

**Votes and Proceedings
Of the
Twentieth Parliament**

No. 11

**Third Sitting of the Eighth Meeting
Friday, 24th June 2011**

11.00am

1. The House met at 11:00am pursuant to adjournment.
2. Hon. Ludwig Scotty. M.P., Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. Notices of Motion

- a) Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport) moved that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall present the Motor Traffic Bill 2011.

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

- b) H.E. the President Marcus Stephen moved that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall present the Public Service Bill 2011.

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

- c) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that at the next sitting of Parliament, he shall present the Gaming Bill 2011.

H.E. the President Marcus Stephen seconded.

4. Questions on Notice

Question No. 4 of 2011 – Not yet ready.

Question No. 5 of 2011 – replied to.

5. Questions Without Notice were asked.

6. Motion

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) moved to extend question time for one hour.

Question Put and Passed.

Questions Without Notice continued for one hour.

7. Motion

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) and Mr. Adeang (Ubenide) moved to extend question time for a further thirty minutes.

Question Put and Passed.

Question Without Notice was extended to a further thirty minutes.

8. Motion

H.E. President Marcus Stephen moved that Parliament take a recess and to resume at 2:30pm.

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

Question Put and Passed.

The Chair suspended the sitting and to resume at 2:30pm.

Resumed.

9. Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers

a) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) made a statement on the appointment of the new Ambassador of the Republic of China, Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues,

I am very pleased to announce to the House today, the agreement to this Government to the appointment of His Excellency Mr. Timothy Hsiang as the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of China Taiwan to the Republic of Nauru.

Ambassador Timothy Hsiang arrived in Nauru accompanied by his wife and daughter on the 30th May and presented his credentials to His Excellency the President on 1st June 2011.

Ambassador Hsiang replaces our good friend Ambassador Jason Wan who previously served as Ambassador to Nauru from 2009 and has now recalled back to his capitol. In welcoming Ambassador Hsiang, I also wish to register Nauru's deep appreciation for the friendship,

cooperation and productive time Ambassador Wan gave to all during his term on Nauru. Ambassador Wan, as his predecessors and I am sure, as Ambassador Hsiang will, further strengthened the close ties between our countries and personally delivered many projects and positive outcomes that have benefited our people. We will remain ever grateful.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues

Ambassador Timothy Hsiang comes with excellent credentials. He has been serving as a Diplomat since 1984 and received his Masters in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington DC, USA.

On behalf of Government, I would like to convey our sincere congratulations to Mr. Timothy Hsiang on his appointment and I believe that this would be Hsiang first appointment as Head of Mission. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Hsiang and look forward to further developing and strengthening the excellent work relationship that we have with the Government of Republic of China Taiwan.

I call on all Nauruans to do as you always do for our friend from Taiwan, and ensure that Ambassador Hsiang feels as welcome and at home here with us on Nauru as he would in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues

You would all agree that the Republic of China Taiwan is a key development partner. Taiwan provides technical and donor assistance in many development arrears. To highlight but a few; just last month we had the 10th visit of the Taiwan ICDF Mobile Medical Mission. The visits of the Mobile Medical mission have been ongoing since the programme was introduced in 2006. The visits provide valued assistance not only in medical expertise but also in much needed medical supplies.

Furthermore Taiwan also donated a total of 155 Solar street lights and a total of 3200 Mini Solar Bars. All Solar street lights have been installed around the island and two (2) Mini Solar Bars were given to each household in Nauru. Among Ambassador Timothy Hsiang's first official duties on Nauru was the official handover ceremony for the 155 Solar Lights.

Taiwan on an annual basis since 2006 has been offering undergraduate scholarships to young Nauruans to study in Taiwan. These scholarships provide an opportunity for our young people to further their education at a higher level. As a result of these scholarships, I am pleased to inform this House that three (3) Nauruan students (Name: Luciana Pitcher, Asterio & Konrad Ika) have graduated earlier this week becoming Nauru's first students to graduate from this

scholarship program provided by Taiwan. I am confident that we will see many more graduates in future from this program.

