeated Ewa 8-5

Location defeated Anabar 7-6

Baitsi defeated Anibare 9-6

Quarter finals *Ijuw defeated Denig 11-5*

Uaboe defeated Location 9-5

Preliminary final *Uaboe defeated Baitsi 6-4*

Final *Uaboe defeated Ijuw 7-6*

Women's Ibibwo (No of: participants: 27)

Denig defeated Location 8-1

Anabar defeated Denig 8-6

Itsibweb

Women's (No of participants: 18)

Denig defeated Anabar 10-6

Men's (No of participants: 18)

Anabar defeated Location 10-7

Wrestling

Junior (Under 16's) (No of participants: 6)

Graigor Uera (Anabar) defeated Justice Edward (Boe)

Kudaman Namaduk (Ewa) defeated Hammer Akua (Anibare)

Reed Dageago (Location) defeated Billy Quadina

Semi Final *Graigor Uera defeated Reed Dageago*

Bye - Kudaman Namaduk

Final *Graigor Uera defeated Kudaman Namaduk*

Men's Open (No of participants: 15)

First Round 1. *Bronko Deiranauw (Uaboe) defeated Douba Scotty (Ijuw)*

2. *Tiana Waidubu (Anabar) defeated Popeye Akua (Ani bare)*

3. *Speedy Raidi (Buada) defeated Tommy Daniel (Aiwo)*

4. *Baite Namaduk (Ewa) defeated Isca Kam (Baitsi)*

5. *Mathew Dick (Denig) defeated Jaden Adun (Anetan)*

6. *Jake Debao (Nibok) defeated Tyke Jeremiah (Meneng)*

7. Andrew Adam (Yaren) defeated Joe Iga (location)

8. Bye -Turin Jockane (Boe)

Quarter Finals 1. Turin Jockane defeated Bronko Deiranauw

2. Tiana Waidubu defeated Speedy Raidi

3. Mathew Dick defeated Baite Namaduk

4. Jake Debao defeated Andrew Adam

Semi Finals 1. Tiana Waidubu defeated Turin Jockane

2. Mathew Dick defeated Jake Debao

Final Tiana Waidubu defeated Mathew Dick

Atti (Frigate Bird Catching) (No of participants: 36)

Organizer: Sports

Winner; Medang Baguga and Co (Meneng Pwiyu)

10

Runner up: Kim Canon and Co (Meneng Pawa)

1

Third: Augustine Dorri Deireragea and Co (Anabar)

1

Tennis Doubles - Aiwo Courts (No of participants: 22) Organiser: Nauru Tennis Federation

Elimination Rounds - Saturday 28 January

Finals - Monday 30 January

Championship Cup

David Detudamo/Michika Tofinga defeated Sharkey Itaia/Reagan Moses

Table Tennis

Team event - Aiwo def Anabar

Volleyball – Location Courts

Organiser: Epo N

Keramen

Women's Final

Anetan def Ijuw

Men's Final

Anetan def location

g) His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido, M.P., made a Statement on Nauru's assumption to the Chair of the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS)

which read as follows; *“Mr. Speaker, On 1st January 2012, Nauru assumed a high profile role on the international stage, as Chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).*

AOSIS is a coalition of 43 small island countries from around the world and the chairmanship, which we assumed after Grenada's term as the Caribbean Chair, provides a new level of influence for our country and all Pacific island nations. It also carries new responsibilities.

The idea to pursue the AOSIS Chair began when Government recognized that Nauru's prosperity and that of the whole Pacific region is inextricably tied to the level of leadership we seek in global affairs.

Such leadership was on display during Nauru's recent chairmanship of the Pacific SIDS, when our region successfully won a declaration by over a hundred countries at the United Nations calling for ambitious action to fight climate change. The Pacific also spearheaded a campaign that led the influential UN Security Council to recognize the link between climate change and international peace and security, which elevated the issue to one of the international system's most influential bodies.

I can tell you that these efforts have brought a new level of respect and prestige to us and to our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker,

When I was at the international climate change conference in Durban, South Africa last December, I was struck by the enormity of the responsibility. There were Heads of State and Ministers from around the world engaged in high stakes negotiations that will determine how the global economy adapts to the challenges of the 21st Century and what kind of environment we bequeath to future generations, and they were looking to AOSIS for leadership.

But we have already shown we can perform at any level and it is exactly the right time for us to rise to this challenge. I am excited about the opportunity. The endeavor will come at little cost to the Republic. The Government of Australia already committed \$1.5 million USD to support AOSIS when Grenada was Chair and we continue to explore other sources of funding. Timor Leste has also kindly supported Nauru in our new role.

We have already begun to build the AOSIS team at our Mission in New York, which includes Nauruans Lara Daniels and Margo Deiye as Second and Third Secretaries. Malia Talakai of Tonga has started as the Alliance's Deputy Lead Negotiator, joining Legal Adviser Teall Crossen and Communications Adviser Michael Crocker who worked previously for Nauru during its Pacific SIDS chairmanship. We are in the final stages of securing support for a Lead Negotiator to represent us at the negotiations as well as Science and Economic Advisers from the Pacific region.

The Chairmanship provides an unparalleled opportunity to build capacity across many areas of Nauru's Public Service, including the Departments of Foreign Affairs, Commerce, Industry & Environment (CIE), Justice and other

ministries. We should seize it to prepare our next generation of leaders whenever possible.

Mr. Speaker,

The Secretary General of the United Nations has called for participation at the highest political level to take part in the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in June so I look forward to joining the new AOSIS team there to deliver statements on behalf of AOSIS as its new Chair. I will also accompany other Leaders from our region to advocate for the Pacific SIDS "Blue Economy" initiative, our plan for sustainable economic growth, in Rio. At the end of the year, I plan to lead AOSIS at the climate change negotiations in Doha, Qatar, which will be our first major conference as Chair of the group.

Mr. Speaker,

Our Mission to the United Nations has taken on a massive responsibility and I ask for your highest consideration in supporting them however we can as they represent Nauru and the Pacific in tackling one of the biggest challenges of our time in front of the world.

Thank you."

h) Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Transport) made a Statement and updated the House on Our Airline which read as follows; *"Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I wish to update the House on Our Airline activities in the last month.*

In the last few months since Fiji ceased its service through Kiribati using Our Airline as their carrier into Nadi, Management has been having ongoing talks and assisting Kiribati officials in trying to get Fiji to reconsider its decision on Kiribati route using his Nauru delegation led by H.E Sprent Dabwido to Fiji held talk with Aviaton Ministry to the possibility to fly direct to Fiji via Tarawa. This meeting was fruitful giving OA to again expand its flying service.

While that is awaiting decision from the government of Fiji, an agreement has been reached between Our Airline and the Government to recommence the Nauru-Fiji service albeit on a fortnightly basis commencing on 5th March. This will provide the necessary link to Fiji while the longer term arrangement involving services via Tarawa is being worked on.

The Brisbane and Fiji services while providing essential services is projected to lose AUD\$5.8M per year if additional charter work is not secured. The OA Executive Team is working on several options to lock in contracts going forward and early indications are positive.

