

**Votes and Proceedings  
of the  
Twentieth Parliament**

**No. 20**

**First Sitting of the Eleventh Meeting**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**10.00am**

1. The House met at 10:00am in accordance to its resolution made on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
2. Hon. Ludwig Scotty M.P., Speaker of Parliament took the Chair and read Prayers.
3. **Amendment to Parliamentary Standing Committees**  
The Chair informed Members of the need to amend the membership in the Parliamentary Standing Committees due to change in government and subsequent appointment to the various ministries.

The Speaker then called for nominations to the following:

**Standing Orders Committee**

Hon. David. Adeang (Minister for Finance) nominated His Excellency President Srent Dabwido leader of the Government business to be a member of the Committee

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) seconded.

His Excellency President Srent Dabwido accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, His Excellency President Srent Dabwido was duly appointed a member of the Standing Orders Committee.

**Standing Orders Committee Members:-.**

Hon. Speaker (Ex-officio)

Hon. Deputy Speaker (Ex-officio)

H.E. Dabwido as Leader of Government business (Ex-officio)

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance)

Mr. Batsiua (Boe)

### **House Committee**

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) nominated Hon. David. Adeang (Minister for Finance) to be a member of the House Committee.

His Excellency President Sprent Dabwido seconded.

Hon. David. Adeang (Minister for Finance) accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) was duly appointed a member of the House Committee.

### **House Committee Members are:-**

Hon. Speaker (Ex-officio)

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) (Ex-officio)

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health)

Mr. Pitcher (Ubenide)

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare)

### **Private Business Committee**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) nominated Mr. Kun (Buada) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) nominated Mr. Waqa (Boe) to be also a member of the Committee.

His Excellency Sprent Dabwido seconded.

Mr. Kun (Buada) and Mr. Waqa (Boe) both accepted their nominations.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, both Mr. Kun (Buada) and Mr. Waqa (Boe) were duly appointed members of the Private Business Committee.

### **Private Business Committee Members are:-**

Hon. Speaker (Ex-officio)

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide)

Mr. Kun (Buada)

Mr. Waqa (Boe)

### **Public Accounts Committee**

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) nominated Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) to be a member of the Committee.

Mr. Kun (Buada) seconded

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) accepted the nomination.

Hon. Thoma (Minister for Transport) nominated Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) and Mr. Waqa (Boe) to be members of the Committee.

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) seconded.

Mr. Amwano's (Ubenide) nomination was disqualified for being absent at that time in the House to accept his nomination and Mr. Waqa (Boe) accepted his nomination.

There being no further nominations forthcoming, both Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) and Mr. Waqa (Boe) were duly appointed members of the Public Accounts Committee.

**Public Accounts Committee Members are:-**

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren)

Mr. Deireragea (Deputy Speaker)

Mr. Dube (Aiwo)

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare)

Mr. Waqa (Boe)

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

The House on a compromise term from the Chair agreed that question time be extended as set by the Chair.

Questions Without Notice continued.

The Chair with concurrence of the House suspended the sitting and to resume at 3:00 p.m.

**Resumed**

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

*i) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Education) made a statement and laid on the Table of the House, a report on the progress in the Ministry of Education as a whole since 2011-2012 Financial Year, which read as follows:- "Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it is a privilege to table before this December Parliament a report on the progress being made*

throughout the Department of Education and the Ministry of Education as a whole, since the beginning of this 2011 – 2012, Financial Year.

Mr. Speaker, there has been lots of tremendous change and improvement going on within the Department of Education.

I am proud to announce to this Parliament and the 'General Public' that there has been a steady progress in the number of 'Graduate Teachers in the Department Education' since the commencement of this transitional upgrading programme.

In summary reflection on the outcome of the 'Teachers Development Programme', there are currently;

- 24 Teachers who have completed their Bachelors Degree with the Divine Word University and will be expected to graduate soon after the arrival of their Award. Including;

- 30 other Teachers who have completed their Diplomas with the same University along with 26 others who have completed their Certificates with the University of the South Pacific.

Furthermore Mr. Speaker, by next year 2012, more Teachers will be undertaking further training including;

- 9 Teachers who are currently continuing their Certificate in the Early Childhood, with the University of the South Pacific, along with 13 others going to do their Degree in the same programme in Early Childhood, and 27 Diplomas in Primary School with the Divine Word University.

- Currently there are 14 Teachers still undergoing their Degree Training with the Divine Word University.

- For the first time, 8 young Trainees will be leaving Nauru next year for Papua New Guinea to undertake their 4 years Secondary Degree Training in various subject specialties with the University of Goroka.

Mr. Speaker, by the same token, the Nauru Teacher Institute Induction Programme has prepared 25 trainee teachers for all levels of teaching. The NTI programme constitutes topics offered by UNESCO and from the local context. The purpose of this program is to award teachers with certificate 1V which is to be accredited by the Kiribati Teachers College.

Mr. Speaker, ten students were awarded Government scholarship in the recent RONSS exams to study in Fiji in 2012. Ten students have secured placements at the various boarding schools in Fiji. The two students from Australia withdrew their scholarship and the two next students (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) were offered the scholarship instead to continue their studies in Fiji.

Congratulations to the 2011/2012 RONSS award winners as prioritized;

1. Aaren **EOBOB**
2. Peter-Jack **GIOUBA**
3. Osana **HARRIS**
4. Marah Britania **FRITZ**
5. Vinay Dash **DOWABOBO**

6. Romanus **HARTMAN**
7. Ekka Brannon **SEYMOUR**
8. Lourdes O 'Dea **HARRIS**
9. Unique-lee **DICK**
10. Yazmine **COOK**
11. Viola **DOWABOBO**
12. Xiena **WIRAM**

*Due to the withdrawal of Aaren Eobob and Yazmine Cook, the 11th and 12th students were offered the scholarships.*

*Twelve students have completed their Form 7 studies and have returned home with pleasing results. These students are currently on a work experience programme organized by the Chief Secretariat 's Human Resource Training and Development Sector.*

*A private student (Mr. Paul Joram of Levuka Public School) was awarded a Bursary Scholarship this year. The special scholarship is awarded to private students studying in Fiji and who have attained results in Form 5 and 6 which placed them in the top 15% of students in their exams. Another Nauru Secondary Bursary (RONSB) was awarded to Mr. Niga Haluaga a Form 7 student at Levuka Public who has shown outstanding results.*