It is without doubt that Taiwan has continually supported the Governments budget on an ongoing basis. The budget before us realizes Taiwan's support for over \$10million dollars in development assistance. To highlight some of the areas of assistance, this amount includes an extra \$800,000 in general budget support therefore increasing the total amount of direct budget support to \$3.22million. The various programs of Taiwan assistance include \$1million towards paying pending salaries, \$300,00 to kick start the Mobile Money Service, \$200K towards the NEDC project, assistance to our Overseas missions and repayments on the aircraft and older loans.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues

In closing, I am certain all Members will join me in welcoming His Excellency Timothy Hsiang on his appointment as Taiwan's Ambassador on Nauru.

I certainly look forward to working closely with him and the Taiwan Embassy in continuing to build on our already substantial and close relationship that we continue to enjoy and cherish and which has greatly benefited the people on Nauru and Taiwan.

Thank you.

- b) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Border Control) made a statement to the House, a brief report on some activities of the Department of Justice & Border Control during the first half of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, fellow Members of Parliament

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly report on some of the activities of the Department of Justice and Border Control during the first half of 2011.

In January we welcomed our Solicitor-General, Ms Lisa Lo Piccolo, as part of the New Zealand-funded project, supporting the Justice Sector. Lisa's contribution has been greatly appreciated so far, and I trust that she is settling-in to her new life in Nauru. January also saw the return of our newest law graduate, Gabrissa Hartman, who graduated from the University of the South Pacific with a Bachelor of Laws. I congratulate Gabrissa on this major achievement and look forward to her contributions to the progress and improvements in the services of the Department of Justice now and into the future. On top of this is the welcome news that our Secretary for Justice has agreed to stay until at least February 2012, therefore we now have a strong team of

legal advisers in place in the department to provide important service and assistance in the running of Government.

Of course, as I am reminded by the Secretary, you can never have too many lawyers. We need to look to the future and do what we can to develop self-sufficiency in the legal sector. I strongly encourage anyone contemplating a career in law to look at enrolling at the University – either the Certificate course, which qualifies you for admission as a pleader, or the degree course for those who want to be lawyers.

The month of January also saw me travel to a frosty Geneva to present our national report to the Universal Periodic Review Working Group of the Human Rights Council. The session was an extremely fruitful one. We were widely commended on our efforts in the face of significant capacity constraints, but we were also challenged to continue our law reform agenda and to improve our record of accession to various international conventions and treaties. Our efforts in this regard are starting to bear fruit, with the President signing instruments of accession to CEDAW and the Refugees Convention in the past few weeks. We have also recently submitted our request to become a member of the International Organization for Migration, a body well – known to many Nauruans.

Mr. Speaker,

Accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, or CEDAW, is a particularly significant achievement, not just for our women, but for all Nauruans. I join the sentiments expressed by His Excellency the President in his statement to Parliament earlier this week, in commending the contributions of the officers of the Women’s Affairs Division within the Department of Home Affairs, as well as those members of the civil society organisations who have advocated tirelessly over a long period of time, to improve the situation for all women in Nauru. We now face the challenge of implementation, but I truly believe that we can continue to work together to build a more inclusive, tolerant and harmonious community. In particular, we must be brave and bold in our efforts to confront all issues and challenges that have a more profound and particular effect on our female population in particular the scourge of domestic violence in our homes, so we can have a more safe and just Nauru for all our women, young and old, in the future.

Mr. Speaker,

In Marcy we saw the opening of the Law Year and the first session of the Supreme Court under our new Chief Justice, the

Honourable Geoffrey Eames QC. As I said at the time, Nauru is extremely privileged to have a Judge of his calibre. Together with Justice won Doussa, we now have a Court that must surely be the envy of the region.

When the Chief Justice returns to Nauru next month, he will be launching the results of the Legal Information Access Projects, to be known as RONLaw. I am sure we will learn more of RONLaw including the website during the launch, however I just wish to briefly mention that with the launch of RONLaw, all Nauruans will finally have easy and user friendly on-line access to all our legislation, case laws and other official publications, which is a significant achievement and great progress for our nation. The staffs of Parliament who have worked long hours to bring RONLaw to life deserve our gratitude and congratulations for their outstanding commitments and tireless efforts. I also make mention and thank New Zealand for funding such an important project.