On a brighter note, Our Airline this week after an absence of 4 months secured a charter contract to Christmas Island. There is a good possibility of additional work over coming months due to the backlog of asylum seekers in Christmas Island and the grounding of Strategic Airlines last week (one of the competitors to OA in the charter market).

Our Airline has also secured a month long contract to provide services to Skywest Airlines in Western Australia. The services between Perth and Curtin will operate five days a week (Mon-Fri). It is probable the contract will be extended for another 2 months. This work also provides OA an opportunity to showcase its aircraft and services in the highly competitive yet profitable mining charter sector.

The recent c check and engine change cost around AUD 4.73M. This check involved a 2C check, CPCP, SSI, GPS fitout, interior cabin refurbishment and engine change. The GPS, interior cabin and engine change were additional work which was not carried out on the previous c check (VH-NLK). The aircraft had a number of significant structural repair work done which also increased the total cost.

The scheduled engine change is due to VH-NLK in 2.5 months time based on historical use of aircraft. The net engine cost USD 1.32M. If the engine is not changed before it runs out of cycles the aircraft will be grounded till such time a serviceable engine is fitted.

Given the loss forecast for the airline, Management has recommended the engine be replaced as soon as possible to ensure revenue opportunities could be pursued as aggressively as possible. An engine has been identified for purchase and two engines that has come of VH-INU and will come of VH-NLK will be sold "as is where is". The sale would net USD 700,000 to be offset against the "new" engine cost of USD 1.8M. There are other costs associated with the sale and purchases of engines.

Another issue is that aviation fuel costs have increased by 15% versus same period last year and 11% versus February 2009. The airline is looking at increasing the fuel surcharges to offset some of the increased cost.

And lastly, Mr. Karam Chand, CEO of Our Airline will be completing his 3 year contract in March if not sooner and has decided not to renew his contract. I would like to thank Mr. Chand for his valuable service to Our Airline in ensuring that the Airline meets the Nauru Government's Travel expectations and in keeping the Airline operations viable without needing heavy Government assistance as in the past. On a personal note I am privileged to be working with Mr. Chand in the 4 months. I took office and found him to be a person that maintain and to keep focus to what his objectives are to greater length as a CEO, and for his contribution in term I give him full credit and appreciation on and I wish him well with his future endeavours.

Thank you."

i) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) made a statement to the House on Rights of Persons with Disabilities which read as follows; *"Mr. Speaker, Members are now aware of the approval by the Cabinet for Nauru to accede to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The*

decision reflects this Government's stated ambitions to focus its policies and actions on achieving the objectives of the NSDS which identifies accession to the UNCRPD as a milestone to be achieved by 2012. This objective is now realized and on time.

Mr. Speaker,

News will also have reached Members, of Cabinet's decision to increase the disability welfare benefit to \$100 per fortnight. This Government initiative follows Cabinet's decision to accede to the UNCRPD and has been lauded by the region's disabled community as reflective of the efforts of Nauru's disabled person's organization, especially the Nauru Disabled People's Association, and the Nauru Government's unambiguous support for disabled persons' welfare, security and their right to live a life of dignity.

The Ministries of Health and Education are increasing their attention towards the health, social and educational needs of members of Nauru's disabled community. I am referring to effective implementation of the Disability Inclusive Education policy, the establishment of a prosthetics service for the scores of amputees unnecessarily confined to beds and wheelchairs, and other initiatives. With the prevalence of diabetes in our population, it is prudent and absolutely justified that such a prosthetics service is available on-island. The Ministry is actively seeking support for the establishment of this service.

Mr. Speaker, In addition to the education and health support, railings and ramps have been installed in some of the classrooms, shower and toilets, and a classroom has been extended and an air-conditioning unit has been installed in another classroom to reduce the heat. 6 wheelchairs (2 electric), 2 stability walking frames and four sets of walking crutches were generously provided for by the Department of Education via NZAID funding. Furthermore, there are currently two teachers on training on disability studies in Nadi. We thank the support of APTC for this opportunity. The number of students at ADC has increased from 27 to 35 with varying ages from 4 - 31. Further support and rehabilitation is provided by a health physiotherapist every Wednesday and a breakfast feeding programme has commenced and managed by health.

The beauty and the inspiring efforts from all, makes a difference to the lives of students and families with disabilities. It was especially heartwarming to see the genuine delight of these young people receiving their new wheelchairs and equipment which will see a direct and positive improvement in the quality of their day to day lives.

Mr. Speaker.

Dialogue with the Nauru Disabled People's Association has identified key areas for collaboration and both of my Ministries will pursue these with vigour in the coming months. The New Zealand Government, under its support to the Education sector will be funding a special education person whose arrival is imminent and a deaf education specialist for the future. The NDPA is in early discussions with the advisor assisting with the various education projects to be

funded by the New Government for provision of assistive devices, such as hearing aids, for children at the Able Disable Centre. The advisor is Dr. Barbara Disley who visited Nauru early last year. The NDPA has asked about the possibility of expanding technical assistance for the assistive devices at the national level and has subsequently approached the Ministry of Health to be involved in a prospective joint effort with New Zealand partners. The Ministry will discuss the possibilities with a hearing advisor to be brought to Nauru by New Zealand later this year.

Mr. Speaker

I make mention of the NDPA because it is a non-government organization. It is important for Government to be engaged with civil society because it reflects the degree of transparency and openness of a country's government. Civil societies make us, the Government, and all sitting in this august House, accountable to the people. Our engagement with them reflects the true level of democracy practiced in this great country. This sends a strong message to our developmental partners overseas about our commitment to the principles of good governance.

Tubwa Mr. Speaker.”

J) Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) made a statement and tabled the Inter-Subhead Transfer Budget 2011-2012, which read as follows;

“Mr Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, Today I table before Parliament the updated report of inter sub-head transfers (ISHTs) approved by Cabinet for the period between 20th December 2012 to 21st February 2012.

Department of Chief Secretary - Head 03

The natural account 2105 for Official Functions required additional fund of \$3,500 to facilitate preparations for Independence celebrations which had a week long program of activities. Activities included the Flag Raising Ceremony, the Presidential State Banquet and many programs and sports competition as arranged by the Independence Day Steering Committee.

The natural account 2235 for Special Projects was identified to fund the required \$3,500. The account was budgeted for the Clean & Green program. The balances after decreasing \$3,500 from its budget will still be sufficient to cover remaining expenses under this project for the remainder of the financial year.

Department of Judiciary - Head 44

Judiciary required an increase in the natural account 2495 for Plants and Equipment for a total of \$4,770 to complete the purchase and transport of the Resident Magistrate's vehicle as contracted for official use.

The natural account 2040 for Staff Training was identified, given the course program (Certificate in Law) budgeted for Judiciary staff to undertake this financial year, will be discontinued by the University of the South Pacific Nauru Campus. Therefore the balance of \$4,770 will no longer be required.

Department of Foreign Affairs - Brisbane Office - Head 72

The natural account 2075 for Travel Business required additional funds due to unanticipated and unbudgeted travel of the Consul General and Trade Assistant since the start of the financial year. Additional funds are further requested for the Consul General's duty travel for the remainder of the financial year.

