

**Votes & Proceedings  
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**No. 29**

First Sitting of the Twenty-Third Meeting  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006

10.00 a.m.

- 1) The House met at 10.00 a.m. in accordance with the resolution made on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006.
- 2) The Hon. Sprent Dabwido M.P. (Deputy Speaker of Parliament) took the Chairman and read Prayers.

3) **Question on Notice**

Question No. 15 of 2006 – was adjourned to next sitting.  
 Question Nos 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of 2006 – adjourned to next sitting.  
 Question No. 22 of 2006 – was replied to.  
 Question No. 23 of 2006 – was replied to.  
 Question No. 24 of 2006 – was replied to.  
 Question No. 25 of 2006 – was replied to.  
 Question No. 26 of 2006 – was replied to.

4) **Question Without Notice were asked.**

5) **Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers**

(i) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade) made the following statement on his trip report on France – Oceania Summit and Forum Economic Ministers Meeting :- *‘Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, on my most recent departure from Nauru, I had the privilege of accompanying His Excellency the President to the France-Oceania Summit held in Paris on 26 June 2006.*

*Chaired by French President Jacques Chirac, the Summit was successful in strengthening relations between France and the 16 Forum countries – that is, including Australia and New Zealand – and between the forum countries and the French Territories in the Pacific, namely New Caledonia, French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna.*

*France requested the forum countries’ favourable support for the application by its territories in the Pacific to join the Forum as associate and/or observer members, to which the Forum countries agreed that the matter would be considered by leaders at the next Forum in October.*

*It may be noted that the Forum Island Countries took the opportunity to discuss two matters that were considered of priority importance, namely: French aid to the Pacific, and climate change. In terms of aid, France noted that assistance to the Pacific through the EU had increased.*

*However, there was more substantial and lengthy discussions on the matter of climate change, on which the French President was supportive and pledged to lobby on behalf of the Island countries to ensure the Kyoto protocol was acceded to and implemented, particularly when he attended the meeting of G-8 countries.*

*Taking the opportunity of the proximity presented to Switzerland, and at the request of the Government of Switzerland, the Nauru Delegation led by His Excellency the President then visited Geneva, more specifically the headquarters of the Red Cross where His Excellency the President signed the instrument of accession to the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols on the International Committee of the Red Cross. It may be noted that Nauru was requested as the last sovereign country to sign up and therefore universalize the Geneva Convention.*

*Mr. Speaker and honourable colleagues,*

*Immediately after the Summit, I attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting in Honiara on 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July, which was well attended by Forum Countries, including Australia and New Zealand which delegated the meeting to their Treasurer and Finance Minister respectively.*

*A matter which was discussed at length both inside and outside the meeting proper, including during the Ministers' retreat, was that of labour mobility.*

*Whilst the meeting noted that the relatively poor economic growth of Forum Island Countries – as compared to similar Island Countries from the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean – was mainly as a result of Poor Policy Choices, there was a widespread if not unanimous view that labour mobility could have a substantially positive effect on the Economic Prospects for both the Island and Metropolitan Countries.*

*The Forum has therefore been assigned by FEMM to give the matter further study, in continuation of the Region's prioritization of the issue of economic growth generally and labour mobility more specifically.*

*It may be noted that whilst at the FEMM, I took the opportunity to have bilaterals with the ADB, UNDP, The Forum Secretariat, the Solomon Islands Government, the Australian Treasurer, Japan and others on a range of issues including air services to Nauru and the immediate pacific neighbourhood, the Offshore Processing Centre, and Technical and Financial assistance to Nauru.*

*Immediately after the FEMM, I took the opportunity to visit the offices of the Forum Fisheries Agency, meeting also the Nauruan National working there as PNA Coordinator.*

*I was further privileged to represent the government of Nauru to the Independence celebrations for the Solomon Islands held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.*

*Mr. Speaker and honourable colleagues, with these brief words, I thank you for your attention.'*

(ii) The Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIR) made the following statement on his official trip to Brisbane to meet with AusAid and DFAT on MOU and NACOS-

*'Mr. Speaker, I wish to provide members with a brief report of my official travel to Brisbane from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of July,*

*The main purpose of the trip was attending the high-level talks with AusAid and DFAT on MOU and NACOS. I will confine my report to the outcomes of the NACOS talks held on the 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Honourable members, I am pleased to inform the House that the NACOS talks were extremely positive and constructive, with a number of important outcomes having been achieved for the benefit of NRC and Nauru. By way of a quick brief, I can advise the House that AusAid/DFAT have agreed to a number of unresolved issues, including:*

- *Payment of all outstanding NRC pending salaries (approx. \$470,000);*
- *Payment of all outstanding NRC lease and rental arrears (approx. \$30,000);*
- *Payment of outstanding NRC debts (approx. \$24,00);*
- *Payment of forward capital expenditures for FY 2006/07 (approx. \$350,000);*
- *Approval of funding for a project on Waste management;*
- *Approval of funding for a project on Water exploration and management;*
- *Agreement to discuss a proposal for a study on Coralstone.*

*Furthermore, two completed joint studies were discussed at the meeting. The first, the joint review of NRC, identified ways and means of strengthening the Corporation, and the second, a feasibility*

