



## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

### SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2024-25

#### SECOND READING SPEECH

**His Excellency Honourable David Adeang MP**

**26 November 2024**

Mr Speaker Sir,

I present before Parliament the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024-2025.

This Bill updated estimates to account for new revenue and expenditure measures:

- The new revenue measure is made up of budget support received by a development partner, and
- New expenditure decisions since the passing of the original budget in August.

Mr Speaker,

The revenue changes in Supplementary Appropriation Bill (no. 1) 2024-25 include:

Revenue

- 13.7 million dollars in budget support from development partners

## Expenditure

Mr. Speaker, Sir,

The Fiscal cash buffer account under Head 16 Finance Other has been depleted to cover priority expenditures that were operationally required before the date of this supplementary budget. There is an opportunity to replenish the buffer against future unplanned priority expenditure. 5.3 million dollars is provided for this purpose.

In addition to the new revenue, new savings have been identified since the original budget and these will be reallocated to fund additional expenditure measures that have arisen since the passing of the original budget in August.

I now outline the changes to expenditure included in the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2024-25 in more detail.

### Expenditure reductions (savings)

10.3 million dollars of expenditure reductions have been identified and are available for reallocation to priority expenditure.

- 5.2 million dollars of savings against the original budget for Eigigu Solutions Corporation and is available for reallocation
- 5.1 million dollars of savings against the original budget for MCA, (RPC operations) and is available for reallocation

### Expenditure increases

- 4.8 million dollars is provided under Finance Other to pay for grants to SOEs, R&M Plant, and Debt Repayment to Exim Bank. In addition, 1.4 million is included as the proportionate contribution to the Trust Fund related to the new revenue.

- 4.2 million dollars is provided for Department of Health to pay for increased Overseas Medical Referral costs.
- 3.9 million is provided for Presidency to pay for travel business (for both presidency and centralised activities), official celebrations, buildings and equipment, and scholarships.
- 2.9 million dollars is provided for Ministerial to cover increased business travel costs, staffing, transport, and plant and equipment purchases.
- 1.0 million is provided for Sports for buildings including road clearing for the access road to the new sports stadium, and local salary costs
- 810 thousand dollars is provided for DFAT to cover staff travel and increased costs of Missions in Beijing (431,000), Geneva (229,000) , Brisbane (50,000), and Suva (42,000).
- 364 thousand dollars is provided for DEMA to cover increased local salary costs
- 632 thousand dollars is provided for other Departments and SOEs (NRPSS, NES, National Heritage, NEC, Media, and the Bureau of Statistics) to cover minor operational costs.

Mr Speaker,

The Supplementary Appropriation recognises additional expenditure that are priorities for the Government.

With the passing of this Bill, the approved 2024-25 Budget will recognise an additional 13.7 million dollars and appropriate additional expenditures of 23.9 million dollars.

The expenditure measures in this supplementary will be funded by a 10.3 million dollar reallocation of savings with the remaining 13.6 million dollars covered by the increase in revenue. This will leave a small budget balance of 223 thousand dollars.

Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House