Mr. Speaker,

New Zealand has also funded the acquisition of an X-ray machine for use by Customs and Quarantine to scan incoming cargo and baggage at the airport. This is a major purchase, and will make a big difference in the ability of our border control officers to identify items that pose a potential risk to Nauru. It will also reduce the time taken to process and screen arriving passengers, getting them out to their families and friends a little quicker.

The major reforms that we began in late 2009 in the Corrections sector continue. Working with the Department of Education and the Directorate of Youth, we have developed a rehabilitation and training programme that is aimed at assisting inmates in preparing themselves for their eventual release, in the hope that they will be able to make meaningful contributions to their families, communities and society in general. We are also continuing the building refurbishment program of the corrections centre, with the objective of providing a safer, more secure and humane environment for all inmates.

In April, I appointed 13 part-time Probation Officers, who will assist the Chief Probation Officer in supervising offenders who receive community-based sentences, such as community service and probation, as well as prisoners who are released on parole. The Probation Officers will work closely with offenders and provide supervision and guidance with a view to reducing their chances of re-offending. Those on parole will be assisted with their re-integration into the community.

Mr. Speaker,

The front-line officers of the Department of Justice and Border Control continue to serve the people of Nauru well. To all officers in the various divisions – the Secretariat, Immigration, Customs, Quarantine, Passports, Curator and Financial Intelligence Unit, Director of Public Prosecutions, Public Defender and the Correctional Service – I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your contributions so far this year. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and I urge you all to keep striving for improvements. There are few aspects of life of the ordinary Nauruan that are not, in some measure, impacted upon by the work of the Department of Justice and Border Control. While I know that there are times when we are not able to meet all expectations, I have faith that we are always collectively striving to improve. In this spirit we go forward to face the challenges that await us in the latter half of 2011.

Thank you.

- c) Hon. R. Akua (Minister for Transport & Telecommunication) made a statement on NAC Scheduled Repayment Update and Tabled the Nauru Air Corporation budget documents.

Mr. Speaker,

I am honoured to table the Nauru Air Corporation budget document in this august House. Mr. Speaker before I commend this document if you could allow me to make a brief summary of it. Members should be aware that the aircraft known as VH NLK commonly known as Norfolk Air is totally owned by the republic. This fact was clearly outlined in the Minister for Finance delivered in his second reading speech for the 2011 – 2012 budget. The debts through a loan for the purchase of this aircraft had been totally repaid. This repayment was done through adverse global economy crisis, so this Mr. Speaker speaks wonders in itself and shows how much hard work and dedication can be achieved against immense adversity.

Mr. Speaker,

If members put aside some of their busy schedule to take time and I suggest they do to read the document they'll also learn that the corporation will actually be making profit. Again if I may add that this is achieved amidst a global economy that affects every one big and small.

My heartiest congratulation to the chairman Mr. Kevin Power, the board of directors, CEO Mr. Karam Chand, Mrs. Wendy Bowden and not to be forgotten all staff and ground crew that makes up the corporation.

However amidst congratulation and handshakes, it is not time to open the champagne bottle yet. There are still stiff resistance ahead given the recent unrest in Greece. Should the issue remain as is we should then expect another down turn in the global economy and I must advice the whole of NAC Chairman, the board, executive and operational staffs that they must keep ever vigilant against all odds that may appear as the result from this occurrence.

Mr. Speaker,

It is also worthy for this august House to not that the aircraft commonly known as Our Airline (VH-INU) that her debt is within range to be cleared. Again on behalf of the Stephen Government, I also wish to extend my congratulation to the Nauru Air Corporation with this as well.

Mr. Speaker and honourable members I commend this document to this House. Thank you.

- d) Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Health) made a statement to the House on Sewerage Wastes at Location:

Mr. Speaker & Honourable Members,

I wish to take this opportunity to make mention and provide an update on the important work that started last year in the Location community area (relatively unnoticed to date), which is the sewerage clearance work held led by the Public Health officers.

You may recall that in August of 2010, complaints were received from members of the public that sewerage was over-flowing in Location. My department through the Environmental Health office, responded to that urgent situation by mobilising a multi-sectoral team comprising of Rehab, RONPHOS and health to help clear the concerned sewer line which immediately alleviated that acute problem.