*study of Secondary Mining, strongly supported our contention that secondary mining was feasible and in fact necessary. A third review on the administrative arrangements under RADCA is underway, with a draft report due in September. Mr. Speaker, these three studies have proved invaluable in supporting our cause, and will be instrumental in the development of rehabilitation and secondary mining. At my insistence, all 3 studies were funded entirely by Australia and not from NACOS.*

*I am pleased to announce also that Australia has agreed to a new budgetary procedure for the payment of NACOS funds to NRC. Instead of monthly payments of \$70,000, Australia has agreed to quarterly lump sum payments to NRC to fund activities under the 2006/07 budget. This will afford NRC the opportunity to plan ahead better and secure appropriate expertise and equipment from abroad.*

*Mr. Speaker, our next high-level talks will be in September on Nauru, at which time I will be Chairing the second meeting of the Joint Coordinating Committee. Thank you.*

(iii) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade) made the following statement on his visit to Australia with a delegation consisting of six Meneng District Representatives:-

*'Mr. Speaker, and Honourable Colleagues, as head of the Nauru delegation recently returned from a one-week visit to Australia, I have the pleasure to report to the House some of the salient details of this trip.*

*Having departed Brisbane on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, the delegation consisting of six Meneng District representatives, including the two (2) Members of Parliament for Meneng, liaison officer and myself first visited Adelaide. The first official task commenced the next day with the delegation meeting Senator Amanda Vanstone the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. I am glad to say that the Senator made time on 10<sup>th</sup> July to meet the delegation and had fruitful discussions on issues raised by the Honourable Members of Parliament for Meneng. The concerns raised were shared with the two most prominent being management of Health and Security Standards.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it should be noted that the Minister assured the delegation that stringent Health and Safety Protocols would be implemented.*

*On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July the delegation journeyed to Port Augusta to tour the Residential Housing Project and the Baxter Detention Centre.*

*Before the tours, the delegation had a chance to meet with the Mayor of Port Augusta as well as the Secretary to the Council for Port Augusta and discussions focused on the Community's expectations of the facilities in terms of resources and actual benefits received since the establishment of the centres.*

*The Housing Project is situated within the Port Augusta Community itself and has a perimeter fence less than 5 feet high along with automated boom gates. Although this may seem inadequate there was a strong sense of trust between the residents and the camp managers. The fencing as highlighted by the Resident Managers was built more to keep people out and to accord privacy rather than to keep the residents inside. The houses all fully furnished, and boasted spacious living and sleeping areas. After hours the security is tighter as all entry points such as windows and doors to the houses are set to trigger off alarms should they be opened.*

*On touring the perimeter and the inside of the Baxter Detention, it was clear as to the purpose of this facility. Security was much tighter with a barbed wire inner fence and electric outer fence. According to the centre's management, again this is more a deterrent for over-zealous public, who have been known to destroy the fence.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable colleagues, the contrast between the two facilities is obvious and I might add, both highlighted the purposes set for each centre.*

*The trip culminated on 12<sup>th</sup> July when we visited the Canberra Headquarters of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs. We were given the opportunity to hold discussions, especially in regards to the Health and Security issues. These discussions were chaired by Mr. Bob Correll, Assistant Secretary for DIMA, who engaged mostly with the issues raised by the two Members of Parliament for Meneng.*

*Some time was allocated specifically to discuss with their Health experts , the Health issues and how these could be resolved, especially matters of concern such as HIV-AIDS, STI'S and other diseases such as TB and Malaria.*

*Mr. Speaker and honourable members, I conclude by saying that this trip was successful. It provided the opportunity to strengthen bilateral relations and make new acquaintances, and promote mutual understanding on personal shared concerns. I should add also that this trip was made possible by the generosity of the Australian Government.*

*I want to end by thanking the two (2) Members of Parliament for Meneng, Hon. Dogabe Jeremiah, & Hon. Sprent Dabwido M.P., together with their four (4) Meneng Community Leaders – namely Mr. Benedict Kepae, Mr. David Daoe, Ms. Helen Dageago & Ms. Marlelda Dabwido – for helping to make the visit a successful and enjoyable one. I am confident that government can continue to look to their leadership in our mutual endeavour to do what is right and what is best for Nauru. Thank you.'*

(iv) The Hon. Dr Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) made the following statement on his recent overseas travel:-

*'Mr. Deputy Speaker, in keeping with the established practice and policy of your government in order to better inform the House and our people of the work undertaken by your government, I would like to provide a report of my recent overseas official travel.*

*Mr. Deputy Speaker, I departed Nauru on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July for Tarawa in Kiribati. I was accompanied by Mr. Charleston Deiye, Acting Secretary for Transport, Ms. Kim Hubert, Presidential Counsel and Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, CEO Air Nauru.*

*In Tarawa, the Nauru delegation had several meetings and undertook a number of on site tours.*

*The delegation and I undertook a tour of the Maritime Training Centre. This was a very informative visit displaying a well equipped and managed Maritime Training Centre. We were very impressed with the training on offer and in particular the arrangement with German owned Shipping Companies to employ graduates of the 12 month program.*

*This visit was later followed up with a meeting with the Department of Labour regarding the possibility of young Nauruan men being sent to the Kiribati Maritime Training Centre and the opportunity for employment on ships worldwide. These discussions were positive and the Ministry of Transport will be pursuing this exciting opportunity for young Nauruans to be trained and gain employment on ships worldwide.*

*The delegation and I also toured the Shipping Port in Tarawa. This was another opportunity to obtain first hand examples that can be applied to improve the Port Authority on Nauru.*