*There are 56 Govt. students to continue their studies in Fiji in 2012.*

#### **THAILAND SCHOLARSHIP**

*There are four students currently studying in Thailand. Two have successfully completed and after graduating will be returning home early in the New Year.*

*The other two still have another 3 years to complete. Both are doing well. The Scholarship sponsored by the Pacific Education and Medical Foundation in collaboration with the Consulate-General of the Republic of Nauru in Thailand is again offering the scholarship to four undergraduates for 2012.*

#### **TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP**

*Eight students are presently studying in Taiwan under the Taiwan Scholarship Programme which is offered every year. All students are coping and doing well.*

#### **AUSAID SCHOLARSHIP**

*Six students were selected to further their tertiary education in Fiji in 2012 but still waiting for confirmation of placements from the institutions.*

#### **NEW ZEALAND AID SCHOLARSHIP**

*Three placements were offered to Nauru for undergraduate and degree studies in New Zealand in 2012. Nauru was fortunate when FSM did not utilize the scholarship thus another three placements were offered to Nauru instead.*

*Six students were therefore selected to study in New Zealand in 2012.*

#### **COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP**

*One student is currently studying in New Zealand after doing her own research and was accepted.*

*Other capacity building opportunities have been offered through the*

*Russia Scholarship  
Mexico Scholarship  
Japan Scholarship  
Commonwealth Scholarship*

*Mr. Speaker, there has been significant progress with the Education Reform agenda under the AusAID funded Education Implementation Strategy.*

*A range of activities has been completed under this Strategy and there has been significant progress on others. The Department of Education has:*

- Delivered the Principal Leadership Program for all Principals and Teachers in Charge.*
- Completed the Science syllabus. (Final draft)*
- Developing the Language syllabus. (This is almost complete)*
- Have commenced work on the Math's syllabus.*
- The Social Science Syllabus and the Health and Physical Education syllabus are at the initial stage of writing.*
- Completed the ICT training of teachers. This training was offered to individuals at each school to ensure that ICT problems can be maintained locally.*
- Undertaken the external appraisal of teachers. A review was done on Heads of Schools.*
- Upgraded TVET. TVET instructors were assessed so as upgrade and qualify them to be Assessors of TVET. There is also a possibility of extending the offer of TVET programmes.*
- Undertaken the teachers training review. This review is being carried out by the*
- University of Waikato where assess the current training programmes offered through the Divine Word University, USP and other providers in order to establish a training programme that is suitable to Nauru's needs.*
- Provided Literacy support for early years at levels Playcentre to Prep.*
- Developing the Early Years Curriculum – (This document has been completed and is hoped to be implemented next year given due endorsement.)*
- Developed and installed a new Education Management Information System (EMIS)*
- Begun the implementation of Minimum Standards for Schools (MSS) that is supported by a school grants program.*

*Another significant initiative is the planned introduction of the Nauru School Grants Program (NSGP). The NSGP has been developed to provide funds directly to schools in Nauru to assist in improving the quality of education.*

*The school grants process includes not only provision of funds to schools, it provides a platform for devolved decision-making to schools and their school communities, introduces transparency and accountability to decision-making, planning and financial management. It is closely linked to Minimum*

*Standards for Schools (MSS) and School-based Management – all current global best practices to improve educational outcomes for students.*

*It is proposed to implement the NSGP in February 2012 to coincide with the new school year.*

*I acknowledge the generous funding through the AusAID education program.*

*Mr. Speaker, within the Department of Education, the Education Management Information System (EMIS) has been readied for the promotion and use of information for policy planning and implementation, decision-making and the monitoring and evaluation of education systems.*

*The EMIS also closely monitors the equitable distribution of resources and plays an active role in providing information to management about the deployment of teachers, student performance and assessment, internal efficiency of the education system and resource allocation.*

*This initiative has been made possible with generous funding from NZAID.*

*Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education is in the process of addressing issues concerning students who have not been attending school. Current statistics show that nearly 50% of students at compulsory schooling age are not attending school. Since the introduction of the Education Act which came in effect in July of this year measures have been taken to address the truancy issues. An outreach program in consultation with parents and community members was conducted to advise them on the consequences of students being away from school in accordance to the Act being introduced. During the consultation the Department was made aware of some constraints from parents in sending their children to school.*

*1. Being unable to provide the proper uniforms and necessary items for students to attend school.*

*2. Students who have been out of school for one or two years are not able to be integrated into the mainstream learning because they have missed out on a great deal of learning and they would need special attention to their learning needs.*

*The Department of Education to address the need of providing uniforms secured funds from the Australian High Commission. Students who have been identified to genuinely need support in the supply of uniforms will be given preference in provision of school uniforms with a student starter pack kit.*

*In addressing the problem of students being out of school for a prolonged period of time the Department of Education invited a consultant specializing in re-engaging students with learning. The consultant was able to visit different stakeholders who will be responsible for supporting students who have been out of school and at risk.*

*A re-entry program was planned and the implementation of this program will come in effect beginning of the next school calendar year of 2012 targeting students at secondary level at years ten, eleven and twelve.*

*Mr. Speaker, one of the necessary factors to improved learning is having an environment that is conducive and safe. Projects that have been completed are on school boundary fencing, library refurbishment, play center construction, manual arts refurbishment, classroom modification at the Able/Disable Centre and installation of drinking fountains at 10 schools. Several projects have been proposed and due commitment (financial and human) will be given to ensure the realization or further projects such as additional science lab, fencing, room (internal and external) refurbishments, installation of gravity tanks and other minor maintenance to name a few.*

*Mr. Speaker, excellent working relations between the Department of Education and the Department of Health has seen the implementation of projects under the Health Promoting Schools banner such as playground for Kayser College and a greenhouse for Nauru College. There has been a comprehensive health programme which has seen health promoters “ visit schools to conduct dental check-ups and general health examinations. Schools have also participated in promotions for road-safety, no tobacco, World Food Day and the breastfeeding campaign (for senior secondary students only).*