The problem however did not end there. On further assessment by the team, it became apparent that for years, the clearance of all sewer lines in Location have been neglected causing huge blockages and rendering the sewage network ineffective.

Apart from the immediate effects on the houses in Location, it also became apparent that this problem was the main cause of flooding at the RON Hospital junction road, whenever it rains as the sewer lines which drains the area were also blocked. To complicate matters, the man-holes which service these sewer lines have been vandalised with rubbish dumped into some of them 25 feet deep or the entire depth of the underground chambers.

The consequential flooding at the RON Hospital junction road caused huge problems at the hospital including the flooding of sewage

pits at the RON Hospital causing filth to overflow into the car park of the hospital. Therefore the devastation and complications caused by the blocked sewer lines at the Location had serious and far-reaching consequences. It not only affected the homes at Location but also hampered the traffic on the main road, caused flooding at the hospital which during heavy rains will see the water reaching the emergency and ICU wards and cause sewage to overflow onto the RON Hospital car park.

Therefore the multi-sectoral team assembled to mitigate this problem had to change from a reactive mode to a more proactive approach whereby they took it upon themselves to clear the two main sewer lines that drains the RONH junction to try and avoid another major flooding when the rain season arrives.

In this regard, I wish to make a special mention of the fantastic efforts of the multi-sectoral team who were ably supported by the Corrections Services and inmates. Their tireless efforts have led to the successful clearance of one of the two major sewer lines draining the RONH. This clearance work commenced in December 2010 and has continued to date with work now centred on the second sewer line with obvious impact.

The outcome to date has been fantastic. Honourable members undoubtedly would have noticed that since the new-year, the RONH junction road has not seen any major flooding despite the heavy rains we have been experiencing since Easter. Whatever collection of water that may have accumulated after a heavy downpour, drains quickly indicating clearly the successful outcomes of the clearance work.

Honourable members, this has been another positive example of what can be achieved if our departments and entities, work together collaboratively to address serious problems that arise from time to time. The outcomes in this particular effort have led to the alleviation of blocked toilets and plumbing works in affected homes at Location, the prevention of flooding and sewerage overflow at the hospital, the protection of hospital premises, equipments and buildings from arising water, the prevention of potential spread of disease, the prevention of mass evacuation of patients at the hospital and saving thousands of dollars in lost time and clean up bills, just to mention a few.

To ensure that we stay on top of the problem, Public Health staffs are now conducting meetings with the communities at Location to inform and raise their awareness of looking after the manholes and to ask them to assist in keeping the manholes clear. In this regard, two meetings have taken place recently with the I-Kiribati community and plans for further meetings are in place.

If Honourable members, especially those from UB can assist in talking with members of the Location community to help keep the man-holes clear and not to dump their rubbish in them, that would be helpful and greatly appreciated. Together we need to maintain the sewer lines and ensure that they are operating unhindered.

Lastly Mr. Speaker, I wish to convey my deepest thanks and commendation to the Environment Health Office team for their great efforts in spearheading this most important work, Corrections Services, Rehab and RONPHOS for their valuable assistance.

Thank you.

- e) Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) made a statement and laid on the Table of the House, the Updated Report of Inter sub-head transfers, approved by Cabinet for the period between 1st April to 24th June 2011.

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 1st April 2011 to 24th June 2011.

Chief Secretary - Secretariat - Head 3

Three inter sub-head transfers were approved for Chief Secretariat:

- (1) There was a need to increase Public Works subhead 361 by \$8,000 to cater for expenses for the clean up at the primary school site at Aiwo. Additional funds were also required to cater for the remaining payments to the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation for collection of rubbish from the Government offices including the Statehouse site.*
- (2) There was also a need to increase Official Celebrations subhead 423, by \$1,500 to cover for additional expenses related to celebrations for Christmas, Independence Day and Anzac Day.*
- (3) A further increase to subhead 354 for Building Repairs & Maintenance to enable payment of \$36,000 for necessary renovations and furnishing work for NPC MQ37 required for an expatriate medical doctor.*

- (4) *The "Clean and Green - Nauru" project under subhead 326 (Special Projects) has not yet started therefore a total amount of \$45,500 had been re-allocated from this subhead to finance the additional expenses incurred in Public Works, Official Celebrations and Repairs & Maintenance subheads.*

Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Environment (CIE) - Head 21

An increase of \$2,206 to subhead 255 for Travel was necessary to enable the Secretary for CIE to attend an unforeseen and unbudgeted high-level meeting of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in Abu Dhabi, as part of the Nauru delegation to the meeting headed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. A corresponding decrease of \$2,206 for subhead 301 Printing & Stationery was made, which had sufficient savings to cover for this additional travel expense.

Ministry of Health - Head 61

There were two inter-subhead transfers under Head 61 during the period:

- (1) An increase of \$1,100 to subhead 205 for 'Salaries - Other Contracts' was made to cover for the allowances of the Cuban Medical Brigade.*
- (2) An increase of \$4,000 to subhead 404 for 'Scholarship - Schools & Trade' was provided to cover airfares for a student who was unexpectedly required to return home from Cuba, as well as to cover for additional monthly allowances for eight (8) sponsored students in Fiji.*
- 3) Since there were sufficient savings under the subhead 528 for Staff Training, a total amount of \$5,100 was re-allocated from this subhead to cover for the additional expenses incurred in the above two subheads 205 and 404.*

Foreign Affairs – Secretariat – Head 71

The Minister and a Foreign Affairs Adviser were required to attend the 10th Micronesian President summit in FSM as well as the 41st Forum Leaders meeting in Vanuatu. These travel meetings were not expected to have taken place in this current financial year 2010 -11 and, therefore, no budget provision had been made. As such, an increase of \$8,172 to subhead 255 for Travel was approved for this purpose. A corresponding

decrease of the same amount was made to subhead 202 for Local Salary, which had savings arising from vacancies.

Foreign Affairs – Brisbane – Head 72

There were a number of inter subhead transfers totaling \$18,246 to meet unexpected expenditures in the following subheads:

- (1) The budget provision under subhead 202 for Local Salary required an increase of \$3,651 to cater for unbudgeted entitlement payments made for the Consul General;*
- (2) Due to the high number of airport facilitation support services provided by the Consulate Office for Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament, an increase of \$455 was approved for subhead 251 - Staff Travel;*
- (3) The Consul General attended three meetings which were not initially budgeted for, including the IRENA meeting in Dubai. This required an increase of \$6,922 to subhead 255 Travel Business to meet these additional travel expenses;*
- (4) During the Brisbane floods this year there was increased usage of office mobiles for calls and internet connections as offices were closed down. There was also the usage of roaming services by the Consul General whilst on travel. Overall, the Consulate Office required an increase of \$2,130 to subhead 305 for Telephone to cover for telecommunication expenses;*
- (5) The Medibank Private insurance rate increased from \$379.00 to \$400.90. The budgeted amount for Insurance did not account for this increase, therefore, an increase of \$1,000 to subhead 315 Insurance was made to cover for this additional expense;*
- (6) An increase of \$3,183 to subhead 317 House Rental was approved to cover for the shortfall under this subhead because the budgeted amount was incorrectly based on monthly payments rather than payment periods and, therefore, an increase was necessary to cover for the budget shortfall; and*
- (7) Because the Consulate office vehicle was not in operation for transportation of Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament whilst in transit, the Consulate office resorted to hiring of private*

vehicles for this purpose, which resulted in an increase of \$905 to subhead 360 for Local Transport;

To offset the increases in the above subheads, provisions in various other subheads were reduced. The Consulate Office identified savings under the following subheads totaling \$18,246:

- (1) Subhead 203 Salary Expatriates was decreased by \$7,564;*
- (2) Entertainment subhead 270 was decreased by \$60;*
- (3) Printing & Stationery subhead 301 was reduced by \$60;*
- (4) Office Rental subhead 302 was reduced by \$7,022;*
- (5) Postage subhead 306 was decreased by \$2,145;*
- (6) Fuel subhead 355/001 was decreased by \$350;*
- (7) Electricity subhead 359 was reduced by \$590; and*
- (8) Educational Expense subhead 406 was reduced by \$455.*

Foreign Affairs - Nauru Embassy Taiwan - Head 75

There were three inter subhead transfers totaling \$10,100 to cover the following expenditures:

- (1) An increase of \$2,600 to Insurance subhead 315 was approved to cover for additional and unforeseen expenses in health insurance, vehicle third party & registration and comprehensive insurance;*
- (2) There was also an increase of \$4,000 to Medical expense subhead 407 to cover for unforeseen expenditures for the Ambassador and dependent;*
- (3) An increase of \$3,500 to subhead 502 Plant & Equipment was necessary to enable purchase of furniture, kitchen wares and floor carpet tiles for the office and residential usage;*

The additional expenditures were offset in savings identified in the following subheads:

- (1) *Subhead 255 Travel Business was reduced by \$4,000;*
- (2) *Subhead 302 Office Rental was reduced by \$3,000; and*
- (3) *Subhead 314 Legal Expenses was reduced by \$3,100.*

Lands Committee - Head 85

An increase of \$700 to subhead 301 Printing & Stationery was approved to enable purchase of additional cartridges and A4 papers. A corresponding decrease was made to subhead 502 Plant & Equipment to cover for the increase in SH301.

Land Transport - Head 92

There was no budget provision made for two new local mechanic positions that have been established to replace the expatriate positions which have been abolished. There was also a need to pay additional salaries for relieving staff to relieve 20 transport staff who have taken recreation and long service leave at various times throughout the year. The budget allocation for Local Salary subhead 202 therefore required an increase of \$24,083.69. This increase was offset by a corresponding decrease to Public Works subhead 361, which has not been fully utilized.

Maritime Transport - Head 93

There were three inter subhead transfers made for Head 93 during this period:

- (1) *Due to increased mooring works required there were increased meal rations requested for the Port workers working through to complete jobs at hand. Therefore an inter subhead transfer to replenish the expected shortfall in the Ration subhead 371 was approved for \$5,000. Savings of \$5,000 were identified under subhead 202 Local Salary to cover for the increase in subhead 371;*
- (2) *A second increase of the same amount \$5,000 to subhead 371 for Rations was approved to cater for additional meals owing to the introduction of the Reef Shipping services, as well as to cover for remaining six vessels expected before year end;*

(3) *Salary - expatriates subhead 203 required an increase of \$3,250 to cover the remaining salary payments for the Harbour Master to year end.*

The increases to subheads 371 and 203 above totaling \$8,250 were offset by savings in Employee Bonuses provisions under subhead 212 Overtime Local.

Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Head 95

There was no budget provision in subhead 359 for electricity in the current financial year and ICT needed an inter-sub head transfer to be made under 359 Electricity to settle its electricity bills totaling \$2,761. This additional expense was offset by a corresponding reduction to subhead 502 Plant & Equipment.

SUMMARY OF INTER-SUBHEAD TRANSFERS

Increases

Head	Department	Subhead No.	Item	Increase (\$AUD)
3	Chief Secretariat	361	Public Works	8,000.00
3	Chief Secretariat	423	Official Celebration	1,500.00
3	Chief Secretariat	354	Repairs & Maintenance Building	36,000.00
21	Commerce Industry & Environment	255	Travel – Business	2,206.60
61	Ministry of Health	205	Salaries Other Contracts	1,100.00
61	Ministry of Health	404	Scholarships	4,000.00
71	Foreign Affairs – Secretariat	255	Travel Business	8,172.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	202	Salaries – Local	3,651.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	251	Travel – Staff	455
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	255	Travel – Business	6,922.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	305	Telephone & Fax	2,130.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	315	Insurance	1,000.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	317	House Rental	3,183.00

72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	360	Local Transport	905
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	315	Insurances	2,600.00
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	407	Medical Expenses	4,000.00
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	502	Plant & Equipment	3,500.00
85	Lands Committee	301	Printing & Stationeries	700
92	Land Transport	202	Salaries – Local	24,083.69
93	Maritime Transport	371	Rations	5,000.00
93	Maritime Transport	371	Rations	5,000.00
93	Maritime Transport	203	Salary – Expatriates	3,250.00
95	ICT	359	Electricity	2,761.00
	Total			130,119.29

Decreases

Head	Department	Subhead No.	Item	Increase (\$AUD)
3	Chief Secretariat	326	Special Projects	9,500.00
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21	Commerce Industry & Environment	301	Printing & Stationeries	2,206.60
61	Ministry of Health	528	Staff Training	1,100.00
61	Ministry of Health	528	Staff Training	4,000.00
71	Foreign Affairs – Secretariat	202	Salaries – Local	8,172.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	203	Salaries – Expatriates	7,564.00
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	270	Entertainment	60
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	301	Printing & Stationeries	60
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	302	Office rental	7022
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	306	Postage	2,145.00

72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	355/00 1	Purchase of Fuel	350
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	359	Electricity	590
72	Foreign Affairs – Brisbane	406	Educational Expenses – Special	455
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	255	Travel Business	4,000.00
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	302	Office rental	3,000.00
75	Foreign Affairs – Nauru Embassy, Taiwan	314	Legal Expenses – External	3,100.00
85	Lands Committee	502	Plant & Equipment	700
92	Land Transport	361	Public Works	24,083.69
93	Maritime Transport	212	Overtime – Local	8,250.00
93	Maritime Transport	202	Salary – Local	5,000.00
95	ICT	502	Plant & Equipment	2,761.00
	Total			130,119.29

10. Motion

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that his motions No. 1 & 2 on the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting.

H.E. President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

11. Motion

Hon. M. Batsiua (Minister for Health) moved that his motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting.

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

Question Put and Passed.

12. Motion

Mr. G. Thoma (Aiwo) moved that his motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper be deferred to the next sitting.

Mr. M. Dube (Aiwo) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

13. Orders of the Day No. 1 - Interpretation Bill 2011.

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

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed

The Bill was read a second time.

14. Leave Sought For

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

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

Leave was granted.

15. Motion – Third Reading.

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

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

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

16. Orders of the Day No. 2 - Nauru Utilities Corporation Bill 2011.

Continuation of Second Reading debate on the question that the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read second time.

17. Leave Sought For

Hon. D. Tabuna (Minister for CIE) sought leave of the House to enable him to move for the third reading of the Bill.

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

Leave was granted.

18. Motion – Third Reading

Hon. D. Tabuna (Minister for CIE) moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

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

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

19. Orders of the Day No. 3 – Business Licenses Bill 2011.

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

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a second time.

20. Leave Sought For

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

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

21. Motion – Third Reading

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

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

Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read a third time.

22. Orders of the Day No. 4 – Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011.

(The House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole for further consideration of the Bill)

In the Committee - Hon. Landon Deireragea M.P., Deputy Speaker of Parliament presiding.

Items 1 to 44 of the Bill were discussed and were all agreed to by the Committee.

The Seventh Scheduled of the Bill was agreed to.

Clause 3 of the Bill was agreed to.

Clause 2 of the Bill was agreed to.

The Short Title was agreed to.

The Scheduled was agreed to.

The Preamble was agreed to.

The Bill as a Whole was agreed to.

23. Motion

Mr. Pitcher (Ubenide) moved that the Committee reports the Bill to the House.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

In the House – Hon. Ludwig Scotty M.P., (Speaker) presiding.

The Chairman reported the Bill to the House, accordingly

24. Motion

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng) moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

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

Question Put and Passed.

25. Division of the House Called For.

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

The House divided:

<u>Ayes</u>		<u>Noes</u>
Mr. Stephen	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Dowiyogo
Dr. Keke	Mr. Dabwido	Mr. Amwano
Mr. Tabuna	Mr. Deireragea	Mr. Adeang
Mr. Kun	Mr. Solomon	Mr. Bernicke
Mr. Batsiua	Mr. Thoma	Mr. Waqa
Mr. Akua		Mr. Dube
Total – 11		Total – 6

Question Put and Passed.

26. Motion

Hon. Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Finance) under S.O. 174 moved that the third reading on the Bill be adjourned and made an Order of the day at the next sitting.

H.E. President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

27. Orders of the Day No. 5 – Ministerial Statement & Tabling of Papers.

On the question that the statement on the three (3) Audit Reports tabled in the House by H.E. Marcus Stephen on 20/06/2011 be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

The Paper was noted.

28. Motion Fixing the Date For the Next Sitting.

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

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

Question Put and Passed

Adjournment.

H. E. the President moved that Parliament do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

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

Members Present

All members were present at some time during the sitting.

**John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.**