*During the visit we viewed the Tarawa tug and raft system. Flowing from this 2 follow up visits were undertaken to two shipyards in Tarawa. There are opportunities for much more affordable technical assistance for the Port of Nauru in relation to our raft, tugs and building refurbishment, and the Ministry will be pursuing this.*

*The delegation and I were invited to tour and inspect the Taiwan Mission in Tarawa. This mission has been active for about 2 years and has created a very impressive demonstration agricultural farm and piggery and chicken farm. Nauru is fortunate in that we benefit from the experiences of the Taiwan Mission.*

*We were also invited to lunch by the Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan) where we met the Taiwan Medical Delegation to Kiribati. Taiwan will be sending the Medical Delegation to Nauru sometime in September and we had discussions regarding preparations for the team's visit to Nauru.*

*The delegation and I had a meeting with the Ministry of Health. This was very productive and has resulted in training places for Nauruans in Basic and Advanced Nursing. This will add to the training opportunities available for Nauruans in Nursing. The facilities in Tarawa for Nursing training are excellent and with the assistance of donors is further developing.*

*The talks were complemented with a full tour of the Hospital. During the tour we inspected amongst other things, the new Prosthetics Clinic which is producing excellent false legs. Discussions with the Ministry of Health have led to Nauru being able to send patients to Tarawa to have prosthetic legs made.*

*The positive talks have further increased the co-operation between the two Ministries of Health and where Kiribati receives specialist visits that Nauru do not receive, then Nauru is welcome to send patients there to be treated by the visiting specialists.*

*The Delegation and I had meetings with officials from the Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding air services for Kiribati. There are several issues to resolve but the talks were very cordial and co-operative and we will be further following up the outcomes of these talks. During this meeting discussions were also held on the matter of International Shipping Services and the possibility of co-operation between our governments that may improve the cost to importers.*

*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July was Kiribati Independence Day. I had the honour to represent His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty at the Kiribati Flag Raising Ceremony and State Function where I had friendly talks with Kiribati Anote Tong, some of his Ministers and other diplomats and officials.*

*The following day, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, I departed Tarawa for Brisbane to join Minister's Adeang and Pitcher with our officials at the MOU and other talks with Australian Government, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Whilst in Brisbane, a meeting was also held regarding shipping options for Nauru in particular in relation to phosphate as well as general cargo.*

*I spent the Saturday in meetings and working with the Chairman and Senior Executive of Air Nauru along with our advisor, Mr. Sundarjee. There is a great deal to do to prepare the new aircraft and our airline for recommencement of services in August. All is going well and progressing.*

*I then travelled to Fiji where I was joined by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Secretary for Transport, CEO Air Nauru and Air Nauru's legal counsel and two days of meetings were held with Fiji on Air Services. The atmosphere of their talks was very friendly but difficult and at times conflicting technical and commercial issues were addressed. Following their talks I had a one on one meeting with my Fiji counterpart the Minister for Transport. These matters are ongoing but discussions with the Fiji Ministers were very positive and auger well for a good outcome.*

*Whilst in Suva I had a meeting with the Dean of Fiji Medical School where we discussed Nauru's training needs in Health as well as the program of our two students currently at Fiji School of Medicine, one doing Physiotherapy and the other doing Medicine.*

*I also had a meeting with the Ministry of Health which was very productive. Our two Ministries have almost finalised a Memorandum of Agreement that secures training places for Nauruan nurses at the Fiji School of Nursing. The Memorandum also secures for Nauru a significant number of nurses and allied health professionals for Nauru. It is expected that we will have these nurses & A.H.P's such as pharmacist, Lab Technician, Physicist on Nauru within the next 2-3 months.*

*This was another busy trip with many different meetings which I believe have been very productive for Nauru's benefit. Thank you.*

(v) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade) made the following statement on a Brief Report to Parliament on MOU talks with Australia :-

*Mr. Speaker and honourable colleagues, immediately after the visits to Adelaide and Canberra regarding the Offshore Processing Centre, I led delegations to meetings held in Brisbane regarding NACOS and the MOU with Australia.*

*Whilst I will leave the matter of NACOS to the Minister responsible for the Rehabilitation Corporation who shall report on the successful outcomes of that meeting, I am pleased to report to the august House that talks on the MOU were also successful. It may be recalled that the MOU signed last year in New York by myself and Foreign Minister Downer, commits Australian aid to your government's reform commitments. This assures substantial support for government's ambitious reform agenda, as*

well as assures the Australian Government of tangible effort on Nauru's part to find a sustainable, viable, longer term future for Nauru.

After delivering a presentation on the 2006/2007 budget, it was not considered necessary to report on Nauru's progression of reform commitments as itemised in the MOU, the budget document and explanatory comments made thereafter being considered sufficient tangible evidence of Nauru's continued commitment to reform and find a longer term future for Nauru. Substantial discussions were held in which contributions were made also by my Cabinet colleagues, Health Minister Hon. Kieren Keke, and CIR Minister Hon. Freddie Pitcher ranging from issues of Utilities Services, support for the Health Department, establishment of an Ombudsman Commission, rebuilding of Nauru Secondary School, Food Security and of course legal support for the work of the Parliament Select Committees.

It may be noted that an amount of approximately AUD25 Million is expected to be spent by Australia on assisting Nauru with priority activities during the current budget year ending 30 June, 2007.