Further, the number of visits to Brisbane by His Excellency the President has been underestimated for this financial year and there is a need to replenish also, the natural account 2100 for Entertainment to enable the Consul General to facilitate such visits.

The account 2070 for Travel Staff has been identified to accommodate the accounts 2075 for travel business and 2100 for Entertainment. The Travel Staff account includes provision for the repatriation and replacement of both the Consul General and Vice Consul; however the Consul general's contract was extended for a further 2 years, and therefore no repatriation costs will be required.

Department of Women's Affairs - Head 82

Due to unforeseen changes and the cancellation of direct Fiji flights from Nauru, the natural account 2075 for Travel Business was not sufficient to meet the increased cost of airline tickets for the two participants attending the CETC training course in Fiji, which required travelling via Brisbane. This was not budgeted for this financial year; hence the need for an ISHT increase of \$1,067.27 to meet the required amount for increased cost of airfare.

The natural account 2495 for Plant & Equipment has been identified to fund the corresponding amount of \$1067.27, as purchases of new equipment will not be required until the next financial year.

Department of ICT - Head 95

The Department of ICT required an increase in the natural account 2495 for Plant & Equipment by \$15,000 to purchase new servers to improve performance of all online services, mail, internet, proxy server and content keeper services and to maintain a more effective and efficient network.

Natural account 2055 for Consultant Fees for the amount of \$15,000 is reallocated to allow the purchase of required hardware for Government central network. The remaining budget balance in the consultancy account will be sufficient to cover relating expenses for the remainder of the financial year.

SUMMARY OF INTER-SUBHEAD TRANSFERS

Increases

HEAD	Department	Natural account	Item	Increase (\$AUD)
3	Chief Secretariat	2105	Official function	3,500.00

44	Judiciary	2495	Plant & Equipment	4,770.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	2075	Travel Business	10,000.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	2100	Entertainment	1,500.00
82	Women’s Affairs	2075	Travel Business	1,067.27
95	ICT	2495	Plant & Equipment	15,000.00
	Total			35,837.27

Decreases

HEAD	Department	Natural account	Item	Increase (\$AUD)
3	Chief Secretariat	2235	Special Projects	3,500.00
44	Judiciary	2040	Staff Training	4,770.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	2070	Travel Staff	11,500.00
82	Women’s Affairs	2495	Plant & Equipment	1,067.27
95	ICT	2055	Consultant Fees	15,000.00
	Total			35,837.27

k) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Education) made a Statement and tabled the following on Education. *“Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to be able to provide this ministerial statement on education to Parliament. The commencement of the 2012 school year has seen numerous activities occurring across the sector. These have been at the school level as well as the departmental level and continue to see positive progress being made towards improving the quality and outcomes of education in Nauru.*

The Department commenced the year with the media awareness program televised locally to remind the parents, guardians and the general public of school hours and the importance of students arriving at school on time. Initial evidence indicates that this campaign has been very successful with the majority of students arriving on time and classes commencing at 8.30am.

Staff from the Department has been in attendance at schools from 8.00am to monitor student and staff arrival times and again we are seeing the majority of teachers arriving well in time for them to undertake preparation for the commencement of classes.

Appropriate action is being taken with those teachers who are not attending regularly or on time.

The department commenced teacher orientation week with a series of workshops and in-service sessions on the supporting the implementation of the new syllabuses. This provided teachers with the opportunity to plan collegially and further enhance their knowledge and understanding of the new curriculum, along with developing a repertoire of pedagogical practices and strategies for implementing the new curriculum in their classrooms. The department has

developed an intensive professional development support plan that will see teachers being supported in their classrooms by curriculum managers, curriculum coordinators, principals as well as planned technical assistance inputs throughout the year.

The relocation of the Department to Aiwo Civic Centre has been approved by Cabinet and the refurbishment works for the new location are underway.

Many of you will have noticed the installation of new outdoor play equipment at Boe Infant, Aiwo Primary and Menen Infant Schools. The Government, on behalf of the Department of Education wishes to acknowledge the assistance provided by the Solomon Islands High Commissioner's office, for two of these sets of play equipment, and the New Zealand Government, under the Partnership Agreement, for the remaining sets which will be installed at each school in the next few months.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Re-entry program at NSS has seen a return of approximately 70 students to school Under the Education Act, attendance is compulsory until the age of 18. This program is aimed at supporting those students who have been disengaged from learning and absent from school for long periods and assist them re-enter school under a supported approach. This figure represents over one fifth of student population returning to school. The department continues to work towards the return of the remaining truant students (approx 200). This large increase in enrolment does of course bring with it associated issues such as a need for additional classrooms and teachers. For this initiative to be truly successful we require the support of parents and community to ensure that each student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. I trust that every parent and guardian will support this important program by encouraging those students who are truant and have absent from school for some time to return to school, where they will be supported in re-entering and taking up formal schooling again.

Through the AusAID program the department has commenced delivery of numerous activities that continue to support the sector. The initial scoping plans for the Learning Village are well advanced and it is anticipated that building plans can be drafted and approved and then the appropriate tender process commenced.

The Schools Grants training in all schools has been completed and all schools have worked closely with their Parent and Citizen Associations to develop School Annual Operation Plans.

The School Grants will provide much needed funding at the school level and provide schools with the opportunity to undertake decision making at the school level. Cabinet will soon be making final decisions in relation to the School Grants. The Department has successfully completed the Education Management Information System and this has been functioning successfully since November last year. Access to accurate and current data is essential to any government department. It also means that government is able to make decisions, plan policy

and undertake strategic planning using an evidentiary base. Such a system also ensures Governments accountability and transparency to the general public in relation to public education. This year will see the Department of Education publish its first statistical digest.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see the commencement of the 2012 school year has seen significant and positive progress continuing to be made across the sector. I know that all of our dedicated educationalists will be working to see this progress continue. I ask all parents and communities to support education through ensuring that students are attending on time and regularly, by assisting students with their learning at home and sharing with their children the importance of education and the difference it can make in their lives.

RONSS - Going overseas.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce the following students who have been awarded leadership roles in their schools. On the other hand we stand proud for our Nauruan children to be recognized in such distinguished roles and responsibilities.

Mr. Speaker, let us all give them a hand of applause as they show true ambassadorship.

Jasper Williams High School-Lautoka

Anushka Cain Head Girl of the School (RON)

Delight Star - school prefect (RON)

Melca Detabene house captain of Topaz (RON)

Levuka Public School-Levuka

Niga Haulartgi¹- flead Boy of the School (RON)

Christine Depaune school prefect (RON)

St. John's College – Cawaci

Carren-Tai Waqa school prefect (RON)

Joseph Benjamin school prefect (Private)

Charnrock Agir - school prefect (Private)

Linus Ika school prefect (Private)

Richo Agir - house captain

Romanus Hartman house captain

Ba Provincial Freebird Institute - Lautoka

Lily Peter school prefect (RON)

Branicia Itsimaeta Deputy Head girl (RON)

Xiena Wiram Form captain (RON)

Marist Brothers and ACS to have yet their induction.

