



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2025-2026

SECOND READING SPEECH

His Excellency Honourable David Adeang MP

24 October 2025

Mr Speaker Sir,

I present before Parliament the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2025-2026*.

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

- new revenue measures include dividend from Government investments and new funds from Australia following formal signing of the Third Country Resettlement Arrangement
- New expenditure decisions have been made since the original budget was passed in August.

Mr Speaker,

The revenue changes in this *Supplementary Appropriation Bill* total \$20 million and include:

- **\$20 million** from the Third Country Resettlement Arrangements, and
- **\$3 thousand** from Government's share of investment in Fiji Airways.

Mr Speaker, Sir,

The revenue from the Third Country Resettlement Arrangements includes certain components that must be hypothecated for the operationalization of the hosting arrangements of transferrers on the island.

The remaining revenue will be allocated toward government priority expenditures covering spending decisions made since the original budget was approved in August.

Expenditure changes

Mr Speaker, Sir,

Let me now outline the expenditure changes included in the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2025-2026* in detail.

- **\$5.4 million** to the Department of Internal Affairs to fulfil the Government's commitments under the Third Country Resettlement Arrangements
- **\$1.2 million** to Finance Other to fund increased operational costs for Eigigu Solutions Corporation
- **\$1 million** to Public Health to reflect the changed GMSS contractual arrangements and to ensure maintenance of services until December
- **\$0.9 million** to Chief Secretary to pay for students' school lunches not previously budgeted
- **\$0.4 million** to Health and Medical Services also due to the changed GMSS contractual arrangements
- **\$0.3 million** to Command Ridge Virtual Asset Authority (CRVAA) to fund start-up costs
- **\$243 thousand** to Presidency, Finance Secretariat, Electoral Commission and Lands Management for essential services

Mr Speaker, in line with maintaining Government's fiscal responsibility targets, a further \$10.5 million is allocated to saving and contingency purposes:

- **\$8.5 million** is allocated under the Fiscal Cash Buffer as a contingency appropriation measure for urgent and unavoidable expenditures for the remainder of the financial year, and
- **\$2 million** to the Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund as a pre-payment of next financial year`s contributions

Housekeeping Matter

Mr Speaker, to further enhance efficiency and oversight of public funds, this supplementary budget proposes the centralization of all service and bidding contract budgets - such as security, meals, and rations - under the Chief Secretary`s Office. This strategic shift will consolidate both financial responsibility and contracting arrangements, allowing the Chief Secretary to manage them directly. The change is to designed to alleviate the burden on individual departments, freeing up their resources to focus entirely on fulfilling their core mandates. We envision this centralization will ensure consistent application of procurement policies, establish universal service rates, and enhance overall accountability.

This Supplementary bill will recognise additional revenue of 20 million dollars and appropriate additional expenditure of 20 million dollars, leaving a small balance of \$21 thousand.

With the passing of this Bill, the approved 2025-26 Budget will increase to **\$378.6 million** in total revenue, and total expenditure will increase to **\$378.5 million**, leaving an estimated surplus of 58 thousand dollars.

Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.