*Mr. Speaker, a lot of partnerships and assistance has been provided by our generous neighbours not forgetting the Government of the Republic of China. This year, ROC generously donated school equipment and materials, provided rich cultural exchanges for our students and maintained friendly relationships with the Department for which we are grateful. We are thankful also to other organizations which have assisted the Department in reaching its objectives and goals.*

*Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, as the Minister Responsible for the Ministry of Education, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the Management Team, Teachers and Support Staff who have dedicated themselves to ensuring that the learning and development process of our children’s future are being met.’*

*Also it would be unprofessional and un-parliamentarian of me not to mention the work and achievement of the former Minister for Education and the former Minister as well.*

*I also wish to express a plea for continued and improved support from parents, communities, and other stakeholders in our children’s learning.*

*Mr. Speaker, Honourable Colleagues and all, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, I firmly appeal to all parents and guardians to ensure their children have a safe and Happy Christmas and look forward to the New Year 2012, with the resolution of wanting to go to school every day, reminding the mum’s and dad’s “I don’t want to be late for school!” Mwa Tubwa Kor!”*

*Mr. Batsiua (Boe) moved that the Paper be noted.*

*ii) Hon. Rykers Solomon (Minister for C.I.E) made a statement to the House in update and activities of CIE in 2011, which read as follows:- “Mr. Speaker, I would like to update this house on the Department of Commerce, Industry & Environment and its activities carried out this year 2011.*



*This fiscal year has been a busy time for the Department of CIE with project implementation and development from within sectors such as the environment, agriculture and entrepreneurship.*

## **ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

### ***Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)***

*With efforts to try and address our only small groundwater lens resource, the IWRM project focuses on improving sanitation at the household level to protect the groundwater resource from biological contamination such as e-coli.*

*With interventions worth \$200,000 from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), CIE was able to implement the installation of new twin chamber septic tanks in Ewa and Anetan, stretching to 20+ houses and compost toilets being introduced at Anetan School, Kayser College and some houses as part of the IWRM demonstration.*

*We are also fortunate to have received an additional \$100,000 from AUSAID to upscale the installation of these twin chamber septic tanks, further stretching the demonstration to an additional 20 houses. This is AUSAID's view and collaboration with CIE in building on existing climate change interventions for immediate response.*

### ***Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC)***

*The PACC project focuses on promoting conjunctive use of potable and non-potable water at the household level with its phase 1 focusing in demonstrating installation of solar water purification systems in some badly affected residents at Aiwo district, these houses were identified as being the most vulnerable due to their inability to access groundwater due to the hydrocarbon based contamination to their groundwater lens.*

*The key project of PACC is the phase 2 where it identifies the Location Blocks and NPC Married Quarters amongst the most vulnerable people, due to their geographical location that limits their access to the groundwater lens for household use.*

*Here the PACC project is committing to revamp the old NPC saltwater reticulation system with options currently being reviewed by a local consultant. These options are: 1) to extract saltwater to distribute to the houses mentioned, or 2) redesign the reticulation system to harvest rainwater in combination of extracting groundwater. The PACC commits its fund with a total of \$350,000 for this intervention.*

*Again we are fortunate with AUSAID's view in terms of building into existing climate change interventions, at the regional level they have committed a substantial amount into the PACC project with each countries having access to a minimum of \$500,000 to upscale its demonstration project.*

### ***Water Tank Procurement***

*With funds under the climate change measure money from AUSAID, an amount of \$1,000,000 can now be accessed for implementation of this project. During the last four weeks, this Government has fast-tracked this project to ensure timely and effective delivery towards achieving our NSDS milestones. May I say that this project should have commenced earlier this year however never eventuated which consequently our people have missed out on harvesting water during months of heavy rain this year. In this light CIE with the support of Cabinet has worked vigorously in identifying and assessing a number of water tank design options, and is working towards introducing some 200 concrete pouring type water tanks at the household level, with particular priorities to those houses that are without a water tank. This project should commence on-ground implementation as soon as possible in early 2012.*

### ***GEF Small Grants Programme***

*CIE has been doing talks with UNDP SGP; the inability for Nauru's SGP to effectively carry out its projects due to capacity constraints at the non-government organization level. We have agreed that a hybrid approach where the Government and Community (through the recently established Community Based Organization - CBO) will be managing the project for the grassroots people at the community level. During a consultation meeting with Finance, CIE and SGP, and with Ministerial approval \$1.2 million USD is now committed from the country allocation under GEF STAR to SGP with specific target that will commit its theme to Climate Change Mitigation at the community level. With activities that will focus in promoting renewable energy, expanding the solar water purification system and groundwater vulnerability in conjunction with a biogas component. This programme will commence early 2012 for 3-4 years.*

### ***Japan PEC Fund***

*It was only last week, that I endorsed a memorandum of agreement with the Forum Secretariat worth 4 million USD. The objective of this fund in partnership with Hitachi (Japan) is for the provision of a new Reverse Osmosis to add to the three existing ones, and Solar Panels to power up this new RO and the 3 existing ones. This project will add value to the existing supply system and promotes water accessibility for the communities. It also aims to contribute to Nauru's efforts of 50% to go green (renewable energy) by 2015. It is an ambitious NSDS target, but we are optimistic that with our development partners support Nauru will be able to achieve such aspiration.*

### ***Adaptation Fund of the Kyoto Protocol***

*On October the 11th 2011, the Department transmitted a letter to UNDP expressing Nauru's interest to utilize them as a Multilateral Implementing Entity to access the Adaptation Fund of the Kyoto Protocol. This partnership is focused on National priority to address a nation-wide intervention on the*

issue of coastal protection (erosion) and water sector adaptation with a funding ceiling of \$10,000,000 USD. Already the UNDP has visited Nauru to undertake a scoping mission, and project proposal formulation will commence at the start of next year for submission to the adaptation fund board.

### **Community Based Organization**

The Department's effort in engaging the community in terms of capacity building, it is with great privilege that we have succeeded in facilitating the formation of a new non-government organization, called the Nauru Community Based Organization, where all community elected leaders are all housed under one roof. CIE has been engaging the NCBO through consultancies as key stakeholders in some of its projects at formulation stages.

Temporarily the NCBO is currently housing its monthly meeting until they are able to source funds to establish their new office.