Mr. Speaker it is my duty to report that a fire burnt down the hostel of Levuka Public School. There are six Nauruan students at LPS, and were reported to be safe and in relatively good health. Staff from the Nauru High Commission visited the school on Saturday to see the welfare of our students who had lost everything in the fire. They have now assisted the students to purchase necessary items. Their presence has made a difference to the well-being of the Nauruan students. A lot of support has come in from others and the Nauru High Commission via the WO has provided uniforms, clothing, toiletries etc, to all of our six students, both private and government. Further the Nauru Community met today at the mission to discuss and see how they may assist our students. In addition, the High Commission donated to the school 77 sets of mattresses which include pillows, pillow cases and sheets.

We are truly grateful and thankful to the Lord for the safe-keeping of all our children.

We, the Ministry of Education will maintain links with parents on the well-being of their children and asks for all our support.

Mwa tubwa."

l) His Excellency the President made a statement to the House on the \$20,000 Donation to the Fiji Flood Relief Appeal which read as follows; *"Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues*

I have the honour to report to the House that last Friday 17th February 2012, our High Commissioner in Fiji, Mr. Jarden Kephas, presented a cheque for \$20,000 to Fiji's Prime Minister, Mr. Frank Bainimarama. The donation will go into the Prime Minister Flood Relief Appeal to assist the Fiji Government's efforts towards rebuilding affected areas from the recent floods.

As members of this House will be aware, Fiji was severely affected by a tropical depression and floods last month with an estimated damage to property, crops and infrastructure of up to \$32 million. We hope this modest donation will have a positive effect on the recovery efforts for the Fiji Government and its people.

Mr. Speaker, my Government is committed to assisting our fellow Pacific countries when and where appropriate and such a natural disaster has prompted such an action of modest contribution. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones during the floods and the people of Fiji with their efforts of recovery.

Thank you."

m) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) made a Statement to the House on the following: *"Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I present and briefly discuss a few*

key issues of importance of the Ministry of Health in this august house and the general population in Nauru.

1. National Strategic Plan of MoH

Mr. Speaker, the vision of the Ministry of Health is and I quote, 'A Healthy and Peaceful Nation that values and supports human rights and dignity through the provision of quality health care and services', unquote.

Based on the principles of Primary Health Care, the Ministry of Health aims to promote; protect and maintain the health of all people of Nauru through preventive health care programme and appropriate clinic services as its Mission Statement

The Ministry had formulated its Health Strategic Plan 2010-2015 which has been adopted by Government for implementation by the various department of the Ministry. The costed strategic plan draws heavily on the funding support of both the Government of Nauru and Australia for the various strategies and activities proposed to address the vision and mission of the plan. Mr. Speaker, I wish to share in this august house that in the plan there are a few new services proposed by the Ministry for achievement by 2015 and these include at least the following;

1. Improve health protection through enforcement of regulation such as that on public health, food and tobacco
2. New laboratory performance through the introduction of microbiology service and capability
3. Expand medicinal preparations and availability through pharmaceutical manufacturing
4. Computerised health information data collection, tabulation and analysis (Patient Information System)
5. Improved community health service through district community health centres
6. Prosthesis laboratory – for lower limb amputees

2. Management Staff of MOH

Mr. Speaker implementing work plans need solid management structure including the availability of appropriate human resource. Government is supportive of the development local capacity for key management positions in Ministries and Departments. On this commitment I wish to share in this august house that Government has decided that the position of the Secretary of Health and Medical Service will be advertised for potential recruitment of a local or Nauruan. To support this decision, the Ministry of Health's management team is ready and available to provide technical support to the new appointee and also offer, if need be, exposure and training on health systems abroad. Furthermore Mr. Speaker, it is also the undertaking of Government that other senior management position in the Ministry be assigned to locals if they are qualified and available to take on such responsibilities.

For long term sustainability of human resources for health in Nauru, my Ministry will continue to develop and train of local staff both at the undergraduate and post graduate level. Needless to mention Mr. Speaker productivity, efficiency and job satisfaction of the local health staff are linked to several factors including the overall policy of government on its workforce. My Ministry will seek ways and means of improving work conditions of local staff so as to improve productivity and participation on health service provision at the hospitals and community levels.

3. Master Planning for New Hospital

Mr. Speaker Sir, government is appreciative of the earlier thoughts and consideration towards the construction of the new hospital for Nauru. Indeed the current two health facilities have serviced the population of the country for many years and as designated public buildings, wear and tear issues are part and parcel of infrastructure issues and challenges. The Ministry is appreciative of the assistance given by AusAID on funding support for the master planning exercise for the construction of a new hospital building. May I inform the august house Mr. Speaker that the first phase of the master planning exercise was undertaken in last month and with the report now available for consideration by the Ministry. Location and layout of facilities and services would be important considerations in the early phases of planning.

4. Bangkok Meeting on HIV/MDG

Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago I had the privilege to attend the UNESCAP meeting on HIV and MDG in Bangkok. At that meeting I shared in that forum that Nauru was fortunate not to have a registered HIV case in its population as yet. However Mr. Speaker in the new global environment we now live in, it is sensible to conclude that Nauru will not remain immune to HIV infection and as such our efforts should target amongst others, delaying the introduction of the disease though interventions on predisposing factors to disease development.

Indeed Mr. Speaker, following the 2006 Declaration and the 2011 Political Declaration, Nauru has asserted that the prevention of the HIV epidemic will be the cornerstone of national responses to the HTV epidemic. Through the technical support of WHO, Nauru was able to conduct a campaign on Periodic Presumptive Treatment for sexually transmitted infections in 2011 targeting the high risk population of 14-45 years using a specific antibiotic. I am pleased to report here Mr. Speaker that the Presumptive Treatment Campaign in Nauru was very successful and had reached a high coverage rate of 97% of the target population. In the current absence of HIV cases in the Nauru, we believe that preventive health activities such as Periodic Presumptive Treatment can reduce prevalence of gonorrhoea, chlamydia and ulcerative STIs among the vulnerable population and that sustained STI reductions can be achieved when implemented together with peer interventions and condom promotion.

5. Millennium Development Goal

Mr. Speaker, on the Millennium Development Goal (MDG), Nauru is slowly making progress towards the achievement of the MDG health targets. Health related MDG are primarily MDG 4 on child mortality, MDG 5 on maternal health and MDG on HIV, Malaria and other diseases. Preliminary analysis of health statistics showed that for 2011 the infant mortality rate was 22 per thousand and the rate has been steady at around 24 per thousand in the past 5 years. There were no maternal deaths recorded for past 2 years and these agree well with our maternal death target. On MDG 7 target, addressing STI particularly Chlamydia infection remain a challenge in the face of no recorded HIV cases. Overall Mr. Speaker Sir, Nauru can achieve its set MDG health targets in 2015 if we remain focus on key preventive health strategies and that our ill members in the community access health services early and heed to medical instruction and advice given.