With the identification and quantification of funds completed, and with Australia's agreement in principle on priority projects proposed by Nauru, your government's next task is to assign Cabinet to confirm a budget for these priority projects, matching expected expenditures with available MOU Funds, and linking these activities as much as possible with your government's own activities under the 2006-2007 Budget. This of course has to take into consideration also the anticipated activities to be generated by the OPC if the new proposals proceed as planned upon passage of the designated Unauthorized Arrivals Bill, which Bill will give effect to the policy changes in Australia and the new proposals relevant to the OPC, these OPC-related activities are as yet un-costed and likely to result in a further increase in spending on Nauru on infrastructure and basic services, not by AusAid but by DIMA.

For the interest of this august House and the general public, your government is presently considering as new priority projects for MOU funding: the Price Control Board, the Welfare System, Legal Support for the Parliamentary Select Committees, the Establishment of the Ombudsman Commission rebuilding of the Nauru Secondary School, support for the Eigigu Holdings, support for the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, and additional support for the provision of fuel.

At the MOU talks, it was further agreed that Nauru should provide a strategy outlining tangible reform commitments that could be matched with additional support from donors for the provision of fuel, which strategy would be considered at a Roundtable Meeting of Donors regarding Utility Services to be held on Nauru in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September. At this time, it is expected that AusAid, the ADB, the EU and Japan will be present at those talks.

With these very brief words, I thank you for your attention, and I look forward to further informing this august House on key developments with the MOU between Nauru and Australia.'

(vi) The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) made the following statement on Health Department update:-

**'1. Nauru Health Supply Chain** – From mid March 2006 to today, the Nauru Health Supply Manager, Mr. John Brendoski Limen, together with a Supply Chain Consultant, Mr. John Blume, have assessed the problems and have planned and implemented changes to the supply chain to improve the efficiency, timeless and appropriateness of provision of pharmaceuticals and medical consumables for patients.

Specific achievements include:-

- **Reducing the time taken for Order Development, Approval and Release from 5 months to less than one month.**
- **Reducing the time taken from Release of an Order to its Receipt at the Republic of Nauru Hospital from over 6 months to 2 months.**
- **Improving the Fill Rate i.e of all orders delivered in full, on time and within budget from approximately 50% to over 90%.**
- **Reducing the number of items on Backorder from over 100 to less than 10.**

- **Reducing the number of times** where senior management needs to be involved in solving problems **from many to very few.**

*Additionally, all key supply chain processes have now been documented.*

*In summary, significant changes have been made to the way we order and manage Pharmaceuticals and Medical Consumables. Whilst we are seeing very encouraging results, further work needs to occur to ensure that stock-outs and delays do not re-occur.*

## **2. Capital works**

### **2.1 Emergency Department**

*The refurbishment of the Emergency Department is now complete. This project has been funded with the continued assistance from the Australian Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA). This refurbishment has involved the complete gutting of the Emergency Department, and total refurbishment. The work also included new storage areas which will enable the safe storage of medical equipment and consumables. It will also ensure improved management, particularly of medical consumables and decrease the incidence of wastage, particularly stock expiring.*

*The improved layout of the unit will ensure patients are assessed and treated quickly and will also improve patient outcomes.*

*This work has been undertaken by Central Meridien and they have again worked with staff to maintain services during the constructions phase, have completed the project on time and on budget.*

*Plans are being prepared for the provision of piped Oxygen to the ED, HDU and theatre areas. This will again be a great improvement in the services the Ministry is able to provide.*

### **2.2 PHOLN**

*Capital Works has commenced on the computer lab for the PHOLN network. This work is part of a WHO project and will ensure staff have quick access to Internet and will also enable the Ministry to set up bilateral studying arrangements with organizations such as Fiji School of Medicine (FSM) in distance flexible learning modules.*

*The computers for this lab have been purchased with the WHO funds and it is anticipated that these will arrive in the near future. Technical assistance will be provided by WHO in the setting up of the lab and also training of staff to use the lab. This is one of the very important strategies which will go towards recruiting and retaining staff, it will ensure they are able to maintain currency with practice and also help them to progress their professional development and training.*

*The refurbishment contract has been awarded to Central Meridien by WHO.*

### **2.3 Water sewage works**

*The tender for the Water Sewage Works at RON Hospital has been released. Again this work is being funded by DIMA. Tenders close on the 30<sup>th</sup> July and it is expected that the tender will be granted to the successful company early September and the work will be completed by end of year. This work will cause some major disruptions at the hospital site and also will involve digging up the main road; this will cause disruptions to the traffic flow. A media campaign will be done as part of the tender specifications and the community will be informed of all disruptions before they occur. It is hoped that the work on the main road will only take a week at the most.*

## **3. WORKFORCE ISSUES**

### **3.1 Israeli Medical Team**

*It is unfortunate that I need to inform the House that the planned visit by Israeli Medical Team has been postponed due to the current conflict in the Middle East. The first two doctors were due to arrive this past weekend. Unfortunately, we do not have a date for rescheduling but I will be happy*

to inform Honourable Members once we hear from the Israelis. I would like also to convey through the House our wishes that peace will be again resorted to the Middle East in the near future.