### **AGRICULTURE DIVISION**

#### **Handover Phase of Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM) to CIE**

The Department of CIE and the TTM have begun plans on strategies for the handover phase of the two TTM projects in Buada for Horticulture and Anabar for Livestock. The plan of action stretches out at 4 a year period that will involve the following:

- Capacity building and technical transfer
- Merging of ICDF microfinance and organize farmer groups
- Contribution to weekend markets and promote commerce activities
- Integrating market and the farmer groups

For 2011-12 priority activities will involve the following:

- Cooperation with CIE NEDC project and support Agri-businesses
- Training of two newly appointed local Project Managers for both sites
- Utilize ICDF microfinance to expand agricultural activities
- Handover of Anabar and Buada Farm to CIE
- 

#### **Agriculture Development Fund**

In order to sustain the two TTM projects in the long run, CIE and ICDF have introduced the Agriculture Development Fund, where all 'not for profit' revenues received from the vegetables and poultries have been utilized as a revolving fund to meet most of its overheads from local personnel, electricity, to stock feeds and importing of live animals. This financial mechanism is crucial to maintain the two farms and is showing great benefits in reducing negative impacts to our national budget and has grown by 50% to meet its expenses.

*Additionally we envisage that in future this mechanism will act as a form of grant to farmers who may require financial support for their existing farms. It is proposed that this fund will have a capability to fund projects at \$500@. This ADF is now fully operational since January 4th 2011.*

### **Community Poultry Distribution**

*This year alone, there have been a total of 82 pigs and chicks (too many to count) distributed to farmers within the communities and market. This has been a cooperative initiative with CIE and TTM where interested farmers are able to submit names to CIE and are lined up accordingly when distribution is called.*

*At times, priorities will also be given to TTM's existing farmers and micro entrepreneurs deriving from the Nauru Entrepreneurship Development Centre.*

*CIE is also aware that there have been public complaints concerning unfair distribution therefore the system shall be reviewed and necessary mechanisms put in place to ensure a more transparent, accountable and fair distribution of livestock to the public.*

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

*Nauru Entrepreneurship Development Centre (NEDC)*

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

*A six weeks training has been given to applicants on basic business skills, start-ups and management. Since its commencement forty applicants have been accepted for the entrepreneurship training and fourteen were successful in their business plan presentation to receive a loan from the microfinance facility. To date the NEDC have completed 3 trainings and currently undergoing the 4th training as we speak with a total of 20 individual people wishing to start a business accessing soft loans with overall total of \$35,000 being given.*

### **Microfinance Facility**

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

### **Central Market at Civic Centre**

*Every Saturday morning, you will see vendors and eager customers outside the Civic Centre with varieties of stalls from food, clothing, toys and local handmade crafts. For two years now CIE has been facilitating and financing this central market as a feasibility study to see its viability and the confidence to invest in building a much bigger and standalone central market that could co-exist with fishermen. To date the stalls have increased dramatically and we are happy to see that this little project is promoting entrepreneurship and self-dependent with some of our grassroots people.*

*Mr. Speaker, there are many other achievements this year that we can list if time only permits, but I am happy to give you a little highlight:*

- A National Water Sanitation and Hygiene Policy was drafted and recently endorsed by the National Development Committee for Cabinet Submission. This Policy is an NSDS strategy to guide the sustainable use and management of water resources in Nauru. Also the policy will clearly indicate Nauru's priorities to international donors and aid agencies with potential for improved funding opportunities.*
- A Small Island Developing States (SIDS Dock) memorandum of understanding has been agreed to by Government to enable access of funding assistance available under AOSIS and other donor partners and aid agencies to support our renewable energy target of 50% by 2015.*
- An Integrated Island Biodiversity Project under the GEF has recently been approved and will be undertaken by CIE commencing in the first quarter of 2012.*
- Nauru had the opportunity to host a SPREP Sub-Regional workshop on Cost-Benefit Analysis training two months ago, with participating countries like Niue, Marshal Islands, Tuvalu and Tonga taking part. This training concentrated on skills on applying cost-benefit analysis on the water sector project interventions compared to status quo. THANK YOU"*

*Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) moved that the Paper be noted.*

*iii) Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) made a statement to the House on the update on Ronphos Conditions and Activities, which read as follows:- "Mr. Speaker and Honourable Colleagues, the goal of Ronphos is to maximize profit and achieve a brighter outcome for the people of Nauru and its aim is to focus its energy to move forward with new approaches.*

*I am pleased to report that contractual arrangements are much more favourable and profitable to Ronphos because the dollar per tonne is much higher. Most payments are paid in advance and in cash, therefore the risk of non-payment is zero which safeguards Nauru's phosphate business. Because of this, I have approved the future direction of Ronphos to sell short-term contracts and spot contracts at attractive prices to the highest bidders to ensure profits and eliminate credit exposures.*

*The Dabwido Government has provided a clear direction and a strong support for further reforms and it has also expedited the timeline. It is encouraging strong teamwork among all stakeholders and other SOE's so that progress is picking up pace and workforce is motivated.*

*What this means for Ronphos (Nauru) is more dollars for every tonne of phosphate which is \$120/tonne. It means there will be no penalty in payment for "demurrage or delay in ship loading" which, in turn, means an end to loss of millions of dollars. It also means that there will be no more penalties paid for "excess moisture or impurities in phosphates". Reduction in the impurities in our phosphates will enhance the selling of more pure phosphate at a much higher price and obviously ending million dollar losses. Added value here will be the conversion of rock to fertilizer and getting even more dollars for every tone of phosphate.*

### ***More dollars for every tonne: Negotiation with buyers***

*My team consisting of the Hon. Baron Waqa, Hon. Aloysius Amwano, Ronphos CEO Mr. Reynold David left Nauru to meet with buyers and to negotiate new prices for spot contracts. The negotiations were very successful in that the spot prices dollar per tonne have increased and is higher than the long term contract price of \$120.00*

*International prices for phosphate are moving up steadily but this government has inherited long term contracts with buyers to sell phosphate at a fixed price, the result of which has caused Ronphos to miss out on all the price increases. However, we will honour these contractual obligations which will end in June 2012 but after which we will sell more shipments on spot contracts to maximize the earnings. More money can be made by short term contracts and spot contracts.*