6. Disease Control

Mr. Speaker, disease control is a major focus and undertaking of the Ministry of Health. Needless to mention, bulk of the funding for health services is utilized by hospital for treatment of common diseases. Mr. Speaker, Nauru has been identified as a country with a very high prevalence rate of diabetes and this status has not changed over the years. Review of data for 1976, 1994 and 2004 showed similar results that around 22.7% of adults aged 25-64 years were on treatment for diabetes or had a high fasting blood glucose level.

The World Diabetes Foundation (WDF) has estimated that there may be approximately 2,150 people living with diabetes in Nauru. My Ministry has put in place strategies to screen 70% of the adult population for diabetes this year as only 549 citizens are currently registered as diabetics in the health system. Furthermore Mr. Speaker, clinical studies undertaken in 1994 had indicated a high prevalence of diabetic end-organ disease. Over 80% of known diabetics at that time had at least some signs of disease complications and this percentage has not changed much through the decade.

Mr. Speaker Sir, I wish to highlight a very important development related to diabetes disease complication for comprehension. Chronic kidney disease mainly due to diabetes is a growing health problem that could threaten health systems and services in the country. Nauru has the longest running dialysis service in Pacific Island Countries and the demand for this service continues to rise every year. Currently Mr. Speaker Sir, there are 24 patients on routine dialysis with services offered from the dialysis unit on full time basis. A further 15 and potential dialysis patients are awaiting recommendations and the required surgical procedure to be included in the service. Furthermore, there are other stages of chronic kidney diseases that if not managed properly could end up as candidates for dialysis treatment. In this group and category there are 36 patients in stages 3 and 4 of kidney disease. Mr. Speaker Sir these figures are alarming for a small country to contemplate especially when taking into account the high cost of the services and in the face of high disease burden. To achieve our health vision and

also the national mission as set out in the National Sustainable Development Strategy a lot of self and national reflection needs to be undertaken.

Mr. Speaker, our population needs to take ownership of health and that the whole of government is responsive to preventive health strategies. My Ministry will continue its commitment to educate and motivate our communities to adopt healthy living and lifestyles. We need to address the high number of defaulters in clinic attendances and follow up including lack of adherence to instructions on medication and healthy life choices. Needless to mention Mr. Speaker Sir, my Ministry will strengthen its role and functions on disease control through at least programme structural changes, improve technical staff contribution, improve community base clinics services and improvement health communication strategies. Working together we can bring about changes for the better.

I thank you Mr. Speaker.”

n) Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Transport) made a statement to the House on Port's Scheme which read as follows; “Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members,

I as Minister for Transport, I would like to update members on the activities of the departments under my Ministry.

PORTS

February was a busy month with 2 phosphate ships, 2 cargo ships and 1 fuel tanker. All ships were efficiently and effectively serviced by the Ports team, and again congratulations to the Harbour Master and all Ports workers for the good performance. Ports divers discovered damaged span ropes in the mooring system and this was again efficiently addressed with assistance from Ronphos who brought in the rope consultant and mooring consultant to supervise rope splicing, re-connecting and re tensioning of the moorings. This ensures continuity of ships into our ports without delays due to damaged moorings. Only one bit of bad news and this was some damaged cargo (4 vehicles) which was caused by very rough seas on the way to our port by the vessel Moanaroi, and not while at our ports.

NEW PORTS DESIGN

Two Japanese wharf construction representatives (one of them Penta Ocean which did Anibare Community Harbour) arrived and presented a viable new wharf construction proposal were once approved by Cabinet will be finally presented to Japan government for donor funding and hopefully the start of constructing our new wharf becoming a reality in the very near future.

LAND TRANSPORT

February was also a busy month for Lands Transport especially for our bus drivers and conductors with the beginning of the 2012 school year. The increasing number of workers and students using the buses will mean some difficulty in keeping up with schedule and route demands by schools and

government departments, but we hope to improve this when the 2 new buses arrive on the next ship from Fiji. Garage management and mechanics continue with government vehicle fleet maintenance, vehicle allocations etc, despite supply delays. Some instant application asphalt and reflectors were received by Lands Transport and pothole repairs and road reflector installations have started. More materials, including reflective road paints are being ordered for road repairs to continue until our roads fully maintained. Some road repair work such as unblocking road drains and repairing damaged footpaths are being scoped for possible outsourcing to Eigigu Enterprises or other contractor.

CIVIL AVIATION

As part of its NSDS policy to maintain to meet minimal international standards and recommendations, the Directorate of Civil Aviation (DCA) in order to strengthen and progressively upgrade air traffic services provided from Nauru International Airport and to introduce an air traffic control service (ATC), commissioned a consultant from Airways International, NZ to conduct a review of current Air Traffic Services. The consultant arrived on Nauru on 28/11/11 and stayed until 07/12/11 to conduct the review. The Report is already received. This Report will also assist the DCA to implement rules from its new Civil Aviation Act 2011 ("CAA 2011") which was only passed in February 2011. There is a team of aviation lawyers expected to arrive in Nauru next month to review the new CAA 2011. This is part of PASO's (Pacific Aviation Safety Office) undertaking for all its member states including Nauru to ensure that the legal and technical requirements of the states are in place before adoption of the NZ Rules which is part of the harmonization of all legislations of such PASO states.

Last December 2011, as one would see every day you drive past Yaren, there are moderate sized rock boulders which have been placed to temporarily fill the gaps. As a result of the clean & green campaign both communities of Yaren and Boe commended for their outstanding diligence in maintaining its theme of CLEAN & GREEN, have highlighted the big gaps in the runway fencing. Hence these rock boulders have been temporarily laid there to bridge the gaps in order to stop and prevent unauthorized access onto the runway/aerodrome area. These will be removed once fencing material has been received. Other project still ongoing is the installation of the PAPI system on the runway and seeking Ausaid assistance on procurement of firefighting protective clothing and hoses.

Thank you"

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved that the Paper be noted.

o) Hon. Ryke Solomon (Minister for CIE) made a Statement to the House on updates & progress within the Department of CIE. "Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to update this august house on the progress of development within

the Department of Commerce, Industry & Environment which has taken place since our last Parliamentary Session.

The early stages of 2012 have been substantially progressive and the Department of CIE foresees many objectives that are achievable in the year ahead:

ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Mr. Speaker, the Environment Division of CIE remains committed to addressing the environmental issues Nauru faces and operates with dignity within its mandate to tackle several challenges such as Climate Change, Biodiversity, and Water Security.

1. Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme visit to Nauru

On the outset, I am delighted to report on the recent visit of Mr. David Sheppard, the Director General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme.

Nauru warmly received Mr. Sheppard for his visit of 2 and a half days between the 13th and 15th of February 2012. His primary mission was to closely consult the Environment Division of CIE, particularly the project staff that currently operates certain activities under the SPREP affiliation.

Due to various commitments coinciding with the arrival of the Ambassador from Israel during the mentioned dates, Mr. Sheppard was greeted with a formal dinner which was hosted by the Heads of Departments from DFAT, CIE, and Finance on the evening of his arrival. He was also given the opportunity to briefly meet with His Excellency the President, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and myself as Minister for CIE during his final day of the program prior to his departure.

During my discussions with Mr. Sheppard, he expressed his gratitude to CIE for effectively carrying out tangible projects relating to water security issues under the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Integrated Water Resource Management Projects. He stated that there were other areas in which Nauru may wish to consider accessing further assistance from SPREP that could potentially be offered under other various programs within their portfolio such as Waste Management, Invasive Species programs, and Asbestos Management. CIE will be closely engaging SPREP on the possibilities of moving forward with activities in particularly regarding Asbestos Management.

Our discussion also highlighted Nauru's achievement in assuming Chairmanship of the Alliance of Small Island States grouping for negotiations at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. He has advised that a formal letter was issued to Her Excellency Ambassador Marlene Moses based in New York to offer SPREP's assistance to Nauru in our forward endeavours as Chair for AOSIS, and that SPREP remains on standby to be of help to Nauru.

2. Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)

Mr. Speaker, I shall now move onto providing an update on progress within the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) project.

I kindly recall my Statement delivered at our last meeting which covered progress involving household sanitation efforts for groundwater resources, and the installation of twin chamber septic tanks at various schools and 20+ households inclusive of the generous hundred thousand(\$100,000) contribution from AusAID for up scaling. Additionally I also made mention to the introduction of compost toilets in other schools with some volunteered houses for the demonstration project.

The past 7 weeks since have been rather challenging in terms of the up scaling of septic tanks due to the scarce availability of supplies such as cement and aggregates. The involved contractors have since been working with limited resources as a means to maintain progress to the extent possible, however the IWRM project foresees a slight delay in the program which may require additional efforts in the near future to compensate for the slight setback. Meanwhile, continued monitoring of the wastewater from the current septic tanks remains effective with specimens collected on a monthly basis which are stored at the Ministry of Health's R.O.N Hospital Lab for the collation of data. Work on the compost toilets are genetically in the finalized process. A secondary inspection of implemented works is currently being conducted and it is anticipated that I will be able to report on its successful completion at our next seating.

3. Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project (PACC)

Mr. Speaker, in parallel to the IWRM project, the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (or PACC) project continues to operate in a relative manner charged with the duties of promoting conjunctive use of potable and non-potable water domestically.

Phase 1 of the P ACC project has progressed steadily with the solar water purifiers systems located in Aiwo District being monitored on a periodic basis. No major setbacks have been encountered since our last meeting and a quarterly analysis will be conducted throughout the year. Feedback from the partipatory households for the demonstration project within the community are generally good which anticipates a conclusive report at the end of the project lifetime with recommendations for further expansion where possible.

Phase 2 is well underway with concept designs for the revamping of the saltwater reticulation system to provide for Location Blocks and Married Quarters. The first update report will be available at the end of the first quarter this year.

4. Water Tank Procurement

Mr. Speaker, in addition to the efforts currently being carried out by both the PACC and IWRM projects, AusAID had offered an amount of one million (\$1,000,000) Australian Dollars, initially given in installments of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) for each year for the past two years, named the Climate

Change Measure Money. The concept of constructing concrete water tanks to increase domestic water storage capacity as an adaptation measure to precipitation change was developed and incorporated into the operations of the PACC and IWRM objectives.

The approach undertaken for the selection of the type of water tanks was finalized in January this year and was completed through a series of technical consultations and reviews of the best methods applicable. It was decided that concrete water tanks above ground level are most sustainable in terms of durability and low maintenance.

The general public was called upon to submit their names to a list compiled by the PACC and IWRM projects which was screened with priority given to households without water tanks. The next steps forward involve engaging a contractor to carry out the implementation and Government has put forward its interest to AusAID that it would preferably wish to utilize the existing capacity that is available within Nauru's State Owned Entities so as to allow the opportunity for sustainable and efficient services, however, these decisions are yet to be finalized through further communication in the near future with AusAID. In the meantime, Government has taken the initiative to commence a trial phase on 3 selected sites through use of national funds until such time when decisive discussions between Nauru and AusAID are more conclusive. The Climate Change Measure Money provided by AusAID currently remains untouched.

5. National Climate Change - Health Action Plan Draft completed

Mr. Speaker, it also gives me great pleasure to report to the house that the development of the National Climate Change and Health Action Plan has completed its first draft. The action plan was put together and vigorously worked on by a working group comprising of staff from the Departments of Health and CIE in collaboration with experts from the World Health Organization and Curtin University in Western Australia.

The Action Plan aims to offer better guidance between the two respective Ministries when addressing the closely inter-linked issues of climate change and health for the present and future. Goals are clearly identified within the documents which are clearly aligned with National objectives outlined under the NSDS.

The draft will undergo peer review through circulation and discussions then will be put forward to the National Development Committee for endorsement prior to Cabinet Submittal which is targeted before the end of March.

AGRICULTURE DIVISION

6. Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) to CIE

Mr. Speaker, I further takes this opportunity to update the house on progress within the Agriculture division and assistance provided from the Taiwan Technical Mission.

The handover phase of the Taiwan Technical Mission farms at the Buada and Anabar sites has thus far been a fluent transition without any major obstacles apart from drought periods. Although the complete transfer of management to local personnel will require a 3 year period through close observation from TTM, a few updates to highlight the progress are as follows:

- Piglet distribution currently stands at 18 since January 2012 and will consistently continue distribution at the rate of 2 per month;*
- Construction on the national nursery is completed and is expected to be fully operational at the beginning of March 2012;*
- Poultry egg production had dropped down to an estimate of two hundred (200) eggs per day in early January but recent improvements indicate production at a rate of one thousand one hundred (1,100) eggs per day;*

In addition to the continuity of livestock, poultry and nurseries, the Agriculture Division of CIE is also involved in the National youth program which had started earlier this week. This offers a good opportunity for the training of young people to be more aware and actively involved in Agricultural practices. I trust that this will prove effective when coupled with a community outreach program in collaboration with the Sustainable Land Management project.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

7. Nauru Entrepreneurship Development Centre (NEDC)

Mr. Speaker, please let me revert to update on progress within the Business Development Division.

AUSAID funding for the NEDC project ended at the end of last year and the final audit of the project is expected to be conducted on a yet to be confirmed date between March and April 2012.

Business Development Specialist (BDS) Ms. Lolita Belandres has completed her consecutive 12 month contract thus meaning that the Centre's training program is currently put on hold until such time a new specialist is appointed which is currently being explored by CIE.

To summarize the main achievements of the NEDC project during its lifetime, I have outlined the following points:

- 1) Entrepreneurship Training was provided to over 80 participants that produced a successful completion rate of 18/22 participants per class. The success rate is quite high given that such a program has never been conducted in the past;*
- 2) Micro-Credit Loan facilities has been approved to 19 potential entrepreneurs who have successfully completed the official course to help start up small businesses. This is an ongoing activity which will be periodically assessed by the Business Division Development Division and reported on at a future seating.*

8. Central Market

The Central Market continues to strongly grow with more interested vendors being involved than in the past. Unlike previous years, the market remained open all throughout the festive season which is a clear indication that the potential for further expansion of coordinated management in the future is viably possible.

9. Other updates

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion and in the interest of time, I have outlined a summary of points which highlight progress for the information of Members of this house:

- The National Water Sanitation and Hygiene Policy was endorsed by Cabinet in January 2012 – this achievement is also regionally acknowledged and announced by SPREP;*
- The National Drought Management Strategy was endorsed in principle by National Development Committee earlier this month and is expected to obtain full endorsement out-of-session at the end of this month for submission to Cabinet;*
- Nauru will be hosting the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Regional Workshop this year;*
- The German International Cooperation (GiZ) will be closely working with CIE to develop Climate Change Policy and map out approaches in collaboration with the SOPAC division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community for the development of a Joint National Action Plan for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management somewhat similar to the Climate Change and Health Action Plan that was recently developed.*
- The Adaptation Fund of the Kyoto Protocol proposal formulation is still being developed with the assistance from UNDP. The focus of coastal protection from erosion and inundation remains the primary objective and is hoped to be ready for submittal to the UNFCCC Secretariat as soon as practicable.*
- The Sustainable Land Management Project under the Environment Division continues to progress at an eventual pace. The project management team is concluding the final steps of the National Action Plan in collaboration with the University of the South Pacific and the United Nations Development Programme in Fiji. Other SLM activities will summarize the completion of a beach profiling portfolio and Nauru's alignment to the objectives of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.*

Mr. Speaker I thank you for bearing with me. That concludes my update on activities within the department of CIE.

THANK YOU”

Mr. Pitcher (Ubenide) moved that the Paper be noted.

9) Leave of Absence

Mr. Riddell Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) sought leave of absence for Mr. M. Batsiua (Boe) who is away overseas.

Since the Chair noted the leave raised, Leave was granted.

10) Motion – Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2011-2012

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be read the first time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read the first time.

11) Motion – Second Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

(Under Standing Order 159, debate on the question was adjourned to a future date).

12) Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159

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

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

13) Letter of Recommendation

Chair read letter he had received from HE the President as Chairman of Cabinet, which read as follows;

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.3) 2011-2012

ARTICLE 59(3) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NAURU

I, SPRENT DABWIDO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET AND IN PURSUANCE OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CABINET, NOTIFY PARLIAMENT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE WITHDRAWALS FROM THE TREASURY FUND AS PROPOSED BY THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION

BILL (NO.3) 2011 2012 IS RECOMMENDED TO THE PARLIAMENT BY THE CABINET.

DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2012

*SPRENT DABWIDO
PRESIDENT &
CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET*

14) Motion – Leave Sought For

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Negatived.

15) Division of the House Called For

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) and His Excellency the President called for division.

The House divided

<u>Ayes</u>		<u>Noes</u>	
H.E. Dabwido	Hon. Bernicke	Mr. R. Akua	Dr. Keke
Hon. Adeang	Mr. A. Amwano	Mr. R. Kun	Mr. Pitcher
Hon. Dowiyogo	Mr. B. Waqa	Mr. M. Stephen	
Hon. Solomon	Mr. M. Dube	Mr. L. Deireragea	
Hon. Thoma		Mr. D. Tabuna	
Total – 9		Total – 7	

The question on the division resolved in the affirmative and therefore, allowed the mover of the Bill to proceed to the third reading.

16) Motion – Third Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency the President seconded

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

17) Motion - Leave sought for

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido, M.P., sought leave of the House to move the following Bill - Customs (Rates of Duty) (Amendment) Bill 2012

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Leave was granted.

18) Motion – Customs (Rates of Duty) (Amendment) Bill 2012

His Excellency the President, moved that the Bill be read a first time.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read the first time.

19) Motion – Second Reading

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

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, debate on the question was adjourned to a future date).

20) Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159

His Excellency the President, moved that the Standing Order 159 be suspended to enable debate on the second reading to proceed forthwith.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time.

21) Motion – Suspension of All Relevant 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. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a third time.

22) Motion

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the House recess and to resume Friday, 24th February, 2012 at 10:30am.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed

The Chair then suspended the sitting and to resume Friday, 24th February, 2012 at 10:30am

Resumed (Friday 24th Feb. 2012)

23) Matter of Privilege

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) raised a matter of privilege to the Chair to tender his apology in regards to his unparliamentary remarks he made against Mr. Kun (Buada).

The Chair instructed that the unparliamentary remarks made by Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) be struck off in the Hansard.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) requested the Chair in the House to take a short break of 30mins due to certain Members attending a funeral.

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

Resumed.

24) Motion – Sought Leave For

Mr. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to present the following Bill (Nauru Trust Fund Bill 2012).

His Excellency the President seconded.

Leave was granted.

25) Motion – Nauru Trust Fund Bill 2012

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be read a first time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read the first time.

26) Motion – Second Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Second reading ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, debate on the question was adjourned to a future date).

27) Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159

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

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time

28) Motion – Leave Sought For

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Leave was granted.

29) Motion – Third Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

30) Motion – Leave Sought For

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move the Superannuation (Repeal) Bill 2012.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Leave was granted.

31) Motion – Superannuation (Repeal) Bill 2012

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be read a first time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read the first time.

32) Motion – Second Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

(Under Standing Order 159, debate on the question was adjourned to a future date).

33) Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159

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

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time

34) Motion – Leave Sought For

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Leave was granted.

35) Motion – Third Reading

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

36) Motion – Suspend All Relevant Standing Orders

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved to suspend all relevant standing orders to enable the Minister for Ronphos to present and table a Ministerial Statement.

His Excellency the President seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

37) Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) made a statement to the House on Ronphos updates, which read as follows;

“CHALLENGES

Mr. Speaker, start of year 2012 was not easy for Ronphos. There was no phosphate to sell. And ships were scheduled to arrive in three weeks time NRC priorities were different, and NRC was not aligned, to RONPHOS Mr. Speaker.

To make matters worse, the Screen Deck at the Loading Bridge cracked requiring urgent replacement. CEO seriously considered chartering large Russian aircraft Antonov 12 to fly the entire screen deck in. All indications

were there that Ronphos would be unable to load the scheduled ships and it faced millions of dollars in dead freight or demurrage bills.

Mr. Speaker, this problem was not because Ronphos is not good, but because Ronphos is good. The production is so high that it used up and sold all of mined phosphate. NRC could not produce fast enough and Ronphos had no choice but to shut down until stocks build up, and also lose millions of dollars in penalties. Looking at Ronphos success, the Dabwido government made the decision to offer the position of **Interim CEO** for NRC to Ronphos CEO and made changes in the **Board** and appointed **New Chairman** to put together a team that we think will work together very well. Options was very clear produce instantly large amount of phosphate or shut down and pay millions in penalties.

This government Mr. Speaker is determined to maintain and build the confidence of the world market in the Phosphate Industry of Nauru. I correctly emphasize, is committed in words, and also in action to the necessary, and urgent reform processes.

The government, has successfully positioned NRC and Ronphos to do extremely well in the global market and is determined to maintain the market confidence in the Nauru phosphate industry and at his crucial time it decided to give Ronphos CEO the additional responsibility to instantly turn around the production of NRC.

IMPROVEMENTS

The turnaround in phosphate supply from NRC was instant Mr. Speaker. Within three days, 10 trucks were on the road and production reached record levels. Mined phosphate stock grew rapidly and Ronphos team did not lose too much of production time and very quickly made up for all the losses. Ronphos team also produced excellent repairs to the Screen deck, it survived long enough until the new screen deck arrived via ship.

RESULTS

Mr. Speaker the teamwork between Ronphos and NRC in the time of crisis was remarkable. The production numbers speak for themselves. Within three weeks of the leadership change in NRC, Ronphos was able to produce enough phosphate to load the large ships. Ronphos paid no penalties at all and no dead freight charges.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say that Ronphos and the Nauru Port Authority also work as a team and together they completed the loading of all the ships successfully. Each ship loading took no more than 24 hours.

I am pleased to provide the feedback to the Parliament that this consistent ship loading performance, has indeed improved the reputation of Nauru Port Authority in the "International shipping market" and also in the eyes of the Phosphate buyers. Most importantly the market confidence in the Nauru Phosphate industry has grown considerably.

I am very impressed with the team spirit that is in the Nauru Phosphate Industry, it is certainly visible and inescapable. The repairs to the screen deck sustained the production and all ships were loaded on time and in full. All the payments are received in Ronphos bank accounts and Ronphos cash position is better than ever before.

PRICE INCREASE

Mr. Speaker, Ronphos was successful in negotiating another price hike for high Cadmium phosphate. It is a very good price and I am pleased to report that this has boosted our profitability even further, and brought lot more money in the Ronphos bank account. Future price increases will be achieved through spot sales and short-term contracts. Post June 2012.

PORT INSPECTIONS

Ronphos has implemented the use of a French Multi-national company based in Adelaide called Bureau Veritas to perform inspection of phosphate discharge at the destination port. The independent inspection and its report are now used to defend multimillion dollar penalties that Ronphos used to incur in the past. Not anymore.

Now Mr. Speaker penalties are very small and nominal, majority of this money is now into the Ronphos bank account.

MOISTURE AND GAS PROJECT

Cost reduction and clean energy Mr. Speaker is essential for the future of phosphate drying. Ronphos is aggressively promoting use of "Natural Gas" instead of Diesel, or waste oil. New Zealand Company Reef Gas is in the process of studying and preparing a transition for the Kilns to be converted to dual fuel. I report that this project is on target and expected roll out is in May 2012.

MOROCCO KILN

Morocco has offered to donate their old kilns to Ronphos. Ronphos has put together a request through HE, to send our select team of staff there for few days to observe and get trained in its operation before decommissioning another team to dismantle and ship it to Nauru and then install it here. My team and I await the progress in its proceedings and I will keep this parliament informed of this progress as it happens. Mr. Speaker.

EXCLUSIVITY

Former Stephen government, the minister extended the contract and the exclusivity arrangements in the contract to Getax until 2017. Recent negotiations have been conducted to create competition amongst phosphate buyers to keep on pushing the prices up through spot sales and short term sales contract post June 2012

SPOT SALES

This government has made it very clear to all buyers that after June 2012, the current volume in contracts will end. Ronphos will use spot sales to push prices up. Two practice runs are conducted since December. The results have been good, more profitable, and it can be done quite easily.

AIWO DUST PROBLEM

Mr. Speaker, Ronphos CEO met with the representatives of the Aiwo community leaders. During the meeting Aiwo community concerns were listened to and discussed. Ronphos CEO shared the strict discipline followed by Ronphos of hourly monitoring of cyclone dust extractors performance. Aiwo Community is fortunate that I am in the minister seat and Hon. Milton Dube as Member of Parliament. We are in a better position than ever before in finding a solution to Aiwo problem.

As a team with our collective effort we will find a solution for this dust problem. A new concept is currently worked on that employs the use of very fine water mist at the chimney to make each dust particle heavy and settle down.

PHILPHOS

Mr. Speaker, delegation that included Minister for Finance, Justice and NRC Hon. David Adeang, M.P., Hon. Baron Waqa, M.P., Hon. Aloysius Amwano, M.P. and GoN Advisor Manish Sundarjee and Ronphos CEO went to Manila to negotiate phosphate deal and also the closure to GoN ownership of Philphos share. The phosphate deal offered by Philphos was mixed with the sales of GoN shares of Philphos Company and offer of Condominium instead of cash. The deal was extremely complex and unworkable. For Phosphate, the trading terms offered were also unworkable. I employed use of Letter of Credit (LC). After conducting due diligence on Philphos dealing using LC with other phosphate buyers, it was confirmed that the LC's offer may not be cashable.

Philphos has a track record of non-payment and also justifying non-payment by implementing heavy penalties. It also did not fit with the new policy implemented by Ronphos CEO of paying majority of the money in advance. As a result, that deal will be reviewed at another opportune time. Ronphos will not expose itself to any risk of non-payment by any phosphate buyers.

I thank you."

Mr. Pitcher moved that the paper be noted.

38) Order No.1 – Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010.

The Chair made a brief statement on the background summary on the Orders of the Day No.1., which read as follows:

21 Dec 2010	Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010 introduced by Hon. Amwano, seconded by Hon. Dabwido; Bill read a first time; Hon. AA moved that the Bill be read a second time, seconded by Hon. Batsiua – second reading speech delivered; under S.O. 159, debate on the question deferred to the next sitting
25 Feb 2011	Hon. Amwano moved to defer debate on the next sitting; Hon. Dabwido seconded.
14 April 2011	Second reading debate proceeded; question put and passed; Bill was read a second time; Hon. Dabwido moved to proceed Committee of the Whole at the next sitting, Hon. Keke seconded question put and passed
20 June 2011	House resolved into committee of the whole; Parliament resumed; Hon. Keke moved that the Committee report on progress and seek leave to sit again (Hon. Stephen seconded) – question put and passed
21 June 2011	Parliament adjourned before reaching the relevant Order of the Day
23 June 2011	Parliament adjourned before reaching the relevant Order of the Day
24 June 2011	Committee of the Whole resumed; Parliament resumed and adopted the report of the Committee of the Whole; Hon. KK moved that the third reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for the next sitting (Hon. Stephen seconded)
16 Aug 2011	Third reading of the Bill was an order of the day on the notice paper, and Hon Sprent Dabwido moved that the order of the day be carried over to the next sitting
25 Oct 2011	Parliament did not get to Orders of the Day because quorum was lost part of the way through the sitting
27 Oct 2011	No Quorum
1 Nov 2011	No Quorum
3 Nov 2011	A member moved that the relevant Order of the Day remain on the notice paper for the next sitting (minutes do not reflect which Member proposed this)
10 Nov 2011	election of President – Parliament did not get to Orders of the Day
15 Nov 2011	election of President – Parliament did not get to Orders of the Day
16 Nov 2011	Message from the President – Parliament did not get to Orders of the Day

39) His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido, moved that order of the Day No. 1 to remain on the Notice Paper and be made an order of the day at the next sitting.

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

40) Motion Fixing the Date For the Next Sitting

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

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

41) Adjournment

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.

Hon. David. Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

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

Members Present

All members were present at some time during the sitting, except:

*Mr. Mathew Batsiua (Boe)

John Garabwan
Clerk of Parliament

***Leave of Absence**