



## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

### SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2022-2023

#### SECOND READING SPEECH

**Honourable Martin Hunt MP**

**12 DECEMBER 2022**

Mr Speaker Sir,

I present before Parliament the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2022-2023*.

This Bill reflects updated revenue and expenditure estimates to take account of:

- RPC revenue relating to dividend from Eigigu Services Corporations (ESC) operations not yet recognised in previous estimates and
- New expenditure measures as a result of government decisions taken since the last supplementary.

Mr Speaker,

The revenue changes in the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No 3.)*

2022-23 include:

#### Revenue

- 14 million dollars in net surplus from ESC since commencement of operations in 2018.

#### Expenditure

Mr Speaker, Sir,

New expenditure and investment measures have arisen since the passing of the original budget that are deemed priorities for the Government and need to be funded accordingly.

I would now like to outline in detail the expenditure changes included in the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2022-2023*.

- 3.4 million dollars is provided under Finance Other to pay a once off Christmas ex gratia to all Government employees in departments and overseas missions including SoEs and statutory bodies, pensioners and people living with a disability. It will also include CLOs, Teacher and Health trainees and others.

- 2.5 million dollars is provided for Ministerial Department comprising of 2 million dollars for the Nauru Community Housing scheme to address overcrowding and sanitation issues and 0.5 million dollars for business travel.
- 2 million dollars is allocated for the Department of Health to cover ongoing OMR costs.
- 1.5 million dollars is allocated to the Multi-Cultural Affairs department to support running costs for the remainder of the financial year.
- 0.6 million dollars is allocated to Presidency departments for overseas travel, local donations, including a small provision for the Nauru Museum relating to new staff and urgent maintenance of heritage sites around the island.
- 0.5 million dollars is allocated to Judiciary department to pay for Judges contract entitlements, new local staff recruitment and other operational costs.
- 251 thousand dollars is allocated to Infrastructure department to cover increased costs for the Smart Housing project, and purchase of additional cesspits for communities.
- 200 thousand dollars is allocated to the Brisbane Consulate Office to cover various personnel costs including a salary increment for

expatriate staff, overtime and protocol during state and ministerial visits.

- 181 thousand dollars is allocated to the Media Department to support the design and implementation of a 11 channel pay TV platform, covering for consultancy fees and new media TV hardware. An allocation is also provided under business travel for staff to attend a media workshop in Taiwan.
- 142 thousand dollars is provided to the Nauru Embassy in Taipei to cover repatriation costs for two staff following conclusion of their contract.
- 109 thousand dollars is provided to Correctional Services to replenish additional risk allowances paid to staff during the pandemic, not budgeted for previously.
- 100 thousand dollars is provided under Finance Other to pay NRC for supply of aggregates toward the Port Relocation project.
- 54 thousand dollars is allocated to the Audit Office to cover travel and purchase of laptops to support audit field work.
- 45 thousand dollars will be allocated to the Police Department to cover increases to various operational costs including printing, stores, and urgent plant repairs and maintenance.

- 40 thousand dollars is allocated to the Department of Climate Change to cover official travel.
- 20 thousand dollars is also allocated to the Emergency Department for official travel.
- In line with maintaining Nauru's fiscal responsibility targets, 1 million dollars is provided to the Fiscal Cash buffer, and 1.4 million dollars to the Nauru Trust Fund as prepayment of next year's contributions.
- Mr Speaker, this Supplementary Appropriation recognises additional revenue and provides for expenditures that are priorities for the Government.

With the passing of this Bill, the approved 2022-2023 Budget will recognise revenue of 14 million dollars. Expenditure of 13.9 million dollars will be appropriated, with a surplus balance of 7 thousand dollars.

Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.