### **3.2 Other Medical Workforces Issues**

Nauru is again experiencing difficulties in maintaining a basic medical workforce. Despite constant work by a number of agencies we are still struggling to recruit and retain medical staff, this is a global problem. The ministry has recently contacted recruitment agencies in both India and the Philippines to gain assistance with this project. The Ministry has also submitted a whole of Health Workforce Strategy to DIMA seeking assistance in funding with some of the identified essential positions.

### **3.3. Nursing and Allied Health Workforce Issues**

I am pleased to inform the House that Mr. Trevor Switcher has commenced duties a Volunteer Pharmacy Assistant, Trevor will be working with the Pharmacy Staff in improving the way we deliver Pharmacy Services.

I am also pleased to inform the House that during my recent visit to Fiji, I met with Senior Staff from the Fiji Ministry of Health and the Fiji School of Nursing. The Ministry is setting up formal arrangements which will ensure ongoing recruitment of Nursing and Allied Health for Nauru. This will be done under a formal MOU and it is anticipated that 10 Senior Nursing Staff will be arriving in Nauru in the near future. These nursing staff will be experienced staff that will be able to assist in increasing the capacity and skills of our local staff. These staff will be contracted to the Nauru Ministry of Health for a period of 2 years. It is also anticipated that the same arrangements can be made for allied health staff. I would like to formally express our appreciation to the Government of Fiji and the Fiji Ministry of Health in being willing to work with us in such a collaborative and co-operative way.

## **4. Co-operative Arrangement with e-Kiribai Government and Ministry of Health**

During my recent visit to Kiribati I held discussions with the Ministry of Health, from these discussions they have agreed to allow 3 Paediatric patients to go to Kiribati for plastic surgery to be performed by the Interplast team. This visit is planned at this stage for the 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006-07-24.

I also had discussions and was fortunate to review the prosthetic services which are offered in Kiribati, these services are of a higher standard than those offered in Fiji. It is anticipated that in the near future Nauru will be able to gain access to these services. This will be of great benefit to the disabled people of Nauru.

## **5. Public Health**

### **5.1 Diabetes Validation Study**

Last week and this week the Public Health staff, with the assistance of WHO and CPAP from the University of Sydney, are conducting this survey. It is planned that 500 community members will be resurveyed as part of the STEPS survey. These results will then be used to finalise the STEPS Survey Report and the NCD Strategy.

### **5.2 World Breast Feeding Week**

World Breast Feeding week will be celebrated in Nauru the week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. The Maternal and Child Health Clinic, under the Department of Health, in conjunction with the Women's Affairs Office are organising workplace "Crèche" in commemoration of this week.

For a child to achieve optimal health status, it is recommended that they are exclusively breast fed up to 6 months.



*The Workplace Crèche will allow nursing mothers to breast feed their babies. These places should be concealed from public view to offer privacy and comfort while nursing their infants.*

*Mothers who wish to utilize this service will need to bring their own babysitters. The introduction of the Crèche concept will hopefully pave a way towards future plans in developing this particular service for breast feeding mothers. It would be ideal if each work site designates a room for this service. This success of this promotion will depend greatly on department participation so it is important that nursing mothers be encouraged to bring their babies to this crèche.*

### **5.3. Mental Health Service**

*The staff of the Nauru Mental Health Service continues to do its work in establishing the service. The district liaison committee is providing valuable input on health service provision to the Ministry.*

*The Ministry was notified formally last week the DIMA is extending the funding and support of this service for a further six months. Mr. Richard Bromhead had agreed to extend his contract and will continue his work with the Ministry staff and the community.*

### **6. Laboratory and X-Ray services**

*There have been some significant issues with the provisions of these services. They have a number of break downs which has impacted on our ability to provide any service.*

*The x-ray equipment requires a new generator; this had had to be made as one off as parts for the model of equipment which we now have are now unobtainable. It is hoped that this new generator will be on island end October. This equipment has been purchased from MOU funding.*

*Laboratory services are functioning at a less than optimum level but staffs are working to improve this very important level of service delivery.*

### **7. Overseas attachments/Training**

*Eva Gadabu and Ngano Mwareow are leaving this weekend for a three week attachment to Taiwan for specialist training; this attachment is being fully sponsored by the Republic of Taiwan.*

*Chanda Garabwan is attending a JICA sponsored attachment on Lifestyle Changes, funded by JICA.*

*Isabelle Amwano and Zinnia Grundler are attending a SPC workshop in Noumea on HIV and TB prevention, funded by SPC.*

*We thank our donor friends for this invaluable support for our staff.*

*Mrs. Lois Angimea will be attending the regional Chief Nursing Officers conference in Samoa in September.*

### **8. UN Volunteer Nurse**

*Ms. Emi Chutaro will commence duties in Nauru on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Emi will be here for 12 months she has extensive experience in Public Health particularly in the areas of maternal and child health.*

### **9. Specialist**

*Dr. Wareen Walsh and Dr Susan Read have just provided a specialist cardiology visit to Nauru, they reviewed 170 patients in the week they were here. These visits are a valuable aspect of our service. Mr. Luke Bearup from RACS, who co-ordinates these visits will also visit Nauru in early August to discuss with Ministry staff future plans for ongoing specialist medical visits.*

(vii) His Excellency the President Ludwig Scotty, M.P., made the following statement on his trip to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> France-Oceania Summit convened in Paris, France :-

*'Mr. Deputy Speaker and Honourable Members, as you would recall at the last sitting of Parliament, I mentioned that I would be attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> France-Oceania Summit hence I would now like to place on record my report of that travel.*

*On Sunday 18 June I departed Nauru to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> France-Oceania Summit which was convened in Paris, France. This Summit was funded by France and is the second time that the French Government has hosted such an important meeting for leaders in the Pacific region – the first being in 2003, which some of you may know, was held in Tahiti and was attended by myself again, fortunately, to be able to present Nauru’s case considering my limited time in government of two months for that year.*

*Of this occasion, I was accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. David Adeang, my Presidential Counsel and Aide-de camp, as well as some members of our Consulate in Bangkok, namely; the Consul General Mr. Alex Ke, the Deputy Consul Mr. Ken Lai and Consul Mr. Jacky Chen.*

*Aside from Nauru, the Summit was also attended by heads of States and Governments and officials from the Pacific Islands Forum Member countries, as well as the French Overseas Communities of the Pacific, and the Commissioner of the European Commission Mr. Louise Michele and other EU officials.*

*Amongst other issues, the Summit discussed areas of mutual interest and ways of strengthening French –Pacific relations and regional cooperation. One example of this that was agreed to at the Summit is the joint surveillance of Pacific waters by France, Australia and New Zealand. I will not elaborate further on this meeting as I have attached copy of the Declaration for Honourable members’ information but I do wish to mention that the meeting, in my opinion, was a successful and rewarding event.*

*Mr. Deputy Speaker, I wish to also report that from Paris, my delegation proceeded to Geneva to deposit the Instrument of Accession to the four Geneva Conventions and two Additional Protocols relating to the protection of war victims. For the information of the Honourable members of this House as well as the general public, Nauru is the last sovereign country to accede to the Geneva Conventions, hence this important piece of humanitarian legislation is now truly universal in its scope.*

*We also had the pleasure of visiting the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) where we were met by the Vice-President of the ICRC and I had the pleasure of signing the Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Convention. In conclusion, I wish to convey my gratitude to the ICRC for their generous hospitality, including the provision of accommodation to all members of my delegation.*

*Thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.’*

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume at 2.30 p.m.

### **Resumed**

(viii) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) laid on the Table of the House, Inter Subhead Transfers pursuant to Section 4(2) and (3) of the Appropriation Act 2005-2006:- *‘Mr. Speaker and Honourable colleagues, today I present to Parliament the document recording inter sub-head transfers agreed to since the last session of Parliament relating to the 2005-0 Budget.*

*The Appropriation Act 2005-2006 Section 4(2) & (3) states that Cabinet may direct that a surplus of funding provided under one sub-head may be applied to another sub-head, within the same Head of expenditure. The Act requires Cabinet to lay before Parliament a copy of the order of the transfer at the first meeting of the Parliament after approving the transfer.*

*This document I present to Parliament today meets the requirements under the Act and has received the agreement of Cabinet for the purpose of accounting for anticipated actual expenditure during 2005-2006.*

*All sub-head transfers in 2005-2006 have been accommodated within under-spends from other sub-heads from within the same Head.*

**SUMMARY OF INTER-SUBHEAD TRANSFERS*****Increases***

<b>Head</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Increase (\$)</b>
01	Chief Sec – Secretariat	202	Salaries – Local Staff	30,000
01	Chief Sec – Secretariat	270	Entertainment	6,000
01	Chief Sec – Secretariat	352	Store Items	200
01	Chief Sec – Secretariat	353	Repairs & Maintenance Plant	3,500
01	Chief Sec – Secretariat	423	Official Celebration	2,300
02	CIR	326	Special Project	471
04	Police & Prison	205	Salaries & other contract Employee	6,800
04	Police & Prison	301	Printing & Stationery	1,000
04	Police & Prison	429	Police/Prison Supplies	500
04	Police & Prison	502	Plant & Equipment	300
06	Works & Infrastructure	205	Salaries-Others contract Employee	6,800
06	Works & Infrastructure	423	Official Celebration	9,033
07	Education	202	Salaries	96,000
10	Justice	301	Printing & Stationery	500
10	Justice	502	Plant & Equipment Furniture	8,000
11	Health	204	Allowance Contract Staff	95,500
11	Health	205	Salaries – Other Expatriates	10,000
11	Health	255	Travel & Transfer Business	623
11	Health	309	Membership Fees & Subscription	390
11	Health	352	Stores Items	642
12	Parliament	305	Telephone & Fax	2,963
13	Chief-Ministerial	270	Entertainment	1,500
13	Chief-Ministerial	305	Telephone & Faxes	2,577
13	Chief-Ministerial	325	Consultant Fees	490
13	Chief-Ministerial	352	Store Items	180
13	Chief-Ministerial	353	R&M – Plant	207
			<b>Total</b>	<b>280,676</b>

***Decreases***

<b>Head</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decrease (\$)</b>
01	Chief Sec - Secretariat	317	House Rental	3,500
01	Chief Sec - Secretariat	317	House Rental	38,500
02	CIR	325	Consultant Fees	471
04	Police & Prison	371	Rations/Hospital & Prison	2,800
06	Works & Infrastructure	502	Plant & Equipment	15,833

07	Education	205	Salaries – Other Expatriates	7,000
07	Education	301	Printing & Stationery	4,000
07	Education	308	Library Periodicals	3,000
07	Education	352	Store Items	10,000
07	Education	404	Scholarship	60,000
07	Education	528	Staff Training	12,000
10	Justice	255	Travel & Transfer – Business	500
10	Justice	314	Legal Expenses – External	8,000
11	Health	203	Salaries – Expatriate	40,500
11	Health	304	Rental of Location Quarters	40,000
11	Health	421	Health & Hygiene Projects	7,500
11	Health	430	Drugs, Dressing & Dental	7,500
11	Health	528	Staff Training	11,655
12	Parliament	301	Printing & Stationery	363
12	Parliament	309	Membership Fees & Subscription	2,600
13	Chie Sec-Ministerial	314	Legal Expenses	4,954
			<b>Total</b>	280,676

(ix) The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) laid on the Table of the House, Inter Sub-Head Transfer in pursuance to Section 4(2) & 3 of the Appropriation Act 2006 – 2007 :-

*‘ Mr. Speaker and Honourable colleagues, today I present to Parliament the document recording inter sub-head transfers agreed since 1 July 2006 relating to the 2006-2007 Budget.*

*The Appropriation Act 2006-2007 Section 4(2) & (3) states that Cabinet may direct that a surplus of funding provided under one sub-head may be applied to another sub-head, within the same Head of expenditure. The Act requires Cabinet to lay before the Parliament a copy of the order of the transfer at the first meeting of the Parliament after approving the transfer.*

*This document I present to Parliament today meets the requirements under the Act and has received the agreement of Cabinet for the purpose of accounting for anticipated actual expenditure during 2006-07.*

*All sub-head transfers in 2006-07 have been accommodated within unde-rspends from other sub-heads from within the same Head.*

#### **Summary of Inter-Subhead Transfers**

##### **Increases**

<b>Head</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Increase (\$)</b>
54	Transport	360	Local Transport	4,230
			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,230</b>

##### **Decreases**

<b>Head</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Subhead No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decrease (\$)</b>
54	Transport	353	R&M Plant	4,230
			Total	4,230

(x) His Excellency the President Ludwig Scotty M.P., made the following statement to the House on the Allegations against the Minister for Health, involving the incident in Suva:-

*'Mr. Deputy Speaker, during questions without notice, a number of allegations were made against Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, M.P., Minister for Health, Sport & Transport, relating to an incident that occurred whilst he was in Fiji last Thursday.*

*The allegations are very serious and have caused me grave concern since first brought to my attention by the families involved this last weekend. My Cabinet and the Caucus all share my concern and in no way whatsoever will we allow such alleged behaviour from amongst our group. Such alleged behaviour, constituting assault, if found true, would lead to immediate removal from my Cabinet and I would have no hesitation in having the full force of the law thrown at the Member.*

*During the break, due to my concerns and the serious concerns of the members of Caucus, my government and Caucus have had lengthy discussions on the matter. What is rapidly clear to me, is that more detailed explanation of the events demonstrates clearly that the allegations against the Minister are not true and that pursuit of the full details, in this August House may likely have negative repercussions on others involved in the incident. The Minister, nor my Government, has any desire to pursue any repercussions against anyone involved in this incident.*

*The long Caucus discussions focused largely on the best way to handle this unfortunate incident so as not to cause unnecessary damage to others involved. There is no protection of my Minister. Should the explanation of the events not been clear, I would have no hesitation to ensure appropriate action be taken against him. What I and the Caucus wish to do is allow a resolution that does not damage the families or other people involved.*

*The Minister concerned will meet with the families affected in person at the earliest opportunity. I am sure, that once the Minister and the families have discussed the events of that night, that both will agree that nothing further need pursued, in this House or outside.*

*The families have a grievance and I am concern and so is Minister Keke and all the Caucus that his grievance be addressed and following our in depth discussion of the matter, I know that the families will appreciate hearing from the Minister and discussing this in detail.*

*However, Mr. Speaker, it is my view and Caucus agrees, that this not a matter that needs to be laundered in this House for all on Nauru to enjoy like some "soap opera" on the television. Nauru is a close community and as President I have no desire to see families damaged by having such issues aired for the entertainment of all on Nauru. This is a matter that should and will be addressed by the individuals face to face.*

*I trust Members and the Nauruan public appreciates the concern and the effort my Government and Caucus have given this matter and trust that Members will respect the persons and families involved and allow the matter to be resolved outside of the House without the need to make it a spectacle for public enjoyment.*

*Thank you.'*

The Chair suspended the sitting in order that Members have a copy of the statement made by the President and to resume when the bell rings.

## **Resumed**

### **6. Motion – Leave sought for**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of the House to move the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Leave was granted.

### **7. Motion – Custom Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved to present the Custom Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006.

Then Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

(Microphone was not working when the Bill was read a first time)

#### 8. **Motion – Second Reading**

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

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

Under S.O. 189, further debate on the Bill was adjourned to the next sitting.

#### 9. **Motion – Suspension of all relevant Standing Orders**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that all relevant S.O. be suspended to enable the second reading debate to ensue forthwith.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question and put and passed.

Second reading debate on the Bill ensued.

Question put and passed.

#### 10. **Division of the House Called for.**

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) and Mr. Harris (Aiwo) called for a division.

#### **The House Divided**

<b>Ayes</b>		<b>Noes</b>	
Mr. Scotty	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Harris	Mr. Ribauw
Mr. Adeang	Mr. Batsiua	Mr. Adam	Mr. Tabuna
Mr. Keke	Mr. Buramen	Mr. Stephen	
Mr. Waqa	Mr. Akua	Mr. Jeremiah	
<b>Total - 8</b>		<b>Total - 6</b>	

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### 11. **Letter of Recommendation**

The Chair informed the House that he had received the letter of recommendation from the Minister for Finance, which read as follows:-

*'I certify that in accordance with Article 60 of the Constitution, the tax imposed by the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006 is recommended to Parliament by the Cabinet. Thank you.'*

#### 12. **Motion – Leave sought for**

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

Leave was not granted.

**13. Motion – Suspension of all relevant S.O.**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that all relevant S.O be suspended to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and negatived.

**14. Division of the House called for**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) and the Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) called for a division.

**The House Divided**

<b>Ayes</b>		<b>Noes</b>	
Mr. Scotty	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Harris	Mr. Ribauw
Mr. Adeang	Mr. Buramen	Mr. Adam	Mr. Tabuna
Mr. Keke	Mr. Batsiua	Mr. Stephen	
Mr. Waqa	Mr. Akua	Mr. Jeremiah	
<b>Total: 8</b>		<b>Total: 6</b>	

Question put and negatived.

The House then resolved into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the Bill.

**In the Committee**

(Mr. Batsiua (Deputy Chairman) presiding)

Clause 6 was agreed to.

Clause 5 was agreed to.

Clause 4 was agreed to.

**15. Division of the House Called for**

Mr. Adam (Buada) and Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) called for a division.

**The House divided**

<b>Ayes</b>		<b>Noes</b>	
Mr. Scotty	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Harris	Mr. Ribauw

Mr. Adeang  
Mr. Keke  
Mr. Waqa

Mr. Akua  
Mr. Buramen

Mr. Adam  
Mr. Stephen  
Mr. Jeremiah

Mr. Tabuna

**Total: 7**

**Total: 6**

Question put and passed  
Short Title was agreed to.  
Preamble was agreed to.  
The Bill as a Whole was agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

**16. Motion**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that the Committee reports the Bill to the House.  
Question put and passed.

**In the House**

The Chairman reported the completion of the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006 to the House.

**17. Motion - Customs Tariff (Amendment) Bill 2006**

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Third Reading of the Bill, to ensue forthwith.

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

**18. Motion – Third Reading**

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

The Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Health) seconded.

Question put and passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

**19. Motion – Leave sought for**

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) as Chairman of the NPRT Financing and Irregularities Select Committee sought leave of the House to move a motion.

Leave was granted.

**20. Motion**

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) moved that extension of time for the Select Committee on NPRT:-

*‘Hon. Deputy Speaker, I seek leave of the House to move a motion in regard to extension of time for completion of the inquiry of Select Committee on NPRT Financing Irregularities.*

*‘This august House is aware that the Select Committee on NPRT Financing Irregularities was given the last extension on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006 which will expire on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006.*



*I wish to inform this House that since the last extension the Select Committee has made a very steady progress and has completed the Oral Examination of all the witnesses except one, which is in progress;*

*That the Select Committee has received quality information from the witness and the evidence tendered before the Committee was in Nauruan language and the Parliament Secretariat is currently undergoing the arduous task of translating all the evidences into English;*

*That after the completion of the translation the drafting of the report will commence and thousands of pages have to be sifted to compile the report and its recommendation;*

*I therefore, on behalf of the Select Committee, seek extension of time for another period of 4 months, i.e from 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006 to 26<sup>th</sup> November 2006 for finalisation of the Select Committee report.*

*Thank you.'*

Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) seconded

Question put and passed.

## 21. Leave of Absence

The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) sought leave of absence for the Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Justice) and Mr. Kun (Buada) who were overseas on Government Business.

Leave was granted.

## 22. Motion – Sought for

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) sought leave of the House to move a motion of censure against the Minister for Health.

Leave was not granted.

## 30. Motion – Suspension of all relevant Standing Orders

Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) moved that all relevant Standing Orders be suspended to enable his motion to ensue forthwith.

Mr. Adam (Buada) seconded.

Question put and negatived.

## 31. Division of the House called for

Mr. Adam (Buada) and Mr. Ribauw (Ubenide) called for a division.

### The House divided

Ayes		Noes
Mr. Ribauw	Mr. Scotty	Mr. Tabuna
Mr. Harris	Me. Adeang	Mr. Stephen
Mr. Akua	Dr. Keke	Mr. Buramen
Mr. Adam	Mr. Waqa	Mr. Batsiua
Mr. Jeremiah	Mr. Pitcher	
<b>Total: 5</b>		<b>Total: 9</b>

Question put and negatived.

32. **Motion – Leave sought for**

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) as Chairman of the Select Committee on the Nauru Police Force, sought leave of the House to move a motion to replace Mr. Adam (Buada) as a Member of the Select Committee.  
Leave was granted.

33. **Motion**

Mr. Harris (Aiwo) moved to appoint Mr. Buramen (Ewa/Anetan) as a Member of the Select Committee on Nauru Police Force.  
Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.  
Mr. Buraman accepted the nomination..  
Question put and passed.

34. **Motion Fixing the Date for the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President Ludwig Scotty moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.  
The Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Question put and passed.

35. **Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.

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

**Members Present**

All Members were present at sometime during the sitting except:-

- \*Mr. Thoma
- \*Mr. Kun

John Garabwan  
**Deputy Clerk of Parliament**

\* Leave of Absence