*Productivity in Ronphos has risen by 18%. Additional phosphate produced is taken away and sold at high prices or auctioned off as spot contracts. A buyer of this spot contract is having his ship loaded tomorrow. As productivity is increasing and more revenue is earned, there will be a need for more mining leases. Commencing in January 2012, Ronphos will approach landowners for continuation of lease agreements.*

*In the past, delays in ship loading have caused Nauru to incur losses in millions of dollars. Most recently, a 30,000 and 25,000 tonnes ships have been successfully loaded through the joint effort of both Ronphos and Port yielding high profits.*

*Also in the past, there had been losses of millions of dollars due to Ronphos selling phosphate that was wet (3% moisture). Currently in place are actions to install temperature control and automation for kilns at Unit 3. These kilns are proposed to use gas, not diesel, to produce more heat at a lower cost. These actions as well as setting up a proper laboratory to conduct regular and accurate tests here in Nauru will be implemented in June 2012 and it will help save millions of dollars lost by Ronphos in previous years.*

*In the first half of the Financial Year 2011-2012, there has been nil demurrage and losses because there has been a better planning of production and shipping, proactive thinking, solid teamwork between Ronphos and the Port Authority whose achievement of success have created confidence and motivation. All these are hallmarks of a company that is progressing and moving forward.*

*Ronphos has had discussions and negotiations in order to enter into a strategic partnership with Global Analysis Company. This company will also conduct independent tests at the destination port to verify if the impurities are really present and if not, it will challenge the financial penalty in order to protect Ronphos's revenue. When such a decision is made, Parliament will be informed of the name of the strategic partner company which is estimated to be available in March 2012.*

*In conclusion, to meet our goal of maximizing profit, Ronphos will be seeking manufacturers around the world to convert Nauru's phosphate to fertilizer and then sell it directly to buyers and earn at least three times more. In the first quarter of 2012, there will be a trial with a company. The aim is to perform a lesson-learned situation from which Ronphos will develop a business model that is achievable. As each shipment is successful, we will increase the tonnage and also number of shipments. Phosphate sales will continue side by side on short-term contracts and spot sales. Fertilizer sale will only be on spot sale for maximum benefit or otherwise on variable arrangements that will convincingly be at the top end of the world market price. I thank you."*

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) moved that the Paper be noted.

iv) Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health) made a statement to the House on the Ministry of Health Activities and Services in 2011 and 2012, which read as follows:- *"Mr. Speaker and Members, I wish to present some of activities and services undertaken by the Ministry of Health during 2011 as well highlighting major activities planned for 2012.*

### **Governance**

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

*The Ministry of Health Strategic Plan, 2010-2015 and Annual Operational Plans, 2011-2012 have been completed. The Health Implementation Strategy for the Pacific Partnership Programme with the Australian government has also been completed and is now awaiting clearance by the Australian government.*

### **Staffing**

*The Ministry has a staff establishment of 240 of which 36 are expatriate, a further 10 staff are employed under donor projects.*

*There are 22 vacancies in the local and 4 in the expatriate establishments. These vacancies are attributed to resignations, dismissals, reserved for returning scholars and non renewal of contracts. The Ministry has initiated recruitment of all these vacancies to ensure a full strength workforce.*

### **Administration**

*I acknowledge the Director of Administration and her team's efforts in providing efficient and effective support services across the departments.*

### **Republic of Nauru Hospital**

*I thank and acknowledge the Director Medical Services and Director of Nursing and their staff for coordinating all visiting specialist teams in addition to ensuring outpatient and inpatient services are available 24/7.*

*The Nauru population benefitted during the year with visits from a cardiac, gastroenterology, ophthalmology and mental health teams. The Taiwan Mobile Team visited twice as well as donating much wanted drugs and supplies.*

### **Naoero Public Health Centre**

*The Naoero Public Health team successfully implemented a whole of population STI/HIV Presumptive Treatment campaign and we would anticipate a reduction in the incidence of cases, however we must not become complacent and continue to implement robust public awareness and education campaigns.*

*As we are all aware Non Communicable Diseases are contributing to the early mortality and morbidity of our people. I recognize the efforts undertaken by the Director Public Health and his team to address the 4 NCD key risk factors; alcohol abuse, tobacco use, poor diet and lack of physical activity.*

*Despite all good interventions it is the individual that must make the decision to change his or her behavior. Thus we have the collective responsibility to be the agents of change in encouraging fellow Nauruans to make that life style decision, as political leaders this is my challenge for us.*

### **Staff Training**

*As we are all aware national capacity across both the public and private sector is an ongoing challenge for Nauru and the Ministry of Health is no exception. A snapshot of the workforce indicates there are 8 doctors in employment of which 2 are Nauruan. All qualified clinical support staff (laboratory, pharmacy, x-ray, physiotherapy, nutrition) are expatriates. All practicing midwives are also expatriates with 2 nationals completing their supervised practice.*

*The Ministry has a total of 29 Nauruan nationals pursuing health studies, 20 abroad and 9 Health Trainees pursuing bridging courses at USP campus,*



*Nauru. Of the 20 aboard there are 9 studying medicine in Cuba and 2 in Fiji, 1 dentistry, 1 physiotherapy, 4 nursing, 1 public health, 1 radiology and 1 dietician.*

*The Ministry for the first time in 2010 was able to fill its 4 ARDS scholarships and repeated in this in 2011. I am pleased to further advise 4 candidates have again been shortlisted for ARDS scholarships in 2012 and we are awaiting second semester results to enable AusAID to complete its assessment of all regional applications.*

*The Ministry was delighted to employ 2 nationals who graduated following completing nursing studies from the Fiji National University, School of Nursing; they are Ms. Jamie Seymour and Ms. Vivian Notte. Two staff are currently pursuing midwifery training at the Fiji National University School of Nursing and expected to return in March 2012.*

### **Leadership Group**

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

*Participation in the leadership group is entirely voluntary and each staff is required to confirm their interest and willingness to be involved. For staff agreeing to participate, career development plans have been developed.*

*The group has completed their classroom component of the USP Certificate IV Leadership and Management adapted for health and is now undertaking their workplace projects. I recognize this is a step in the right direction in the development of Nauruan nationals to take a lead role in managing the Ministry's various sections and lessen our dependency on expatriates.*

