



## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

### SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 3) 2023-2024

#### SECOND READING SPEECH

**His Excellency Honourable David Adeang MP**

**11 June 2024**

Mr Speaker Sir,

I present before Parliament the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2023-2024*.

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

- The impact of the transition of RPC hosting arrangements from Enduring Capability to Active State
- Government decisions taken since the last supplementary

- House-keeping measures to reallocate departmental spending that was initially made from Head 16 Finance Other, through reallocations from the Fiscal Cash Buffer

Mr Speaker,

The revenue changes in the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No 3 2023-24) include a 9 million dollars increase in reimbursable revenue because of the changed RPC arrangements following arrival of new transferees and reactivation from Enduring Capability to Active state.

The updated estimates in this Supplementary accounts for new expenditures arising since the passing of Supplementary Appropriation No. 2 in April.

Expenditure

Mr Speaker,

I will now detail the expenditure changes in the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2023-2024*.

Expenditure highlights include:

- 0.5 million to the Presidency department for additional travel, local transport, and essential equipment purchases

- 0.4 million to Ministerial to supplement travel provision and other operational expenses until the end of the financial year
- 1.2 million to the Chief Secretary Office, with 1 million for the Administration department to cover increased provision for centralised services such as vehicle repairs, fuel, and utilities due to changes in vehicle polices, **and** 0.2 million to the Expatriate department for increased personnel costs following a staff restructure.
- 1.4 million for Finance Other, including:
  - 1.2 million for ESC`s June operations
  - 0.2 million to the Office of Parliamentary Services to cover allowances for an increased number of MPs that are paid out of Parliament.
- 28 thousand to DEMA for additional agricultural supplies
- 0.1 million to Nauru Fisheries for increased personnel costs, staff back pay and expatriate salary tax adjustments
- 4.3 million to Multi-Cultural Affairs, with 3.6 million for RPC reactivation costs due to the arrival of new refugees and 0.7 million for the next phase of the Alternative Pathway upskilling Program
- 1 million to Health for ongoing OMR costs

- 71 thousand to the Department of Foreign Affairs to cover increased costs for the Beijing advance team
- As part of the Finance End of Year house-keeping process and to ensure accurate allocation of funds and expenditures, a total of 7.5 million has been re-allocated from Head 16 to various departments as follow:
  - 1 million to Presidency for State-House renovations
  - 5.8 million to Multi-Cultural Affairs for land rental and the Alternative Pathway Upskilling program
  - 0.6 million to Judiciary for Judges allowances and contract entitlements
  - 0.1 million to Health for Overseas Medical Referral costs

These funds are not new measures for the mentioned departments as the concerned funds have either already been expensed within Head 16 or are committed to be spent.

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 2023-2024 Budget will recognise additional revenue of 9 million dollars. Expenditure of 9 million

dollars will be appropriated, leaving a surplus balance of 81 thousand dollars.

Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.