### **Cuban Medical Brigade**

*The Cuban Medical Brigade completed their 2 year term this month and departed Nauru on 14 December. The brigade members assimilated exceptionally well both professionally and socially and the people of Nauru have benefitted from their service and contribution.*

*Unfortunately the replacement team was unable to arrive prior to the outgoing team's departure and we anticipate the new team arriving in quarter 1 2012. Arrangements have been implemented to cover obstetrics, internal medicine and pediatrics until the new brigade arrives.*

### **Visiting Medical Specialists**

*The AusAID funded Pacific Island Projects managed by the Royal Australian College of Surgeons continued to provide much need specialist medical services to the people of Nauru. A renal visited in April and gastroenterology team visited in August. Due to flight changes the renal was unable to visit in October and a visit is now confirmed for January 2012.*

### **Taiwan Mobile Medical Team**

*The people of Nauru continue to benefit from the bi annual visit of the Taiwan Medical team with visits in May and November respectively. Both teams donated much need pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and we look forward to receiving further visits in the future.*

### **Reverse Osmosis Unit**

*The Reverse Osmosis Unit donated by the Department of Immigration and Australian Citizenship (DIAC) continues to operate and complements rain water captured at Naoero Public Health Centre and the Republic of Nauru Hospital and deliveries from Nauru Utilities Corporation. The unit is serviced by a local technician.*

### **Oxygen Plant**

*The 2nd oxygen plant was commissioned in early November and Nauru is probably the only Pacific country that has the luxury of a back up plant which is used alternately ensuring extended life. Both plants have contracted technicians who visit periodically to undertake service and repair.*

### **Hyperbaric Chamber**

*The New Zealand government has provided funding for the refurbishment of the chamber and invitation for bids were initiated, bid evaluation completed and the successful bidder has initiated preliminary work. It is anticipated the refurbishment will be completed early in quarter 2 2012.*

### **Dialysis Services**

*This service continues to be available to Nauruans and the Technician regularly visited to undertake routine service and repair of the units, the most recent visit in November whereby 10 of the 12 units are operational.*

### **Pharmaceuticals**

*Given drugs and medical consumables is the second largest budget item following salaries the Ministry has afforded special attention to ensuring expenditure for drugs and medical consumables are controlled. The Ministry has introduced an Essential Drugs List (EDL) to guide its procurement of drugs. An Essential Medical Consumables List (EMCL) has also been developed and introduced to guide procurement.*

*The National Medicine Policy has been completed and is now with the office of the Parliamentary Counsel for review prior to preparation of a Cabinet submission for consideration and decision. Pending Cabinet's decision it is anticipated appropriate legislation will be drafted and subsequently processed to Parliament for deliberations.*

### **Public Health Act**

*The Public Health Bill is been finalized by the office of the Parliamentary Counsel and anticipate its tabling before Parliament for deliberations. This is an important piece of legislation to bring Nauru up to regional and international standards and provide the public and staff clear accountabilities in which to perform their public health responsibilities.*

### **Food Safety Regulations**

*On the advice of the Parliamentary Counsel the draft food regulations prepared by the WHO consultant requires reviewing to ensure unique contextual issues are taken into account. A series of internal and public consultations are planned whereby the regulations would be discussed and where appropriate be amended to reflect Nauru's realities.*

### **Outsource Security**

*I am happy to advise security services at the Republic of Nauru Hospital and Naoero Public Health Centre have been outsourced since October 2010 and the contractor has provided excellent service to date.*

### **Infrastructure**

*I was pleased to participate in the rededication of the Maternity ward and anticipate patients and staff will appreciate the efforts undertaken to improve this critical service. The Administration building was extended and refurbished and Administration and Nursing management staff are able to perform their responsibilities in a more conducive office environment.*

### **District Health Promotion Centres**

*The Scope of Works developed for the standardized District Health Promotion Centre's has been completed and bidding documents were released. The bid evaluations have been completed and the successful bidder has been informed. Commencement of construction awaits landowner agreement. Districts that have responded to efforts of the District Health Care Workers request for land are, Boe, Anibare, Nibok and Meneng.*

### **2012 Activities**

*In addition to implementing existing and routine activities across all the departments, I wish to highlight the following activities planned for 2012.*

*The Master Planning exercise for the Nauru Multipurpose Health Facility will commence in January 2012 and the Master Plan will be available in May. It is anticipated detail design will take place from June 2012 to March 2013 and from April to December 2013 donors will be sought. From January to June 2014 construction bids would be undertaken and by December 2014 we anticipate construction would commence.*

*The incidence of Rheumatic Heart Disease in Nauru is high and if this trend is not arrested the burden on the health care system will only increase with patients requiring expensive cardiac services later in life.*

*Thus I am pleased Nauru is one of 5 Pacific countries participating in the AusAID funded project entitled Reducing Rheumatic Fever and Controlling Rheumatic Heart Disease in Pacific Nations. Primary activities planned for Nauru is to strengthen the Rheumatic Heart Disease register, developing a National Rheumatic Fever strategic plan, conduct surveillance and screening and training of health care professionals.*

*The Government of Nauru requested UNFPA to support the implementation of a national survey on Violence Against Women and health is one of 3 line agency's considered as focal point for the survey. Whichever agency is finally assigned this role I have pledged the Ministry of Health's full support with this undertaking.*

*The current dialysis machines are ageing and require replacement. Through the Partnership Programme funding has been provided to purchase replacement units and these will be delivered in quarter 1 2012.*

*Medical referrals to India have proven to be successful in terms of patient outcomes and cost, as such the Ministry will continue to refer patients to India.*

*An assessment of potential referral hospitals in the Philippines was undertaken in October and early in 2012 a pilot referral to the Philippines will be made. Acknowledgement of Development Partners The Ministry of Health recognizes the significant contribution the Government of Australia provides through the Pacific Partnership for Development which covers a range of essential activities and services which include, Staff Training, Specialist Medical Visits, Repair and Maintenance Medical Equipment, Equipment Purchase Drugs and Consumables Hospital Building Repairs, Health Information Consultant, Pathology Preventive Health Programme, School Feeding Programme and the Master Plan exercise.*

*I further wish to acknowledge the support provided by Republic of China (Taiwan) for the continued support to the Nauru health sector. This relationship has further been strengthened with the signing a couple weeks ago of the Memorandum of Understanding for a permanent medical team to be stationed in Nauru. I understand the team leader is an Obstetrician who will arrive in March 2011.*

### **Concluding Remarks**

*It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the work and leadership of the previous Minister of Health, Hon Mathew Batsiua, M.P. in progressing Nauru's health sector.*

*Mr. Speaker I trust the above provides a snapshot of the work pursued by the Ministry of Health's during 2011. I wish to acknowledge the leadership provided by the Secretary for Health, Mr. Sunia Soakai, and support of his Directors, Dr. 'Alani Tangitau, Dr Setareki Vatucaawaqa, Ms. Gano Mwareow,*

*Ms. Marissa Cook, the Health Educator, Ms, Min Lene, the Health Services Adviser Dr. Lepani Waqatakirewa who have collectively encouraged and supported their staff to produce the results I have tabled above.*

*I thank all the staff in the Ministry for their loyalty, dedication and support who have all contributed to the accomplishments and achievements reported.*

*I wish each of these staff a joyous and safe festive season and prosperous 2012 both on a personal and professional basis. Thank you Mr. Speaker.”*

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) moved that the Paper be noted.

v) Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) made a statement and laid on the Table of the House, the Inter Sub – Head Transfer updated report, (25 October – 20 December 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 25th October 2011 to 20th December 2011.*

### ***Department of Chief Secretary – Head 03***

*There was insufficient fund under natural account 2075 for business travel following the Procurement Officer, Mr. Michael Angelo’s unbudgeted travel to attend the Procurement workshop in Singapore. His travel was covered under Chief Secretariat as it was not provided for under the Warehouse budget. This resulted in insufficient fund to cover for the travel of Ms Darice Gadabu, Administration Manager, to attend the Management workshop under the SIDS Technical Cooperation Program. Hence an increase of \$5,000 was sought to cover for this travel as well as to cater for future travel expenses under Chief Secretary. An expected savings from natural account 2315 for Electricity was transferred to replenish the travel budget.*

### ***Department of Finance Secretariat – Head 11***

*Increases:*

*The natural account 2070 for staff travel provisioned for Treasury division’s expatriate staff Bank Officer is insufficient to cover for the recreational travel costs. It is higher than was initially budgeted for, thus a provision of \$3,400 is sought to cover for the leave travel entitlements of the Bank Officer.*

*Treasury Office and the new Deputy Secretary for Planning and Aid Division have been allocated government vehicles for office use since September and November 2011, respectively. Weekly fuel allocations for these vehicles were not budgeted for, thus a budget provision of \$1,155 under natural account 2275 for the purchase of petrol is sought to accommodate this additional requirement.*

*The new Deputy Secretary for Planning and Aid Division position has been recruited under a Government contract and requires a government-allocated mobile telephone for official use. The former Deputy Secretary, who*

was under an AusAID contract, was provided a telephone which was funded by AusAID, and which is no longer available for office use. Therefore a budget provision of \$120 under natural account 2330 for Telephone / Internet is sought to allow for a telephone allocation for the new Deputy Secretary.

*Decreases:*

The natural account 2015 for Salaries – Local includes a budget provision for a Budget Director which is still vacant. It is envisioned that this position may not be filled on a substantive basis this year, thus savings of \$3,000 from this budget will contribute to meeting the required additional expenditures in other line budgets.

Savings of \$1,000 have been realized from under natural account 2075 for travel-business to enable attendance of a representative of Finance at the Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM) in Samoa earlier this year. The airfare was funded by the Forum Secretariat, thus the budget of \$4,000 for this travel was not completely utilized.

A new laptop for the Chief Accountant was budgeted at \$2,000 under natural account 2495 for Plant and Equipment. However the new FMIS project funded by AusAID has provided for the procurement of the laptop thus enabling savings under this line budget. A decrease of \$675 is being proposed under the 2495 natural account to replenish other budget lines.

### **Department of Finance – Other Payments – Head 16**

The Government originally budgeted for only one bulk fuel purchase in the 2011-12 financial year with the expectation that the supply of fuel to the island will be outsourced by December 2011 onwards. Given the delay with this proposed new arrangement, the Government has made a second bulk fuel purchase in December 2011 in the amount of \$1,918,451 to ensure there is sufficient stock of fuel on island that should last until end of February 2012.

There is a budget provision of \$600,000 under the natural account 2280 for diesel, and it has a balance of \$553,676 unutilized. Therefore the top-up amount still needed is \$1,364,775 that consists of \$1,075,286 for diesel and \$289,489 for petrol.

The approved 2011-12 Budget has a provision for Subsidies in the total amount of \$3,304,667. This amount has been set aside as the projected cost of the electricity subsidy that would need to be paid in cash to Utilities for the second half of the year on the expectation that the outsourcing arrangement will commence by the end of December 2011. However, because of the delay in the outsourcing of the tank farm, the allocation for Subsidies under this natural account 2615 will enable to meet the required amount for the fuel purchase totaling \$1,364,775.”

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

### *Increases*

<b>Head</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Natural Account</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Increase (\$AUD)</b>
03	Chief Secretary	2075	Travel - Business	5,000.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2070	Travel - Staff	3,400.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2275	Petrol	1,155.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2330	Telephone/Internet	120.00
16	Finance-other Payments	2280	Purchase of Diesel	1,075,286.00
16	Finance-other Payments	2275	Purchase of Petrol	289,489.00
	<i>Total</i>			1,374,450.00

### *Decreases*

<b>Head</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Natural Account</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Increase (\$AUD)</b>
03	Chief Secretary	2315	Electricity	5,000.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2015	Salary - Local	3,000.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2075	Travel - Business	1,000.00
11	Finance Secretariat	2495	Plant & Equipment	675.00
16	Finance-other Payments	2615	Other Subsidies & Donations	1,364,775.00
	<i>Total</i>			1,374,450.00

### **6) Motion - Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2011 - 2012**

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

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health & Education) seconded.

#### **First Reading**

The Bill was presented and read the first time.

### **7) Motion - Second Reading**

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

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health & Education) seconded.

Second Reading Speech ensued.

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

### **8) Motion - Suspension of Standing Order 159**

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

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health & Education) seconded.

Question Put and Passed.

Debate ensued.

Question Put and Passed.

### **9) Letter of Recommendation**

Chair read the letter of Cabinet recommendation received from His Excellency the President, Hon. Sprent Dabwido, which read as follows:-

#### SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 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, HEREBY NOTIFY PARLIAMENT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE WITHDRAWALS FROM THE TREASURY FUND AS PROPOSED BY THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO.2) 2011-2012 IS RECOMMENDED TO THE PARLIAMENT BY THE CABINET."*

DATED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2011

SPRENT DABWIDO  
PRESIDENT  
CHAIRMAN OF THE CABINET

### **10) 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.

Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health & Education) seconded.

Leave was granted.

### **11) 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 read third time.



**12) Motion – Leave Sought For**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) sought leave of the House to move an amendment Bill on Nauru Phosphate Royalty Payment Investment Amendment Bill 2011.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Leave was granted.

**13) Motion – Nauru Phosphate Royalty Payment Investment Amendment Bill 2011**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) 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.

**14) Motion – Second Reading**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) moved that the Bill be now read a second time.

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

Second Reading Speech ensued.

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

**15) Motion – Suspension of Standing Order 159**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) moved that 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.

**16) Motion – Standing Order 162**

Dr. Keke (Yaren), pursuant to Standing Order 162, moved that the House resolved the Nauru Phosphate Royalty Payment and Investment Amendment Bill 2011, be referred to a Select Committee.

- The House resolved to establish a new Select Committee to be known as Select Committee on Landowners Cash Royalties.
- That the Committee consist of the following:
  - Hon. Dr. Kieren. Keke (Yaren) as mover of motion
  - Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos)
  - Hon. Mathew Batsiua (Boe)
  - Hon. Milton Dube (Aiwo)
- That the Quorum of the Committee be three Members.
- The Committee have the Power to send for and examine persons, papers and records.
- The Committee reports to the House on the Bill on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2012
- And that the first meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012, at 11am in the Committee.
- That the foregoing provisions of this motion, so far as they are in consistence with standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders.

Mr. Kun (Buada) seconded.

Hon. Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) declined his appointments.

Mr. Dube (Aiwo) also declined to be a member of the Committee.

#### **17) Amendment Motion**

Dr. Keke (Yaren) moved to amend his motion, and replace the two members who have declined their appointment to be members of the Select Committee and appointed Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) to be Members of the Select Committee on Lands Owners Cash Royalties.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe) seconded.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) and Mr. Tabuna (Yaren) accepted their appointment as Members of the Select Committee.

The Question on the motion as amended was Put and Passed.

#### **18) Division of the House Called For**

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) and Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo (Minister for Health & Education) called for division.

## **The House divided**

<b>Ayes</b>		<b>Noes</b>	
Dr. Keke	Mr. M. Stephen	H.E. Dabwido	Hon. Thoma
Mr. Tabuna	Mr. R. Kun	Hon. Adeang	Hon. Bernicke
Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Batsiua	Hon. Dowiyogo	Mr. Amwano
Mr. Deireragea	Mr. R. Akua	Hon. Solomon	Mr. B. Waqa Mr. M. Dube
<b>Total: 8</b>		<b>Total: 9</b>	

The question on the motion as amended in the division resolved in the negative and therefore the motion as amended to establish a Select Committee on Lands Owners Cash Royalties, was defeated and disposed off.

### **19) Motion – Leave Sought For**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) sought leave of the House to enable the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Leave was not granted.

### **20) Motion – Suspension of all Relevant Standing Orders**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) moved that all relevant Standing Order be suspended to enable the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question Put and Negatived.

### **21) Division of the House Called For**

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) and Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) called for division.

The House divided

<b>Ayes</b>		<b>Noes</b>	
H.E. Dabwido	Hon. Thoma	Dr. Keke	Mr. Stephen
Hon. Adeang	Hon. Bernicke	Mr. Tabuna	Mr. Kun
Hon. Dowiyogo	Mr. Amwano	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Batsiua
Hon. Solomon	Mr. Waqa Mr. Dube	Mr. Deireragea	Mr. Akua
<b>Total: 9</b>		<b>Total: 8</b>	

The question on the motion in the division resolved in the affirmative and thus enabled the third reading of the Bill to proceed forthwith.

**22) Motion – Third Reading**

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Ronphos) moved that the Bill be now read the third time.

Hon. David Adeang (Minister for Finance) seconded.  
Question Put and Passed.

The Bill was read the third time.

**23) Motion – Leave Sought For**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) as Chairman of the Select Committee on Land Issues sought leave of the House to move a motion to change the date on which the Select Committee on Land Issues would report to the House.

Hon. Godfrey. Thoma (Minister for Transport) seconded.

Leave was granted.

**24) Motion**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) as Chairman of the Select Committee on Land Issues moved the following motion:- *“I move that the House resolves to change the date on which the Select Committee on Land Issues will report to the House so that, instead of reporting on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, the Committee reports at the first sitting of Parliament occurring after 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.”*

Hon. Godfrey Thoma (Minister for Transport) seconded.  
Question Put and Passed.

**25) Motion – Leave Sought For**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan) as Chairman of the Select Committee on NPRT Fund 2, sought leave of the House to move a motion to change the date on which the committee on NPRT Fund 2 would report to the House.

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.  
Leave was granted.

**26) Motion**

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/ Anetan) as Chairman of the Select Committee on NPRT Fund 2 moved the following motion:- *“I move that the House resolved to change the date on which the Select Committee on NPRT Fund 2 will report to the House so that, instead of reporting on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011, the*

*Committee reports at the first sitting of Parliament occurring after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.”*

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.  
Question Put and Passed.

**27) Orders of the Day\_– No. 1 Constitution of Nauru (Parliamentary Amendments)(Consequential Amendments) Bill 2010.**

**Motion**

His Excellency President, Hon. Sprent Dabwido moved that order of the day No.1 be adjourned and made an Order of the day at the next sitting.

Mr. Amwano (Ubenide) seconded.  
Question Put and Passed.

**28) Motion Fixing the Date For the Next Sitting**

His Excellency President, Hon. 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.

**29) 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 seventeen minutes past nine 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.

**John Garabwan  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament**