

PARLIAMENT OF NAURU**DRAFT HANSARD****Sixteenth Parliament****First Sitting of the Thirty-Third Meeting****Tuesday, 5th June 2007****Mr. Speaker, Hon. Valdon Dowiyogo, M.P., took the Chair and read Prayers.****STATEMENT FROM THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker: Members, ian obwen ata proceed I have a couple of statements.

Honourable Members, I would like to make a statement with regards to my recent trip to the Cook Islands to attend the 6th Forum Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference held from 5-12 May 2007.

With the exception of Australia, Vanuatu and Niue the meeting was well represented by Speakers and Clerks from other Forum member countries. The topics of the conference focused on the legislature in its dealing with the Pacific Plan, the electoral systems of each member country when dealing with General Elections, Leadership Code and matters relating to good governance and accountability. The UNDP, through Ms. Charmaine Rodrigues, presented its report on the Parliamentary Strengthening Projects in the various Forum legislatures such as Fiji, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands and Nauru. The Nauru Project is yet to be finalised and I believe a UNDP team will visit the island soon to follow up and finalise the final details of the project. It was also brought up at the meeting that future FPOC meetings be held in conjunction with the biennial meetings of the PPAPD that is Pacific Parliamentarians Assembly on Population and Development, to minimise costs. At present the current FPOC meeting is self-funded whereas the PPAPD is funded by UNDP, UNFA, SPC and other donors.

Furthermore, an autonomous FPA Co-ordinator (Forum Parliamentary Assembly Co-ordinator), to be based in Suva, Fiji under the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, will be established concentrating mainly on the works and issues of parliamentary matters within the Pacific region in conjunction to the Forum Secretariat. This in effect is to bring closer together the works of Parliaments and the Forum Secretariat to its Forum Islands leaders. Progress on this matter will be updated accordingly. I believe Nauru can also apply for this position.

Members are aware that Nauru is passing through its testing phase especially in regards to its economy and Parliament is also a part of that process. As the Speaker of the House, it is my duty to meet all the obligations of the Parliament on the one hand and also to relieve the burden of the Department of Finance to the extent possible.

This House is aware that the Nauru Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was suspended from the Association since 2002 for non-payment of membership fees. We took the initiative and liaised with the CPA for an amicable solution in this regard. The CPA is very keen to have Nauru back in the Association and they have agreed to waive the fees for the years 2003 onwards and also half of 2007.

After the definite figures were quoted the Parliament sought external assistance in meting out the obligation and I am pleased to state that the Government of India, upon our request, agreed to pay our outstanding membership dues. I have received a letter from the Honourable Minister of External Affairs, Government of India and I would like to read it out for the information of the House.

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Speaker of Parliament of Nauru
'Excellency,*

I write with reference to your letter of May 3, 2007 requesting the assistance of the Government of India for the payment of the outstanding membership dues of Nauru owed to the CPA amount to British Pounds 21,000. I am happy to convey to you that the Government of India will pay the outstanding amount of membership dues owed by Nauru to the CPA.

It is a matter of satisfaction that relations between our two countries remain warm and friendly.

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India remains committed to assisting Nauru in her development needs. We also look forward to Nauru's participation in the CPA meeting later this year.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Hon. Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Foreign Affairs, India'

Thank you Members, we will now continue with our normal business of the day.

MESSAGES

Mr. Speaker: Are there any messages from the President?

Mr. Clerk: No, Mr. Speaker.

PETITIONS

Mr. Speaker: Are there any petitions?

Mr. Clerk: No, Mr. Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. Speaker: Are there any notices of motions?

Mr. Clerk: None, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any questions on notice?

Mr. Clerk: No, Mr. Speaker.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr. Speaker: Are there any questions without notice?

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Thank you, Speaker, wanga apologies. My question is directed to the Minister for Health with regard to an makur as a doctor and also as Minister of that department, towe earak ion ouge egon bwe psoriasis. The question is, eken ngune bitune earak, how many sufferers ian Naoero me is it curable. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Tubwa Mr. Speaker.

Ngune bitune psoriasis is an inflammatory skin condition, water-immune inflammatory skin condition. Gain complicated won cause me basically it is a condition similar to asthma, usually something triggers it me the body's own immune system causes a skin rash. Oad ngabuna engame ian Naoero ngabuna anga tsied bwe arageiy bitune psoriasis. I think I have only seen two cases in the last five or so years. It is much asthma, it comes and goes, me tsimine ngana triggers me tsimine ngana ogomwe en, me much like asthma there are easy cases or cases that respond well to treatment and there are cases that don't respond well to treatment or are more difficult to treat. By and large we have got all the medicines that are commonly used for psoriasis on Nauru. Tubwa Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Thank you Speaker, me wanga question posed to the Minister for Education.

A eo note eiy murana won note with regard to bituno MOU with the Catholic school me I just want

to ask if he can just give me a brief summary of it, oa eketen torongabin bwe I had been asked about it. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Waqa (Minister for Education-Boe): Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Ngarana murana MOU ma oreit makur ean, ngago tokin Kayser College parents me mibuna interested people na had a look at it me ura oredoana nget edogor bwe ura nim aea. Mr. Speaker, the other problem that we have legally is that ngarana murana agreement enim sign eiy eow turit edogor me amea ngaben bita etonduk which ngage ranga eow turin amea Father Karl Maria which is under the diocese of amen Kiribati which is headed by Bishop Paul Mea me amune enim totow won agreement ea bitune imin.

Mr. Speaker, ibibogin pan ngana amea odetin ngarane murane debuch, mar epo ken ngaga a transit na ngago tokin me eo an ibibogi dogin bitune wora proposal dogin bita ekereri. The only problem now eiy nim appoint eiy won ngame ion bwe enim taineiy ngarane murane. Ogen we are working on that bwe enim metuwa Cabinet bwe Cabinet enim omamo, so we hope to do that within the next week or two Mr. Speaker. Tobeiy ngana oneiyin wong eken bita question.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Thank you Speaker.

Wanga question pose eiya amea Minister for CIR towe wanga question posed to him two weeks ago with regards to mibuna engame in RONPHOS that were working with Incitec Pivot and he advised me at the sitting ngana eiy eiki nuwawin me meyioten bed iya anim oudo. I hope he remembers bwe eo ask eiy o iya anim put it on notice bwe ouge aen ngana he will try to remember me odoudo angogen, so anan redoa bita question bwe ateng tsied eketen nuwawin ngage. Thank you Speaker.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Tubwa Speaker. Kaia pwer aeo omaran anga bwe I thought I had asked him to put it in writing. Nungi question bed ion atsin turin Member n Aiwo me akongon bed tsinia ur teng bwe anim onano details but in any case I apologise to the Member. I had expected a question in writing me ngaga eo orre I had not prepared anything me I apologise dogin an ekeow imin a gona pana ngage.

Me I do recommend tsinia teng in writing, a gona follow up eiy ngea bita question. Tubwa Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Akua (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Thank you Mr. Speaker, wanga question pose ea amea orin megada, the Minister for CIR, as Minister for Rehab. Corp. Tsimine project ion a ied bwe a eo dogin kamame bitune yoran me I saw it at the dump site me I see a lot of expensive fencing being put up for just an old dump site so ateng tsied eken ngea project ngea require eiy won attention Rehab. ngage. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, tsimine won project Rehab. bwe enim upgrade eiy me improve eiy wora waste management, fund eiy eow turin Australia. Eiki ngana ura ogiten start ean ngea bita, me tsied ngana tik ne ngabuna Australia ngage me we hope ngana inan gona finalise eiy. Ta ngana at the meeting we had in March approval was given bwe ma nim gona access eiy funding dogin bwe ma nim improve eiy bita waste management site and also do some repairs ea mona bulldozer bwe enim gona odereder bita site and also look at some recycling. Ngea ngea project ma nim riring me I had not realised ngana start en amo bwe etsiok bed egada no oe iya anim aea. Tubwa.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa Mr. Speaker, me ateng kudoiy amea Minister for RONPHOS, iyed iya tik orre wangara deimanu me egen tonnage in the next month or so ura expect to sell me is the phosphate ready or will it be ready for the next shipment. Gona oa iok highlight eiya gata bita. Tubwa.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Araoe vessel ogiten nominate eiy bwe enim orre end of this month me anga decline eiy both dogin bwe one was too big me we were not ready iya ma nim supply eiy. We have since this week accept eiy the smaller vessel bwe ma nim supply eiy round about the 28th or the 29th inan ongaun India, smaller vessel me won lay can ngea IPL the next shipment after that will be between 15 to 25 August.

So ngarowe ngarowe next two shipments we are looking at, one would be about 18,000 tons me IPL will be 27,000 tons. Ogiten pana wama workers that is our target me ngea ngea ma nim supply

enough for those two ships in the next two months. Tubwa.

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren): Tubwa Speaker, me ateng ta follow up eiy bita. Notice eiy bwe eiy pan ngana ura reject eiyin shipment ion dogin bwe ura eab gona meet eiy bita capacity, bita won tonnage. Gona oa iok amea Minister explain eiy dogin bwe aeo tsied refurbish eiyin ngane mungane operations ne oe, eiy gona pana gata why ura eo gona meet eiy me how much ngea amebuna kongon? Tubwa.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Ngea initial nominate eiy for 30,000 tons atsin turin India me they wanted it quickly. Unfortunately ma eo gona supply eiy 30,000 tons given that over the last couple of weeks we had shipped over 50,000 tons me dry out kor wama bins me we could not supply any load within the next four weeks which is what would satisfy eiy ura, that is why ma decline eiyin ngana wangara vessel me ma suggest eiya ngen ura bwe ura nim get a smaller vessel me ura accept eiyin.

Just on the point of bita refurbished plant, yes touga ngea plant it has the capacity to produce 50,000 tons a month if we had all three dryers running full bore me touga ngana constraints ngana lack of fuel me lack of power. Until we address those issues ngana plants nan ta megada na, we can only run it at even less than half the capacity.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Tubwa Mr. Speaker, a follow-up question ea Minister for RONPHOS. Ngaga mwa ouge mwa target eiy 18,000 inga mungana rejects bwe wo ouge mwa reject eiy two proposals won amebuna amen Korea, Samsung, bwe aeo tsied ouwak eken pumwen won phosphate rock tsinia tuwap ngea Samsung me they normally only require 8 to 10 thousand tonnes.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, ideally anga anan teng rowiowa Samsung memak wora phosphate bwe they are, as amea Member pan, the highest paying customer but as eiy tik pan bed limited kor wangara demand. In a total one year period they cannot obu more than 50,000 tons in a whole year. Ngana wangara shipments ura tengeiy in small batches, tekeiy aeo pan, 6 – 8 thousand tons bwe oning wangara plant ian Seoul, but ngagan ngabuna Samsung darame last week, ura kongon wangara next load I believe in September. Anga anan teng bwe ura nim kuri bed eken but ouga wangara demand schedule ngura ura eo take more than what we can supply. So I have already confirm eiya ura ngana we will be ready to supply to them bwe oning wangara load by September me ngea wangara next load ura nan tik tengeiy they are looking at January.

So ma looking at bita ama nim gona arowonga memak wangara demands me in fact we can dogin bwe oning wangara needs me I have in fact asked them if ura gona take more, me at this stage ura ngabuna decline. Tubwa.

Mr. Jeremiah (Meneng): Tubwa Mr. Speaker. Direct eiy wanga question ea CIR. Ngaga wo oreit pan phosphate sales at a meeting a couple of weeks ago tsimine ata pan mungana quarterly payments me nungi ngune next one inan pudu ian June won landowners, me wo gona oa iok pana gama date eken ngea wo nan gona pumwe wot landowners muk?

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, nungi tsimine bed question ion ngago last sitting, same thing, me ngea wanga answer then oreit relevant bed ngea, and it is ngana the last couple of shipments ang rowiow the fact is we have only received 300,000 dollars in cash me that was only from Samsung, ngarowa oaro ipumwe idura. We had managed to roda some more emuk from amebuna Getax bwe enim cover eiy basic operational costs which are fuel and salaries, so ngakena emuk ma gona atsin turin Samsung already ouwakin kor nanga salaries, we had paid 3 salaries in that, me double ngea payment ngago last month. Plus ma rouw oaro loads of diesel, ngana ngana operational decisions we have to make on a daily basis bwe limited, extremely limited kor won financial resources ngea bita company and we have to make a valid judgement whether ma forfeit eiy salary ion bwe ma nim pumwe royalties oa pumwe rent oa leases mungana imin ouga. Tsied ngana the Board ogiten present eiy ame list to pay royalties from last year, we know how much that is, we have the figures for that me ma teng pumwe tekeiy towon.

Ngarowa shipment oaro, tekeiy aeo pan ngago last sitting ngana they are due in the next quarter which would be the end of this month, me ngea RONPHOS has to pay legally those me anan quoquon bwe anim arrange eiy finance to meet those obligations but at this stage ngaga oning revenue metu from the last two shipments difficult iya anim commit to that me anan ta pan ngana tsinia tsimine finance come into

place, which ma oreit quoquon me arrange eiy, inat pumwe in memak ngana mungana outstanding royalties me ngana ngana priorities ma oreit teng pumwe. Tubwa.

Mr. Adam (Buada): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker, me ateng kudoiy Minister for CIR. Tsimine edorer ion oreit opwe'poe aton me ta buduga wong me eiy gona ogaro. Tsimine iduwenin ngana enim merge Rehab. me RONPHOS oa iok.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Deo rumour ngea bwe it has been known to the House atsin last year. Ngea plan enim merge eiy mining operations only me Rehab. as part of its, ngea oreit nuwaw me enim start up en, won secondary mining operations me inan ura bed take over eiyin secondary mining, which means virtually inan touga. Ngabuna wama amen makur who are working no ituga me mungana bulldozers, R.V., memak mungana same people operating them me inan ekae engame omaramwi ura; inan Rehab. rather than RONPHOS. Ma ied it is much more efficient iya enim ouga riringen, enim deo two mining operations running side by side, ma ied ngana ngea Rehab. ouwak won capitalisation nan gona me inan gona eiy supply eiy fuel, spare parts for mungana mining machinery. It is also ouwak cost saving ea RONPHOS tsinia ngea cost of mining Rehab. riring me RONPHOS nan rouw ngea phosphate atsin tangura, on a per ton basis.

It has been the trend since last year ngea bita plan ouga me emanated from an original report from a feasibility study ngea Australia fund eiy ngea recommend eiy the full merging of RONPHOS me Rehab. Edogor reject eiy bita dogin bwe ma teng babiyi won focus ngea RONPHOS as an exporter, me ma teng bed babiyi won focus Rehab. as a rehabilitation corporation. What we did accept from the report was that ngea mining it should be taken up by Rehab. so that will take effect from July 1. Tubwa.

Mr. Adam (Buada): Ateng follow up eiy bita wanga question, ateng oudon amea Minister, tsied ngana ngea Rehab. nan involve bed ian bita secondary mining anga iya babiyi, so inan fit where ngune secondary mining dogin bwe nungi iya imin ouwak ngune secondary mining anga ian meo bwe engame bwiet eb megaun me nungi ia ekeow approach eiyet engame dogit secondary mining. Inan metu where ngune bitune ian bitune imin meta ngaga nan merge en RONPHOS me Rehab. Inan otenamwanin handle eiyen ngea bita?

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, eo kor metuwa me ngea question me anan mag ron quoquon me answer eiy.

Ngea secondary mining eiy won future of RONPHOS bed me future n bed bitune eb me a number of feasibilities have proved me bitune kor tokin done independently me funded by Australia dogin aura eo tuebon, metan ngana fully feasible ngea secondary mining me ngea wora proven tonnage na up to 40 million tons of secondary mining me we have even gone to the stage ngana, me even bita recommendation feasibility actually designed the project to mine the secondary.

Ngea ma expect to happen from July 1, Rehab. will continue with primary mining much of this year, ma expect eiy ian October bwe enim orren mungana mining equipment tsimedu me we expect to spend in the order of 13 million dollars dogin machinery for secondary mining, mobile crushers, a suite of excavators me trucks. Ur nan complement eiy ura ngana mungana suite of machinery, mungana obwe nan keep working on primary mining until primary mining is finished and based on those estimates I have in front of me that is another 1.9 million tons oa at the current rate about two or three years so nan ta continue ngea.

Ngea secondary mining, as soon as the machinery comes in October ma expect eiyin ura bwe ura nim immediately go into trials, we are actually working out how much tonnage they can do atsin ean bita emarere plus we expect ngana from October onwards ngana wangara trials they will start trialling phosphate amo. We do know ngana ngea secondary mining is technically and financially feasible dogin bwe ma ogiten bed rowiow secondary rock. Ngabune Pivot bitune wangara last shipment me wangara future shipments they have asked for secondary rock in particular dogin bwe ngea secondary rock ngana mungana samples ma ogiten roda it is something like 70% reduction in cadmium me only 2% reduction in PPL.

So we already have the markets for it, Australia me now New Zealand bed they are interested bed, ura teng bed row secondary. So from October onwards ngana wama secondary mining operations will start supplying rock bed ea RONPHOS, we will be blending probably 4:5 or 5:1 mixture of primary and

secondary bwe enim gona bed stretch out bita primary.

I guess ngea won question a mea Member for Buada relate ea landowners me how ama gona onuwaiv secondary mining with existing leases me at current prices. Anga, honestly a eo bed gona answer eiy bita dogin bwe Rehab. handle it directly with landowners. Ngana seven pits ura owenon ngea, no ura irir phosphate they had direct leases with the landowners, eo owenon mungana existing NPC leases. But it is a question ngea Rehab. me edogor need to have addressed by the end of this year dogin bwe secondary mining starts seriously by October and we need to know whether feasible ngana mungana existing leases or we need to have new direct leases with landowners. Ngana ngana we need to have ongoing for the next four to five months ian obwen an start secondary. Tubwa.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa Speaker me ateng follow up eiy bita won question a mea Member for Buada. Anga bed me I heard it as a rumour ngune bitune imin, me therefore ateng oudon a mea Minister, did he table that report bwe ang nim tsied memak. I cannot remember iya a ied report towe an merge murowe Rehab. me RONPHOS. I have not seen any documentation on it iya omeatu ian bitune Parliament, bwe anga bed ion me kaiot ngune bitune rumour.

Bit a feasibility study ngea anga interested ian, feasible ea iyen, government? Dogin bwe aeo tsied anga ngea tsinia wo nim mine ngea phosphate, say out of bita 50 dollars gona 20 dollars ngea nanga RONPHOS, some other dollar nanga edogor, me some other dollar nanga Rehab., me gona bed NPRT also at this stage I am not too sure. Me tsinia ura nim tik omamo in company ion, wanga understanding from mungana an dorer, Rehab. will continue to do rehab., RONPHOS will continue to sell phosphate me company ion ngea inan meta atsin ean an epoda Rehab. me RONPHOS, will that mean ngana inan aiong divide eiyin ngea bita mokit phosphate ngago \$20 ea RONPHOS, \$10 Rehab. \$5 government, \$5 NPRT. Tsinia enim tik tsimine ngea company ion inan tik towin ngea bita bwe enim oiya bita company ion \$5, tekeiy ngago enim \$6 wona ngea bita engame inan egeten \$3 oa \$2.

Ngea ngea wanga question, is he going to create another company me inan tik ekae ata oyeyi ngune bitune? Gona oa confirm eiy tsinia ogiten table eiy murane report bwe ma teng aea. Tubwa.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Ekeow etsiok bed table eiy ngarana report but I have made statements in the House on a number of occasions ngana secondary mining will be absorbed, taken up by Rehab.

Me anim answer eiy bita won question a mea, there won't be a new company, all we are doing is merging the mining operations only. So basically the suite that we have now of 5 R.V.'s, 6 trucks, 3 excavators me 2 front end loaders ngana ngana will transfer. The same people will operate them ta ngana they will be working for Rehab. So there won't be a new company and there won't be additional costs iya enim pumwe, in fact we expect savings from the efficiencies that will be created. Magin wanga calculations I have in front of me there is no change that we foresee ea landowners ea edogor, it is still \$16 a ton that has to be paid in royalties which is what this House passed three years ago and we still budgetted for that. Eko anga additional costs iya a ied, in fact savings as I said me ouge anga inan savings ngune bwe mining operations nan obuida eow turit company ion ngea have more capitalisation, more access to spare parts me better funding mechanisms. Just the fact ngana epodan oaro mining operations into one nan reduce eiy wama overhead costs substantially.

So, there is no new company me eko additional costings to be incurred. Tubwa.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Tubwa Mr. Speaker. A follow-up question ea a mea Minister for Rehab., me RONPHOS. A eo teng sound negative bwe oreit teng quoquon bwe enim garoame bitune imin meta. Anga aeo tsied ngea Rehab. eiy amen rehab., me a mea Minister mention eiy ngana inan eiyin bed handle eiy primary mining. Inga ngea bita won focus Rehab. bwe enim riring rehab., bwe tsimine woun ngea Rehab. me ouge anga nungi inan tik waste eiyin won resource me emuk ngea Rehab. tsinia enim riring makurin ben RONPHOS especially for primary mining.

Oreit quoquon me omeatuwame bwe animen ogiten come across, animen, an ADB report recommendation ngana tsinia Rehab. inan obuida bita mining no oe inan ura rowiowa RONPHOS at something like 9 dollars a ton or something. Ngea question, ateng bwe enim garoame bita won focus Rehab.. ngaga eab oturaiy makurin ben Rehab.? Won finance which we all know is from NACOS won AusAID, inan focus en bed ean mungana ikirir oe? I can understand ngea secondary mining, me eken won direction ngea Rehab. ngaga, ngaga oreit secondary mining at the same time oreit rehab.? Oreit aea bituno

won focus Rehab. iya shift en bwe enim mwaiya bed primary mining. I hope the question is specific.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, ngana ngana precisely the questions anga oudon amebuna experts, oudon Rehab. me RONPHOS bwe ateng bed satisfied ngana ngea Rehab. won't lose its focus which is rehab. Former governments set up eiy body ion ngea enim focus ean won rehabilitation bitune eb dogin bwe ang nim gona owenot eb iyamwen. Ngea answer that was clear me amebuna economists bed ogaro ngana in its original state ngea Rehab. it would be a cost ea edogor. It could not recover costs, it was basically a rehabilitative body ngea inan spend eiy emuk me at one stage it was estimated at 230 million dollars bwe enim rehabilitate eiy eb. It was found ngana tsinia Rehab. took on a more commercial function me actually generated revenue at the same time ngea gona self-fund eiy ngea bita rehabilitation, dogin bwe ngea ngea focus edogor gona mwaiya dogin bwe enim reduce eiy won costs edogor to rehabilitation.

Amebuna economists ngaga ro aea, me amebuna structural engineers me mining engineers ngaga ura omamo ngarana murana feasibility report ura ied bwe ura conduct eiy trials ean mungana pits, mwa tsied, no oe ngana you have to remove the phosphate anyway. You have to remove the pinnacles, remove the phosphate, me that was all at a cost. Ogen ed iya instead of just removing the phosphate and stock-piling it anywhere, transforming it into terra-formi, they said you could actually sell it and make it self-sustaining ngea bita operation, so that became the focus dogin bwe anim make it self-sustaining ngea bita rehabilitation. We worked out the cost me yes, eimwi ngea bita figure eiy refer ea, \$9 a ton Rehab. could actually sell this phosphate to RONPHOS. Ngea won RONPHOS existing cost to mine is around \$50 a ton. So already there is a big savings to RONPHOS.

We have worked out since ngana ngea Rehab. if it sold at \$9 a ton, it could self-fund rehabilitation for the next 20 to 30 years. It is also a profitable venture. There is also included in that a margin bwe enim gona generate a dividend ngea Rehab. whether or not we go down that path. It is questionable but the Act allows us to generate dividend and paid to government. So ouge anga ekeow pwerin tsinia ang nim explore eiy all those avenues bwe enim make it – (1) self-sustainable and (2) even profitable bwe enim reduce eiy cost ea edogor me potentially provide eiy revenue and dividend to the government in the future.

All the economists that we had spoken to, all the engineers, they think this is feasible and I have the report me in response ea bita won question amea Member for Meneng ateng bed table eiy ngarana report bwe mwa nim aea. It is a big one, it will take me a while bwe anim copy eiy me ateng kor anga bwe mwa nim ied ngarana murana. Secondary mining is going to start this year, we are moving forward full bore ngune bitune, we have got the funding in place for it. So tekeiy towon aeo gona, anan omamo ngarane murane bwe mwa nim ied mungana feasibility. Tubwa.

Mr. Buraman (Ewa/Anetan): Tubwa Speaker. Direct eiy wanga question ea Minister for CIR, same line of questioning, bita kor ang oreit discuss eiy. Ngea ateng tsied ngaga wo ouge bwe Rehab. enim rowiow bed ngea bita emarere garo ngana enim rowiowa RONPHOS, me ang tsied ngana ngea RONPHOS tsinia rowiow emarere pumwe in landowners. Ogen ed ngea Rehab. tsinia rowiow emarere inan inga won share landowners na?

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Ngea plan RONPHOS enim sub-contract eiy Rehab. to mine phosphate at \$9 a ton. RONPHOS nan pumwe ngea bita nine dollars, eko won share landowners na dogin bwe RONPHOS will pay that separately, me touga \$50 a ton me with all the funds ea landowners in cash royalties, touga ngana mungana they will all be paid by RONPHOS dogin bwe the Act only allows RONPHOS to actually mine and sell phosphate then pay royalties. So Rehab. will be contracted under a lease arrangement, hire eiy ura bwe ura nim mine eiy ngea bita phosphate.

Mr. Adam (Buada): Tubwa Speaker, to continue eiy ea Minister for CIR. Nungi clear eame no ouge economist pan, advise eiy ura ngana a lot of savings to government, a lot of savings to the company me all around favourable me ta dogin etsiok bed garo ame, etiki landowners bwe anga eow ean aeo babiye eb ngana ogiten iri redoanget engame bwiora. Me tsinia tsimine secondary mining there should be another approach me amune Minister etsiok bed ogaroame na, inga eken wangara plan towe landowners dogin bita secondary mining bwe nungi nan ta go ahead – Rehab. riring secondary mining me in fact ngage ian October nan start en wangara mining whether it is feasibility study, eo kor metuwame feasibility study, how long does it take for a feasibility study. Ogiten pan ngana highly recommended bwe ouwak ngea

reserve na bita towe secondary mining me ngea anga teng oudon amea Minister bwe nungi mo memak, well laid down memak won plan towe mungana entities inon ta landowners. Etsiok bed tsied where do the landowners stand ea mungana eb, which ouge anga aeo babiyi bwe surrender eiyn ura, me ea RONPHOS, Rehab., or even government. Tubwa.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Tubwa. Mr. Speaker, animen anga answer eiyn ngea bita ngago. Ngea wanga answer eo kor garo ame at this stage dogin bwe ma etsiok negotiate with landowners whether or not ma nan owenon existing NPC leases oa ma nim taineiy tsimedu. The experience we have had over the last couple of years is ma tain direct leases with amebuna landowners of mungana seven trial pits. Maybe that was just one off, eiki, me amebuna dango etsiok bed pan ame iya we are going to need to re-look the whole Act me look at new leases for all the mined-out lands, eiki. As far as I am aware, me gona engage correct eiyo, animen ngago ngana mungana eb they have to be returned rehabilitated to landowners, they are not all automatically surrendered as is, enim rehabilitated eiyn. If that takes another 30 years then legally I think, I think, ngana lease they are still in existence.

But concerning landowners directly touga ngana royalties, my projection etsiok bed iwid ngana royalties. I don't know if you want to, me bitune House nan decide eiyn but we have budgetted for the royalties to be the same for the primary mining so landowners will be catered for tekeiy an egada ngana mungana wangara royalties.

The question of whether or not we sign new leases or use old leases ngea ngea we are still working on bwe eiki anga iya some landowners may not want mungana wangara eb re-mined, eiki. Anga bed me ateng tsied, me ngea ngea we plan to do now until October when we start secondary mining, to work on the leases to the mined-out lands. Thank you.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa Speaker, same line of questioning. Gain concerned no ouge ngeiy profitable ngea Rehab., me definitely na profit bed ngea RONPHOS nan touga ngana won royalties inan \$16, so I am presuming profitable ngarowe murowe they are going to sell more than \$50 a ton. Is it government's intention to make profitable ngarowe murowe me ngabuna landowners touga wangara rate? Or will they come back to the House me ougan wangara profit me ota in won landowners share; dogin bwe tsinia profit ngarowe murowe me touga won landowners share we won't be able to get them to sign leases. Eken won intention government tsinia both murowe make profit me ngea amea landowner touga ngea won royalty.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, ateng pana amea Member for Meneng ngana deo wot edogor choice ngea pumwen landowners bwe bitune House decides egen royalties. Murana Act ang amend eiyn eow ne two years ago, amie mwa increase eiyn won share landowners we still have that mechanism available ea bitune ewak, in fact it can be a motion from Members ne paname, I guess iya enim ouga, on the recommendation of Cabinet. But it is a decision of this House whether or not ang increase eiyn royalties.

Anga tsimine aeo kamarar ion me eiki tsinia anan return it back to the House to see whether ang teng riring; ateng anga bwe enim tsimine arrangement no landowners will earn a share of profits or share of revenues rather than ang set eiyn \$16 a ton, we could have it at just a percentage share. So if we sell at low prices then it is a loss ea RONPHOS and we all share in that loss. We sell at higher prices then we all share in increased revenues. Nungi ngea ngea that seems a workable solution forward, ta ngana as I said it is the House's decision me ultimately enim ata decide eiyn. Tubwa.

Mr. Batsiua (Boe): Tubwa Speaker, ateng direct eiyn wanga question ea Minister for Health. Ateng oudo wangara arrangements iat earak dogin won consultation times amebuna dogida, there is a lot of confusion ngeage engage eiki kor kurakin aura nim obereiy dogida dogin aragura, me ateng tsinia amea Minister tsied eken ngea consultation enim pana House bwe engage enim tsied aura daein gona ied met dogida.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Tubwa Speaker, tubwa amea Member for Boe dogin won question. Ngune bitune issue was raised to me last week and I have addressed it with the Director of Medical Services over the weekend, me assure eiyn ngago Monday ngana he is addressing mungana concerns egadame. Kaiot ngana gain raquo engage iat outpatients, for several hours, me kaiot bed ngana aiya at engage arowonga mibuna dogida ura teng arowonga. Gain surprise eiyn dogin bwe we

have got more doctors in fact than we have had for some time, and after discussions with the Director of Medical Services it was clear that part of the reason was that ngabune dogida tsimedu me etsiok bed enni ura bita system ma tengeiy ura bwe ura nim makur ean. So ma clarify eiyin ngune bitune system over the weekend, basically currently arumen general doctors, Dr. Kiki Thoma me Dr. Emily Santa Maria ur nim awaiyida outpatients from 9 o'clock through to 5 o'clock in the afternoon apart from lunch break. Memak ngabuna tekeiy specialist dogida tekeiy surgeon, obstetrician, anaesthetist me paediatrician tsinia ura orre ura nan riring aura opwe iat wards at nine, quoquon me rangada ean 10.30 me ura bed ro nan metun iat clinic, iat outpatients. Me apart from mungana daeit theatre me mungana imin ouga or other needs iat emergency oa iat wards ura nim available iat outpatients for the rest of the day.

Inan tsimine bed ngana specialist clinics, tsimine inon ogiten awaiyida, tekeiy ante natal clinics are held twice a week at specific times, inan tsimine ngana diabetes clinics me specific heart clinics me mungana imin ouga. Ebwaken ngane mungane will be held at the community health clinics no iat NGH, but basically ngea bita issue of an ober engame, raquo aura obereiy dogida iat outpatients hopefully nan improve en with at least two doctors there all the time from 9 o'clock me from 10.30 onwards eimwi bwe enim ebwaken dogida, mibuna specialists, join eiyin ura.

Ateng bed pan ngana we are expecting up to another five doctors bwe enim orre in the next few months, a combination of doctors ngabuna ma oreit recruit eiy atsin iat Pacific me dogida ibun atsin Cuba, a total of five extra doctors ngabuna expected in the next few months. So, that combined with mungana imin mar ogiten dorereiy amea Director of Medical Services hopefully inan improve eiy bita situation na iat earak in terms of clinics. Tubwa.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa Speaker. Ateng direct eiy wanga question ea Minister for Health.

Basically, is the Minister aware ngana tsimine eita dogida na eita Indian, me inga complaints oreit egada won office oa eita won Secretary bwe anga about three people ogiten egadame pan ame roein buriora dogin eita Indian dogida, eiki iya wot eoning me a eo teng oudon ne. Ateng ta oudo, inga complaints ogiten egada ura bwe ura ouge ura ogiten officially complain ea bita department. Inga complaints egadaw ngea at this stage, ngana ngea eita eiki iya quoquotaiy won patient oa eo dob an riring won patient. Oudo bwe anga pana ura bwe ura nim go through the process me omeatuwa wam department ngea bita, me tsinia ekeow wo gona oa iok investigate eiy bwe wo nim aea iya tsimine complaint na. Tubwa.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Mr. Speaker, ekeow specific complaint egadame angogen aiquet dogida, ta bita complaint towe an ober engame iat outpatient. Ekeow specific complaint, me gona nan mo eken tsinia amea Member for Meneng oiyame details aton me anan gona follow up eiy. Tubwa.

Mr. Speaker: Members, ngea ata dae magen me I will allow the last question to the Member for Buada.

Mr. Adam (Buada): Hon. Speaker, ateng request for extension for about half an hour.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Second eiy.

Mr. Speaker: Members, I will put the question and the question is that question without notice time be extended for another half an hour.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Adam (Buada): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker, ngaga ang tik iat health, ateng oudon amea Minister for Health, animen tsinia a recall eiy correctly, ogiten pan mona ambulance ngana available en iat earak, ngona very well equipped, mo memak imin ian mona ambulance.

Ngea orin oudo bitune question, dogin bwe ogiten experience eiy eat edae ion nuwaw ngona mona ambulance bwe enim pick up eiy patient ion who was drastically ill me ouge anga aeo babiyi ekeow expert staff ian mona ambulance. Mone ambulance, anim oudon amune Minister, tsimine won qualified paramedics ian tsinia tuwin nanga egaturae oa iok, me amea bed won ambulance driver inga imin turin buoget engame tsinia emwemwin bwe enim nanga egaturae mone ambulance. Tubwa.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren):

Tubwa Mr. Speaker, a very valid question from the Member for Buada. Iduwen eko ren tsinia ima ngamen wora equipment me ekeow wora staff mwan iya enim owenon mungana equipment.

Tekeiy amie tsied amebuna wora ambulance drivers employ eiy ura unskilled, we hope they know how to drive me we spend time trying to teach them the skills to save lives. It is an ongoing process ngea bita, deo iya ura have any experience iat health ebwakura ian obwen aura obuida bita emakur. Tsimine ngana ekereri ma oiya ura, tsimine eita Director of Nursing/Health Educator co-ordinate eiy mungana training iat earak, tsimine ngabuna trainers of first aid that deliver first aid training within the Health Department me ea communities me other departments me tsimine bed wama volunteer me makur iat pharmacy ouwakin but he is a trained paramedic me he has been working with the ambulance drivers, set up eiy systems bwe enim fixed mungana equipments me supplies iat ambulance me ereri mibuna drivers owenonen mungana equipments me riringen wangara first aid.

That is the process in place, tekeiy aeo pan it is an ongoing process. Tsinia tsimine ngabuna tsimedu or relievers who have not always had experience with the training, but hopefully over a period of time inan resolve en ngea bita issue. Tubwa Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Adam (Buada):

Tubwa Mr. Speaker, me anim ta follow up eiy ea amea Minister for Health. Amea Minister ied won worth bwe enim employ eiy two or some, tekeiy an pan, dedicated paramedics bwe enim handle eiy mona ambulance meanwhile bwe ngona ambulance oreit tsimine need eiyen, oreit meta. Bitune incident a witness eiy unfortunate metan. Ouge anga bwe ngago iya dobar mibuna paramedics something else might have happened differently.

Ngage in training ngabune engame ngage, ogen garo ngana in process, inga plans bwe ura koni dogida me magiduwa memak wora imin, me inga iya enim orrean bed at least two qualified paramedics who will be on standby bwe enim call out dogin mungana trauma ouwak. Tubwa.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren):

Tubwa Speaker, me otubwa amea Member dogin won suggestion. Etsiok bed ouga ama kamarar iya ma nim engage eiy engame specifically or solely for that task. But along the same line of thinking ngea ma oreit quoquon me install iyat procedure mibuna senior nursing staff ngabuna on duty iat emergency tsinia tsimine call dogit ambulance eita oa mibuna staff ngabuna senior iat emergency ura nan edegeri ngona ambulance bwe enim gona take that function of the paramedic. Appreciate eiy ngana it is not quite the same thing ngea amea Member n Buada suggest eiy but it is probably something that we can accommodate within available staff and resources and it may go some way in dealing with that problem. Tubwa.

Mr. Adam (Buada):

Tubwa Mr. Speaker, me ngune wanga next question animen eimwi bwe enim nanga Minister for Finance.

Ngago wora last sitting ian bitune House tsimine opaporet imiton ngea ouwak riringen ian bitune House me nungi derenaiya bed an nuwaw bitune House ean bita edae dogit emuk ion enim oreoana NPRT. Ateng tsied from the Minister, ngaga ang on time ata riring bita imin inga pass en bita emuk? Nanga it NPRT, me mungana whispers ura araiyida ngaga na on the floor ngana inan pumwe in won RONWAN engame, inga inan pumwe in oa iok bwe ngune it will be very good news ea dei Naoero. Ouge ngeiy wanga whisper me animen a kaiotow across the Table ngago atik ne. Ed amea Minister gona ogaroana gata mungane oa ekeow?

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide):

Mr. Speaker, ipumwe in ngea 4 million US, straight atsin Taiwan eaduwa won account NPRT. Iyuwen documentation eken me inan pumwe ngea bita 5.3 million US. Ma expect eiy no problems, no issues there, in a matter of weeks if not days. Ngea interest ma oreit omamo bwe enim tik pumwe eow turin Taiwan six hundred something thousand US. Ma eo expect eiy bed issue na, ouwak an ber amebuna amen Taiwan eat edae eken me ura ibibogin pumwe mungane dogin ama kongon.

A eab oneiy anga ngana mungana whispers, gona ita ura whisper ea ura me deo ama araiy ngana mungana whispers.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan):

Tubwa Mr. Speaker, me a question to the Minister for Transport. Ouge bwe inat orangida in amen makur ian Our Airline Ngea ateng tsied whether iduwen ngune bitune

imin. Ngea ion inga package, whether retrenchment package or some kind of package payment over a few months or half a year, rangaen mibuna staff who had been there for a long time.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Transport-Yaren): Tubwa Speaker me otubwa amea Member dogin won question. Ngune bitune anga oudon management ian Our Airline bwe ura nim ogaroame angogen mungana decisions taken by the airline. I believe the Board meeting, perhaps two weeks ago, Monday two weeks ago, tsimine further cost cutting measures management propose eiya Board me ngana ura paname there had been agreements, not with just the Board and management but apparently proposed by the employees of Our Airline, mibuna staff themselves, in terms of across the board reduction in salary me tsinia anga aea, demonstrate eiy won commitment employees ian Our Airline bwe ura nim riring memak mungana ura gona riring bwe enim buog won commercial viability bita airline.

In terms of retrenchment ekeow specific retrenchment ura pan ame. Ura pan ame ngana ura oreit aea mungana roles iat airport mungana which in effect are part-time roles tekeiy they currently pay mibuna engame makur iat airport full time salaries for servicing the aircraft twice a week that it comes through, or four turn-arounds. Ngea proposal to turn those into part-time or to reflect the part-time nature of that role. So ekeow retrenchments but there are further cost-cutting measures.

In terms of any package, Members nan tsied ngana we had been providing welfare payments ea mibuna retrenched last year, that continues until now. Cabinet is considering extending these payments for a further period pending budget outcomes me won approval Parliament of course. Ateng ta ogaroa Members ngana the airline has achieved a reduction in overheads from 6 million dollars per annum down currently to 2 million dollars per annum and heading towards 1.5 million dollars per annum overheads. So there had been significant cost-cutting which has made a big impact on the viability on the airline, positive impact.

Discussions and meetings that I have had with the executive, management has made it very clear that there is really no room for any further cuts, we are pretty much as bare-boned as an airline can be ngea tsinia we achieve the 1.5 million dollar target, and all efforts remain in increasing revenue. Me unfortunately all of those efforts are yet to produce any long term results. We certainly have had results me ekeow mungana fixed long term.

Tsied ngana won Chairman me won CEO whenever they have Board meetings me meta mungane decisions ouge they follow it up with a general staff meeting me ura quoquon bwe face to face ura nim communicate eiy mungane imwinen ea staff iat airline. I have attended a couple of these meetings me a ied won response mibuna staff me it is very uplifting won response bwe mag rora ngen quoquon me achieve eiy bita viability of the airline. Me murane tokit report egadame ngana staff ngabuna recommend eiya management bwe enim tow maramwura. At earlier meetings, I had personally said to employees of the airline ngana tokit imin ngea ma nan teng towe bita maramwura me gain onungo ngaga kaiot ngana it came from the staff themselves ngana ura teng ouga, oa ura ied ngana inan tsimine benefit long term in terms of job security. They feel better to have the benefit of long term employment in taking that decision. But at this stage, Mr. Speaker, ekeow specific retrenchment planned. Tubwa.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker. Ngea ang tik ean mungane issues of feasibility, reforms me cost cutting, a question to the Minister for RONPHOS me Rehab. Ngaga merge en ngabuna amen makur no oe, inga engame rangada atsin ean bitune merge.

Mr. Pitcher (Minister for C.I.R.-Ubenide): Tsinia omaran, out of mining staff and crew less than 30 ngabuna engame involved amebuna amen drive trucks, R.V. Ngana nan merge mungana mining side, amebuna amen kirir, amebuna amen drive trucks, bull dozers ea bita hopper. Ngea hopper won RONPHOS, no etotu emarere buridu yong me crush eiy. Memak ngana conveyors na, conveyors, trains eadu yong won RONPHOS memak. So basically 30 or less ngabuna engame involved, amebuna amen drive R.V. me trucks, me as far as I am aware they will all be taken. They will be transferred to Rehab., different people pay them, have different boss, different CEO that they work for ta ngana atsied ngana in the first interim the first couple of months they will all be on probation to make sure ngana ura makur me as with any other operation tsinia ura fail na inan gona tsimine retrenchment. The plan is enim owenon memak ura during the hand-over.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Question ea amea Minister t Justice oa Police. Animen nan kaiot me nan garon no ngow ngea wanga question.

Ngago tokin sitting ang raise eiy problem ion, towe drugs me prostitution ino iat oror. Just recently bed tik egadat imwinen ngana still rampant, me ngago tokin sitting tsimine bed recommendation oiya amea Minister concerned dogin bita portfolio. Inga, what has happened so far? Minister for Police oa Justice?

Mr. Speaker: Member for Ewa and Anetan which Minister actually got up and replied to your question? Minister for Justice oa police?

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Animen Police.

Mr. Scotty (Minister for Police-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, a eo bed tsied ngea bita recommendation oiya amea Minister to Police at the time. Anan konga amea Member bwe enim ogaro eken buguda me jolt my mind.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Question ea Minister for Justice. Mungane court cases ne pago tsimine engame ro teng pumwe aura dura, me gona cost eiy ura a thousand dollars me bita policy ouge enim cash payment mungana penalties. Inga kamarareiyen bwe enim owenon cheques oa eo gauweiyin honour eiy ngana cheques iat bank?

Mr. Kun (Minister for Justice-Buada): Mr. Speaker, konga amea Member bwe enim redirect eiy won question to the Minister responsible dogit court, which is judiciary. Ekae bed ngea judiciary, deo under my portfolio.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Question ea Minister for Judiciary.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, yes anga ranga ngea bita Judiciary, anga ranga buritiman, anga Minister for Police me anga bed Minister for Judiciary, ekae ngea court system me ekae ngea justice. Gaiten confuse anga dogin bwe eiki iya direct eiyame won question, me tik direct eiya amea ion, me tik direct eiy amen ngaga, I don't know. Ateng konga amea Member bwe enim ogaro ame bita won question bwe anim gona oiya tubu me oneiy.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan): Ngea question tsimine engame ibun ro metu iat court me penalise eiy ura for whatever crime me ngea penalty either serve eiy a couple of weeks oa one month jail oa ura pumwe cash. Ngea ikudo under bed bitune climate ngage ibut engame re eab gona bed afford eiy mungana thousand dollar cash me bita policy towe ngana enim eiy cash payment inga an kamarar bitune government iya enim gona owenon bank cheques?

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, nungi nan ta dugidugo ngea bita question bwe yes ama kaduwaiy ura me ta dogin tsinia ura nim pumwe imin kaia eimwin bwe enim tik metu iat Treasury bwe Treasury enim tik pan ngana mungana bank cheques. Anga tsinia anim aea, me ta ngana ta wanga view ngune eo iya omamedo engame anga bwe yes I agree fully with the Member ngana kaia dogin an keyeya cash ogen enim owenon bank cheques.

Anga personally as the Minister for courts, tsinia enim bank cheque memak engame kaia inan ta wipo ngabuna amen riring offence bwe ura nan pumwe on bank cheque me ngea court orin riring won penalty bwe enim kaduwaiy engame deo iya wo nim be let off, bwe wo nim kaduwa. Tsinia wo eo gona pumwe ngea bita am dura, wo cause eiy bita offence, through cash ogen eimwi bwe enim karabutsi eiyuw bwe wo nim kaduwa. Tsinia ang nim pumwe ot bank cheque memak imin, anga ian meo nungi iya they don't care bwe engame memak gona pay by bank cheques. Tekeiy kor ama gona allow eiy payment dogin wora edin through bank cheques ekeow imin ma gona ian, eko bedibed revenue, me ta dogin ma nim ease off eiy ea engame ngabuna mo abura quoquon megura, tsimorura. Me tsinia ang nim ease off eiy amet dura, ouge anga ang condone eiyit engame bwe enim ta riring idura bwe ura nan pumwe ot bank cheque.

Me ta dogin, tekeiy aeo pan inan redoduwa finance ngea imin Anga a eo gona ouge mwa gona pumwe on bank cheques bwe inan tik redoduwa Finance bwe ura nim agree iya enim pumwe through bank cheque bwe inan stuck in the bank ngana mungana idura. Tubwa Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stephen (Ewa/Anetan):- Question ea Minister for Fisheries. At the last sitting engame oudo ada mungana buriot iu ta ngaina ian me ouge amea engame oko buriot iu. Egada ngen gama edorer amebuna amen ngawor ngana ura teng rouw iu at \$4 a kilo me enim gut and gilled me og me enim pass eiy mungana grade eiyen. ogen gona oa iok ogaro won policy Fisheries, ura karowiow ngura epoa burion me tsinia ura nim rouw mungana won amen ngawor iu enim tow burion me enim tik grade eiy kor, enim eo goeow arowonga ngow Japan. Gona oa iok ogaro won policy Fisheries ngage ura oreit pweda me tuwap iu?

Mr. Kun (Minister for Fisheries-Buada): Mr. Speaker, anim ogaro bituno wanga response ngago tokin, ouge anga ura rowiow buriot iu bwe kaia dei Naoero tengeiy buriot iu. Me eiki kor anga won policy ngabuna Fisheries towe riringet iu dogin bwe a eo operations. Ngea NFC it is a commercial arm of NFMRA me even as a commercial arm enim tsimine an independent from NFMRA me tsinia ma oreit quoquon me establish eiy ngea won demarcation between NFMRA me NFC mwa eab iedo nuwa me manage NFC, even though ogiten riring ngago.

Me actually anga ogiten pose eiya Board ngune bitune question, NFMRA Chair me eiy ogiten odon turin won CEO me both of them said no such thing. Ur ogiten gaidu na me ur ogiten bed oudodo angogen me no such thing. Ogen ouga ngea respond egadame. I personally have not gone me inspect eiy iu na, but that is the response I got me I hope ngana House nan accept that.

Mr. Buraman (Ewa/Anetan): Tubwa Speaker, me direct eiy wanga question ea Minister for Health. Ngune wanga question ebwaken aeo raise eiy during mungana sittings nuwawen, me ateng tik raise eiy ngage. Towe kor mungana equipment dogin mibuna engame gaturae meora, wo ouge aem ngago ngana tsimine difficulty orreanen mungana equipment dogin bwe mwa need eiy donor funding. Wo gona oa iok update eiy bitune House with regard to those equipment, me ngea ion towe bita cervical disease, aragun einibuna ien. Tubwa.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Mr. Speaker, tubwa. Apologise bwe oreit quoquon bwe anim ogaro bita won question amea Member. Adamonin ateng ogaro ngana a eo ouge anga problem with the equipment dogin bitune eye surgery, it has been the problem of the eye surgeons oa amebuna specialists. Tekeiy aeo pan ngago the initial response from RACS was that it was all a go, proceed en me gain last minute ura withdraw me pan ngana ura eo oyon wangara ngame. We have tried various options. At this point in time, RACS, bita Royal Australia College of Surgeons, are still telling us that they are putting together the team me tekeiy aeo pan ngago tokin etsiok bed confirm any exact time of deployment oa an egada bitune team. Anan quoquon me update eiy amea Member during Parliament sessions, ura send eiyame e-mails me anga copy eiya won reply bita College of Surgeons to make him aware that there is ongoing communication me ma oreit follow up eiy. Atsin ngago tokin etsiok bed ied any further response. Ngea eita Secretary for Health, on the basis of advice from aiqen specialist ian Fiji, oreit follow up eiy recommended contacts ian, eiki iya Adelaide ion me Auckland ion, me again at this point in time nothing concrete. Inan touga ama follow up eiy.

Ngune bitune cervical cancer issue, animen ogiten answer eiy ngago tokin in terms of won planned program amune Director of Health enim riring island-wide pap smear me healthy women program. There has been a lot of positive response from SPC, ura teng buok gata ean bitune imin me ura teng involve ian. Tsimine wangara supplies, funding me technical support ura offer eiya department buogen bitune island-wide pap smear screening program me healthy women program. Unfortunately a eo tsied exact dates of when this is to be undertaken or started.

Related to that bita vaccine issue, eiki iya ngea ngea wo oreit oudo bed, angogen bita tsimedu vaccine that Australian government is now offering for the young women. Tekeiy aeo pan, animen ogiten pan ne ngana it is a very expensive vaccine like most vaccines when they are brand new, they are expensive when they are brand new. We did some calculations which, off the top of my head, is about 1.2 million dollars per year just for Nauru tsinia ang nim implement eiy bitune vaccine ne. So at the moment it is clearly unaffordable. In comparison nungi memak ngana mungana immunisation ang oreita oiya eoning ngage less than ten thousand dollars for the whole population for all the diseases that we currently vaccine against. So there is a big cost difference, ten thousand dollars for about 12 diseases compared to 1.2 million dollars for one disease.

Nevertheless SPC again has been progressing this on my request. At this stage they are putting together a paper to inform health department about the current medical research on this vaccine. Nungi garo amen ngana there had been a lot of hype about the vaccine but in fact in the scientific world there is far from agreement on, amebuna dogida ura eke efficacy, won effectiveness bitune vaccine me there are concerns about unknown or potential side-effects mungana etsiok bed magit garo.

Nungi memak mungana development of ekogomwe oa vaccine there are a number of stages from lab. stages, animal stages through to human trials. Even in human trials there are a number of stages. Ngune bitune vaccine it seems to have jumped a stage dogin bita hype, media hype, and there are a number of remaining questions. So SPC oreit oepoiy document eran bwe enim advise eiy gama of the potential risk me the ongoing debates amongst the scientists towe bitune vaccine me at the same time they had been having discussions with, meyioten eken ngea bita organisation eiki iya EU, on potential funds to support rolling out the vaccine if government wishes to roll out the vaccine despite information that it will receive. So it is still work in progress. I think the simple message is that cervical cancer, the best way to beat it is pap smears, that means going to the doctor every two years for a pap smear, that is the best way to beat cancer. Ang nim eo ope ean mungana vaccine, ang nim eo ope ean mungana ekogomwe, ang nim eo ope ean other supposed treatment. Ngea best way to avoid cervical cancer every two years nanga dogida, nanga clinic me riring wam pap smear.

Ngea department nan focus ean, inan riring won national pap smear campaign in the next few months. Ma nan kongon memak wamie support bwe mwa nim encourage eiy memak ien bwe ura nim meta bitune pap smear me ongoing every two years. Ngune bitune cervical cancer kills a lot of young women in Nauru and around the world me the best way to beat it is to catch it early ngaga wo gona cure eiy. Ngea moun ngune cancer eo tsitabo cancer inon iya you have it and you can't cure it. Ngune bitune cervical cancer you catch it early we can cure it, me ngea bita solution pap smear every two years. Tubwa.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa Speaker. Ateng address eiy wanga question ea Minister for Fisheries. Ogen oa iok murana won plan Fisheries management. Nungi nanga in naga aiqen maramen ngarana wangara business plan, me ogen oa iok? Me eo touga ngune bitune aiqen maramen oberei business plan how much is it costing us dogin murowa fishing boats ta meg na. Is the crew working somewhere else full time me ang oreit omaramwi ura, egen maramwun ngabuna crew manage eiy murowe fishing boats are we paying ian bitune aiqen month ngage ura ta megada? How much is it costing us this month dogin aura ta megada ian boat harbour?

Inga ngarana murana business plan me tsinia etsiok og business plan eken riringen ngabuna amen komamo business plan. Tubwa.

Mr. Kun (Minister for Fisheries-Buada): Mr. Speaker, tsimine ngana wangara draft concepts ura ogiten put together me ekeow etsiok og business plan. We are in the process of seeking assistance from SPC for the purpose of looking at the feasibility of commercial fishing industry on Nauru me developing a corporate plan ngarana ang gona edegeri bwe tsinia ang nim commercial ang nim properly commercial. Me now unfortunately a eo gona ouge in one month oa in two months the corporation has actually produced something but it is won effort bita management na ngea brought about bitune ma nim seek eiya now assistance from regional organisations. We are now even assessing wama options as we go into the new financial year, otenamwanin source eiyet capital dogin bwe as a commercial entity wo nan need to assess capital me it is not just a simple matter of putting together a business plan and then going forward bwe ebwak infrastructure wo require eiy tsinia wo nim especially commercial fishing. Even one single investor will do it on his own dogin bituno outlay wo nan need eiy to jumpstart a commercial fishing industry on the island. Me it is not even as simple as fish market me wo koni dobod arae me awen fishing industry bwe wo need eiy utility support, need eiy bwe enim sufficient wam water capacity, wo need eiy ongoing power bwe wo nim gona refrigerate, wo need eiy memak imin.

Dogin bwe towada curiosity on the floor regarding NFC, me ngea NFC mwa nim curious ngago oreit nuwaw, mwa nim curious ngago oreit sail mungana dobod me oreit fishing, mwa nim curious where it was going then. Ogen mo iya mwa tsied no oreit go now, mo iya mwa oreit tsied dogin ngaga park dobod me eken ngana mungana issues we have to address dogin bwe mwa nim eo ta raredoa wamie questions bwe ang nan ta raredoa imin. Ogen I am trying to give the floor as much information as I can, me ogen that is the direction.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Minister for Fisheries.

Member for Meneng, I will allow you the last question, bwe magen ngea wamie extension ngago amo.

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng): Tubwa me ateng ta follow up eiy bed bita on Fisheries situation bwe gain kaiot rumour ngana amebuna amen repair eiy mona dobod, amebuna Japanese, tsinia ta miymiy na ngona dobod dogin ouga maramen inan tik bakoro ngona dobod me re eab teng tik orre me omamo dogin bwe ouga. So in the meantime ngaga ura oreit omamo murana business plan, eiki Bill Gates enim consult eiy ura, could they onuwaiw amebuna wora crew for training in the meantime bwe enim eo bakoro dobod? Could they do that to save us expenses, enim omakuron amebuna. Aeo nimon anga nungi tsinia ouge amebuna Japanese ngana inan bakoro dobod tsinia ta miymiy na, eo makura bwietangune. Gona oa iok eiy buoga gata na. Tubwa.

Mr. Kun (Minister for Fisheries-Buada): Tekeiy aeo pan ngago, deo anga management of NFC, me tsinia iduwen ngana inan bakoro dobod ogen is he asking me tsinia a tsied iya nan bakoro dobod, dogin bwe he seems to know more than I do. Deo anga ngea management of NFC, me Minister does not mean awe management that was the problem of the past. Wo eo gona mix up eiy wam commercial entities me Ministry.

Mr. Speaker: Thank you Minister.

Members, ang nan continue with our business of the day. Ang gaiduwa in Ministerial Statements & Papers for presentation.

Ministerial Statements & Papers for Presentation

Mr. Speaker: Inga wamie ministerial statements or papers for presentation?

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker and honourable colleagues, I want to present to Parliament the document recording inter subhead transfers agreed since my last statement relating to the 2006-2007 budget.

The Appropriation Act 2006-2007, Section 4 (ii) and (iii) states that Cabinet may direct a surplus of funding provided under one subhead may be applied to another subhead within the same head of expenditure. The Act requires Cabinet to lay before Parliament a copy of the order of the transfer at the first meeting of Parliament after approving the transfer.

This document I present to Parliament today meets the requirement under the Act and has received the agreement of Cabinet for the purpose of accounting for anticipated actual expenditures during 2006-2007.

All subhead transfers have been accommodated within under-spends from other subheads within the same head. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Any other ministerial statements?

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare):- Mr. Speaker, ateng present eiy my first statement of the three that I am going to give today.

Mr. Speaker, for information of the House, I wish to report that the recent trip I took overseas was to attend the 3rd Ministerial Conference on the Promotion of Women. This was held in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Members in my delegation consisted of the Secretary for Home Affairs, the President of the Nauru National Women's Council and my ADC. The expenses for the entire travel was borne by the SPC and ROC grants of which I am very grateful.

The conference was well attended by countries from the Pacific region and much had been discussed with regards to gender equality. I was given the privilege and honour to move for the adoption of the Outcome document which was accepted by the conference.

I want to register, through our Parliament, my praise for the highest courtesy and respect given to

me whilst in Noumea by the Hon. Vice President, Ms. Gorodeiy, representing the New Caledonia government and also the respect accorded to me and my delegation from the SPC Director, Dr. Jimmy Rogers.

Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to add that prior to my travel to Noumea from Brisbane, I was fortunate to be able to attend the graduation ceremony of the 12 Nauruan welders who had successfully completed their course at the Bremer College. A more detailed report of this will be provided in my next statement.

Mr. Speaker, ateng bed add on eiy in Nauruan that to the delight of everybody at the ceremony the Nauruan group, whether residents in Brisbane and those who came from Nauru sang renditions of *Anibare Bay* and *Orret Dango Ion*. Tubwa kor.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any other ministerial statements?

Mr. Waqa (Minister for Education-Boe): Tubwa, Mr. Speaker.

Anga bed me ateng ta pan briefly wanga business trips mungana obu tik ngage.

Mr. Speaker, recently I undertook two government related overseas business trips, namely the Trade Ministers' meeting on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade and the USP Council Meeting to Fiji.

Mr. Speaker, it was unfortunate I was unable to stay for the whole duration of the Trade Ministers' meeting as I was called to attend the State Funeral of the late Head of State of Samoa, His Highness Susuga Malietoa Tanumafili II.

His Highness was the longest serving Head of State in our entire region serving Samoa since 1962. The funeral was attended by several hundreds of foreign dignitaries from the region as well as beyond.

Mr. Speaker, for the meeting I was accompanied by Mr. Maeva Iosefa and Mr. Masau Detudamo who took over on my departure.

I would like to thank the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Maeva Iosefa, and his family for their invaluable assistance in the arrangement of traditional as well as formal tribute items and protocol ready for presentation upon my arrival that made our participation so much easier.

Mr. Speaker, I also took the opportunity during my transit in Tarawa to meet with the Bishop, Paul Mea, whose diocese covers the Nauru Catholic Church whom we are currently negotiating an MOU regarding the provision of teachers and other necessary resources to properly operate Kayser College. The Bishop is happy with the government's proposal and would be appointing someone to sign the MOU on his behalf.

Mr. Speaker, the second meeting I attended was the USP Council Meeting which was critical to us as it was to determine if Nauru would be suspended from the university, for the prolonged non-payment of its Country Contributions. This was a matter deferred from the previous meeting in October.

Mr. Speaker, the university was pleased to note that we did pay AUD20,000 towards the arrears of about F\$250,000 prior to the meeting. This gesture shows Nauru's commitment to its debt and will do whatever is possible within its financial capabilities to honour it. The matter will be again looked at in the October meeting later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I also took the opportunity to dialogue with Fiji's interim Minister for Education regarding the possibility of franchising FIT programs for our Vocational Training Centre. This will be further discussed in the October meeting with relevant officers of both sides to sit at the discussion table. This will also give them time to restructure the management of FIT putting them in a position to offer us better.

Mr. Speaker, I also had similar discussions with the Solomon Minister for Education to open up places for our students in the areas of land survey, planning and drafting in their Institutions for Further Training. Further discussions will be taken up by senior officials later on.

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, my second statement of the three.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, I wish to inform this august House that on May 30, 2007 I had the great pleasure to be the guest of honour at the graduation ceremony of our 12 trainee welders at the lovely Gatton Campus of the University of Queensland, south west of Brisbane. I was accompanied by three other Members of Parliament, the Hon. Cyril Buraman, the Hon. Sprent Dabwido and the Hon.

Mathew Batsiua. The graduation ceremony was also attended by our Vice Consul in Brisbane, Mrs. Clarissa Jeremiah, Mr. Geoff Bowmaker, the Chief Executive Officer for *Our Airline* and many members of the Nauruan community in Brisbane.

The graduation was the pinnacle of a very successful program that saw 12 of our more accomplished welders and boilermakers successfully complete an intensive training program undertaken under the guidance of East Coast Apprenticeships and the auspices of the Bremer TAFE. Our 12 trainees have been awarded a Certificate II Metal Fabrication in Welding as well as a Senior First Aid Certificate, a General Construction Safety Blue card and have been assessed for a Coded Welding Certificate under AS 1796 – Submerged Arc Welding. They have attained a standard that is recognised and accepted in Australia and indeed around the world. Their General Construction Blue Card will enable them to be accepted on construction sites in Australia.

This is the first international training program undertaken by East Coast Apprenticeships and it allows a request by my government for a strategy for vocational training. It took us over 12 months to negotiate and reach an agreement on this exciting initiative but in the end it was worth it. This inaugural program involved a Recognizing Prior Learning (RPL) phase conducted in Nauru by Mark Ketter, Senior Trainer/assessor from the Bremer TAFE and the selection of 12 candidates for intensive training in Brisbane at the University of Queensland, Gatton Campus.

By all accounts this initiative has been a great success exceeding all expectations. The students have worked hard to achieve the success they are now enjoying. They have received nothing but praise from everybody that was associated with this program from staff and management at East Coast Apprenticeships to teachers and instructors at the Gatton Campus. Everyone who was involved with the program were simply in awe of the dedication to task of our trainees, the quality and high standard of their welding, their willingness to work together as a team and helping each other out, their optimism, positive approach and obvious love for their trade but above all their infectious sense of humour and boisterous laughter which made them very popular with staff and other students alike around the campus. Whenever there is booming laughter on campus, people know it is the Nauruans. Many of the staff expressed at the graduation dinner that they will sorely miss our trainees when they leave their school.

The success of our trainees has also received some coverage by the Brisbane media, Mr. Speaker, I was also on the media too, and already a few companies in the mining and construction fields have expressed interest in our 12 trainees and also in trades-people from Nauru in general because of the excellent performance and reputation of these 12 pioneers. The relationships we have with East Coast Apprenticeships and the Bremer TAFE is also serving us very well, as such reputable and well networked institutions are opening us doors for our trainees, which is very promising and exciting.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, due to the outstanding success of this pilot program my government had already commenced talks with East Coast Apprenticeships to replicate this module for other trades. A module for carpentry and construction is being put together. If successfully negotiated it will only be a matter of months when we have a dozen more tradesmen attending similar courses for their respective trades and coming back home accredited qualifications that are internationally accepted and recognised. With many millions of dollars worth of construction in Nauru happening over the next 12 months and beyond, your government is working very hard to prepare our skilled people so we can meet these opportunities when they arise.

In closing, Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, it would be remiss of me not to convey a word of thanks to our close friend and ally the Government of the Republic of China, Taiwan, who financed the entire welding training program. My government acknowledges that this program would not have come to fruition without their timely and unconditional assistance.

I would also like to make a special mention of the Nauruan community in Brisbane who exhibited great patriotism by supporting and assisting the trainees during their course. Also to *Our Airline* who provided great support for the trainees through the provision of discounted fares without conditions.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to again thank the 12 trainees for their excellent work and for being such great ambassadors for our beloved country Nauru. I offer my government's sincere congratulations to these 12 pioneers who not only championed and conquered the intensive training they undertook but they did it with style and dignity. As their President they have made me very proud and I am certain that every Nauruan at the graduation night and every Nauruan hearing about their achievements now would be equally very proud of these fine young men and their excellent achievements.

Mr. Speaker, ian obwen aeo totu wanga debuch ateng pan ngana ateng bed totow wanga

commendation dogin Minister for Education, Baron Waqa, Mathew Batsiua me Cyril Buraman dogin araiy involve ian bitune scheme which saw the benefit to our Nauruan men. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Are there any other ministerial statements or papers for presentation?

Mr. Waqa (Minister for Education-Boe): Mr. Speaker, ateng pat imit inon mungana oreit mameta ian wama department me anim obu edae eken.

Mr. Speaker, as part of the reform of our education system, government now places emphasis on its staff development programs.

The need for our teachers and office staff to be provided with skills upgrading program was a major recommendation of the recent PRIDE report on education in Nauru.

Honourable Members might recall from my statement to the House previously that we had set a goal of having 80% of our teachers with a bachelor's degree in education within 5 years and all our teaching support staff with at least a diploma within that time.

We are currently evaluating ways to do this and recently had Dr. Solon and Dr. Kuman from Divine Word University visit Nauru to collect data so that they can prepare a proposal.

They have moved quickly, Mr. Speaker, and in three weeks time begin a two year course in Leadership and Management for 25 of our senior officers. This course will be provided to all our officers over the next five years.

We look forward to receiving their proposal and cost to provide a much larger program to all our teachers which will provide them with a degree.

We have also sought proposals from USP and Goroka University.

This is a major program for the department and government is expecting to invest over \$1.5 million over five years in providing our staff with skills to deliver an improved education service.

Mr. Speaker, with regard to a Frontline Training, the obvious focus of the Education Department's efforts is students and their learning.

But students need high quality teachers, and teachers need high quality support staff so that the teachers can concentrate on their teaching.

In order to provide our office and school support staff with the skills to provide the high quality services to our teachers, we currently have Mrs. Christine Sumbuk from Papua New Guinea doing a scoping study and preparing a report about training our 'Frontline Staff'.

Frontline staff are those who are in the services area of a department. This includes the receptionists, clerks, typists and administration officers. The Frontline Program has been successful in reforming departments in the Papua New Guinea Public Service where it has been used for the past five years. We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Sumbuk, a leading facilitator who has delivered these training programs in PNG. Mrs. Sumbuk is an accredited assessor of the Australian Qualifications Framework up to Level 4, the highest Workplace Certificate available. Thus our staff will receive high quality training, designed for individual workplaces, and not 'off the shelf' courses.

The aim of the program is to build a team of service and support officers who deliver a service to our teachers and schools in a timely and efficient way. To do this, Education Department staff needs to interact with officers of other departments such as Chief Secretary, Human Resource, Finance and CIR, to name a few. I am pleased to advise that officers from these departments have accepted invitations to join the frontline training courses. By understanding the work of each other, it is easier for all departments to work together. We need to realise that a delay or breakdown in one department quickly works its way through the system and affects the learning in our students. This is one of the main messages of frontline training – for students to learn, they depend either directly or indirectly, on a large array of interacting services.

Problems in any one of a number of departments, ultimately affect the learning of our students. We aim to streamline the delivery of services to our teachers and principals so that student learning is maximised.

Student Truancy Report - At our sitting on 13 March I announced that I had extended the scope of a study on the reasons for truancy in our schools. That report has been completed and I want to thank Mrs. Paula Mwardaga and her team of liaison officers for the work they have put in to preparing this report. They have surveyed 514 parents of students who were recorded as truants and analysed 337

responses.

It is significant that the findings reflect factors largely outside the control of the Education Department. The factor that we can control, quality of teachers, is a matter we are addressing as I mentioned a few minutes ago. The responses made no mention of the curriculum, or school being boring, not interesting or not relevant as reasons for truancy. A truancy curbing strategy will be developed based on the findings of this report.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan University Scholarships - As I advised previously, qualifying exams for two Taiwan undergraduate scholarships were held on April 11th. I am pleased to advise that the two successful candidates are Abraham Itsimaera and Darius Detenamo. They will be travelling to Taiwan to commence their studies later this year. We congratulate them and wish them well. I want to record my appreciation as well to Taiwan for this much appreciated assistance.

Magen naga, Mr. Speaker. On Early Childhood Conference - Three weeks ago, nine of our early childhood teachers presented papers on their work to a National Conference on early childhood in Brisbane. Anim pan ura, they are Emmaline Caleb, Flona Ribauw, Sarah Olsson, Arabella Detenamo, Corrine Joram, Chavannah Dowabobo, Celestine Fritz, Suzie Scotty and Fiona Solomon; mo iya ang credit eiy ura.

I want to record my appreciation to them for having such confidence in their professional abilities that they are prepared to stand in front of an international audience of experts in Early Childhood and present what they do in their classrooms.

I have received reports from the organisers of the conference and others who were present and they all comment on the professionalism of the teachers and the high quality of their presentation.

Ogen inan magen ne. Visitors to the Department ngabune - Recently the department has been pleased to receive visitors from -

- (a) Taiwan regarding provision of ICT technicians for schools;
- (b) UNICEF regarding Healthy Schools Project;
- (c) Architects and builders regarding planning for new Nauru Secondary School Learning Village;
- (d) USA Army regarding visit in July to measure extent of learning difficulties in students in Years 1 and 2;
- (e) Ambassador from Czech Republic regarding possible assistance to Nauru, ura oreit aea eken ngana imin ura gona puok ean;
- (f) Dr. Kuman, Environmental Consultant to CIR regarding incorporating environmental issues in the curriculum and use of solar power;
- (g) Dr. Seu'ula Johansson regarding research by IOE into the level of 'poverty', ekae eken ngune, in Pacific communities. Poverty, in this study, is defined in terms of loss of culture and language just as much as level of income.
- (h) SPC regarding Education's position in a Country Paper they are preparing for Nauru;
- (i) Australian Sports Commission regarding assistance to sport in schools.

In particular, Mr. Speaker, I want to mention the visit by Dr. Seu'ula Johansson. Dr. Johansson will be returning to Nauru in July to conduct further research in the aspects of 'poverty' as defined in her major study which is being funded by NZAID. In her study, Dr. Johansson is working with our CASE officers who are organising a program of visits to various homes where researchers will do a survey of household activities that measure poverty. Of course the households surveyed will be voluntary, but I ask householders to provide Dr. Seu'ula and the CASE team with any assistance requested. Tubwa kor Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, my last statement.

"Mr. Speaker, as Minister for the Public Service, it is indeed my privilege to lay before this august House the Public Service Annual Report for 2004-2005.

I wish to inform this august House that the last report presented in this House was the 1995-96 Report, making it over ten years since the Public Service last made its annual report.

Today the Public Service continues to cost government a substantial amount each financial year and still is the main provider of employment services for government. Since my government took office in

2004 various reform measures have been implemented in our efforts to reform a bloated and inefficient Public Service. These efforts are consistent with the priorities set out in the NSDS which aims to strengthen institutions across the Public Service in achieving good practices and transparent processes resulting in the creation of an efficient and productive Public Service by the year 2025.

Therefore the Public Service must be made more accountable and transparent and this legal obligation of annually reporting its activities is just one of the mechanisms of ensuring transparency and accountability in the Public Service. Unfortunately past administrations failed to command this legal obligation and so for the past one decade government and the public lacked documented records on important matters relating to the Public Service. This must never be allowed to happen again. Annual reports provide a window through which government and the public can access information. The report also allows departments to take stock of its operations and activities on an annual basis. It can be a useful tool for performance evaluation within departments and throughout the Public Service at large.

Aiming to improve from the last report which was very narrow in scope and focused primarily on statistics, this 2004-2005 report includes additional contents such as activities occurring at departmental level, the priorities identified and problems experienced including also budgetary information. Evidently some departments lacked the information required of them due to weak reporting processes and information-keeping systems that have characterised the Public Service for the last ten years.

However, the significance of this report is that it has set in motion a positive trend in the Public Service. Parliament may be pleased to know that department heads have committed themselves to an agreed time-frame for the submission of the next report which will be later on in this year. This paves the way for the timely submission of future annual Public Service reports and so we expect once again the Public Service to be fully accountable and transparent in its operations.

Honourable Speaker, I lay the Public Service Annual Report 2004-2005 on the Table of this House. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Members, are there any other ministerial statements or papers for presentation?

Mr. Batsiua (Boe): Mr. Speaker, on Monday May 28, the Constitutional Convention sat for the final time and after some debate adopted its final report. This report will be tabled in Parliament. It outlines amongst other things the resolutions of the Convention in relation to the recommendations of the Independent Commissioner's report. Also attached to the report is the Constitutional Amendment Bill that captures the decisions of the Convention for Parliament's due consideration.

This report will now proceed for formal consideration by the Constitutional Review Committee and will be tabled in Parliament at the next sitting.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, at the last sitting of the Convention I conveyed, on behalf of Members of this House, our sentiments of appreciation and gratitude to all those who were involved at the Convention for their efforts and significant contributions to this very important process. It was outstanding to witness the robust views expressed around the Convention as it was democracy at work in its purest form. Even those who were skeptical about the whole process prior to the commencement would have to admit that the Convention was a success and it certainly was not tailored to suit political agendas as some have been claiming. Rather it focused on changes that sought to better our country as an independent and God-fearing nation, secure the future stability and effectiveness of our systems of government, enhance transparency and governance and guarantee the prosperity, respect and rights of our people.

It is my sincere belief that every participating member of the Convention took a lot from the whole experience and like myself and other members of the CRC they would have felt a sense of privilege for being involved in such a historic event that has become and will remain an important part of our history and development as a sovereign and independent nation. I also wish to single out the important contributions of the Chairman of the Convention, Mr. Remy Namaduk, who, in my opinion, was instrumental in ensuring that the Convention achieved its mandate within the time-frame established by Parliament.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and acknowledge the important assistance given to the Convention by the Australian Consul General, the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan), the parliamentary staff, the crew from the Department of Media, the officers from the Police Force, Ms. Cindy Kephass who often provided the members with local delicacies to enjoy and the Eigigu Holdings personnel.

Without the assistance and support of all these people the Convention would not have been a success.

Also I would like to again thank and acknowledge the contribution of the UNDP who have been financing this whole review process from Phase 1 and have committed themselves to support it right through to its finality.

Finally, I wish to thank the hard-working Secretariat to the Convention for their excellent work and professional guidance to the Convention. In particular Ms. Katy LeRoy the leading legal counsel to the Convention who, from the outset, had to withstand a barrage of unwarranted and unfounded criticisms on her professionalism from the floor. She never once wavered from her endeavours to serve the Convention in a professional manner despite all this and other many difficulties and in the end won the respect of many of the Convention and general public. Other lesser individuals would have thrown their arms out in despair and left us to our own devices much earlier. I, on behalf of the CRC, thank the legal c counsel, Ms. Katy LeRoy, for her resilience in sticking to her task and seeing through the whole process. Thank you Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members.”

Mr. Speaker: Any other papers for presentation?

Mr. Dabwido (Meneng):- Tubwa Speaker. Ateng ta report on bita epo anga meta two weeks ago or almost 10 days ago on the Pacific Parliamentary Assembly on Population and Development conference that was held in Samoa.

Mr. Speaker, adamonin ateng ta pan ngana it was funded by a UNFPA, United Nations Fund on Population.

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed honoured to have represented your office and the Parliament of Nauru at the 2nd General Conference of the PPAPD in Samoa last week. The meeting had the theme ‘Safeguarding Pacific Youth – Accelerating Actions Through Partnership with Pacific Parliamentarians’.

I was very fortunate to have accompanying me on this trip the ever reliable Deputy Clerk, Mr. John Garabwan, and the President of the Nauru Youth Council, Ms. Greta Harris, both of whom I could not have done without in terms of them providing advice and suggestions.

The conference consisted of three and half days of workshops and seminars on youth issues including issues such as HIV/Aids, education and health issues, youth and leadership and most importantly youth strategies and plans on their development for the next three years and how this could be strengthened with the assistance of Pacific parliamentarians.

The outcome of the four-day conference was a draft frame-work, which I have here, which aims to capture the discussion and suggestions in the conference. It also proposes some remedial actions to be implemented by parliamentarians in order to assist the youths of the Pacific achieve their charter which they created in the Cook Islands last year.

One tangible outcome also is that the SPC Youth Development advisor, Mr. Tangata Vainerere, will be coming to Nauru, within the next three months to help establish the successful youth policies and programs that he had helped establish in other Pacific islands. I do thank the President of the Nauru Youth Council for negotiating this outcome.

At the conference, the actual general conference of the PPAPD was held on Wednesday 23rd May. At this meeting the new Executive Committee members were elected and I am pleased to advise that you, as the Speaker of Nauru, have been elected to be one of the Vice Chairmen positions on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee for the next two years are as follows –

- Chairman - Hon. Speaker of Samoa
- Vice Chairman - Hon. Speaker of Nauru (Micronesia)
- Vice Chairman - Hon. Speaker of Solomon Islands
(Melanesia)
- Vice Chairman - Hon. Speaker of Tonga (Polynesia)
- Treasurer - Hon. Speaker of Cook Islands.

The new executive members had its first meeting the next day which I attended in your place where various issues were discussed. Some of the main issues were the Secretary for the PPAPD for the time being will be the Secretary for the South Pacific Community. If there is actually approval to create an office in each Parliament of the Pacific for a local contact point for a PPAPD officer which will be funded by the PPAPD.

The next meeting which you will be attending will be in Samoa sometime in October.

Mr. Speaker, I will conclude my report by stating that the conference was a success even though

there is still a lot of work to be done, but the meeting did achieve in creating a road map for the Pacific parliamentarians to guide them in achieving the main reason the PPAPD was created and that is to address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. At the four-day meeting it was very well absorbed by everything there.

I thank my two Nauruan delegates once again for their professionalism and patience in helping me through the conference which at times was very mentally demanding due to some very enticing and thought provoking issues being debated, that is quoting the Samoan Speaker. I do not know what I would have done without their assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I have all the relevant documents attached for the benefit of yourself and Members of Parliament. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Members, are there any other papers for presentation?

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, a eo present eiy anga papers, I have done my part presenting those three papers me I am wondering if I could be allowed to note the paper presented by the Chairman of C.R.C., because I believe this is a very important matter that we are working on, the Constitutional Convention. I wonder if I can note it so that it remains on the official parliamentary paper.

Tsinia enim meg on the Votes & Proceedings then after the next meeting it will be gone. Ouge anga it is worth to be noted bwe there should be some worthy comments of the people who contributed to that Convention, so I would like it to remain on the notice paper for some time until I discharge it later on. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I believe we have come to the conclusion of ministerial statements and papers for presentation, so we will therefore move on.

Are there any motions?

Motions

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I present the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2006-2007.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Second eiy.

Bill presented and read a first time.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be read a second time.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Second eiy.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, today I present to Parliament the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2006-2007.

The purpose of the Bill is to supplement the appropriations made at the time of the 2006-2007 budget to allow for projects funded by donors, the details of which were not available at the time the 2006-2007 budget was developed. All these projects are fully funded by donors and their expenditures are fully offset by donor revenues. The Bill also provides for a small amount of additional expenditure by departments in areas that have emerged since the 2006-07 budget and which are unavoidable.

The bulk of the spending in today's Bill is funded by AusAID under the Memorandum of Understanding between Australia and Nauru. AusAID has demonstrated its confidence in the robust financial management systems put in place by this government by agreeing to make a greater portion of its expenditures under the MOU in the form of cash grants to Nauru. This process began with over \$900,000 of education funding at the time of the 2006-2007 budget, followed by another cash assistance for projects in the Utilities sector and Health portfolio at the time of the 2006-2007 budget supplementary appropriation in December 2006.

Today I announce further cash assistance from AusAID for the Utilities sector as well as funding for sports equipment. AusAID is providing \$600,000 for water tanks to be distributed to communities throughout our districts. A further \$400,000 is being provided to continue the Utilities program through

the provision of tools and equipment for the desalination plant and a time card machine for the power station, and \$500,295 is provided for a vacuum sludge truck to be operated by Eigigu Holdings. In addition, AusAID funding of \$86,930 will provide for the provision of community sports equipment for a range of sports including basketball, athletics, AFL and tennis. In total, today's Bill provides for AusAID cash assistance of \$1.237 million in 2006-2007, around half of which has already been provided for various projects.

Today's Bill also recognises significant additional spending funded by grants from the Republic of China (Taiwan). In the 2006-2007 budget, spending of more than \$1 million was funded by grants from the Republic of China and an additional \$630,000 was provided in the 2006-2007 budget supplementary appropriation in December 2006.

Today's Bill provides for a further \$1.127 million in funding from the Republic of China (Taiwan). The majority of the funding, that is \$800,000 has been used to purchase Jet A1 fuel for Nauru. This fuel will be sold to *Our Airline* and other airlines operating through Nauru airport. This will provide *Our Airline* with a reliable and cheaper source of jet fuel based in Nauru, helping to improve the airline's profitability. In addition, the Republic of China has provided \$255,000 for the refurbishment of Nauru's electricity distribution network to ensure that it can provide for the efficient and reliable distribution of electricity. Funding of \$72,000 was provided for the repair of the mooring buoys following the Darya Yog vessel incident last year.

Mr. Speaker, a small number of expenditure needs have emerged since the budget which for various reasons were not provided for at the time of the budget. This includes funding for the Foreign Affairs Secretariat for additional travel expenses associated with Nauru's participation in the Forum Foreign Affairs meeting in Sydney and Nauru-Australia MOU talks in Brisbane. Funding also includes travel for an official to travel with Nauruans participating in New Zealand's Recognised Seasonal Employment Scheme. Participation in the scheme is providing some excellent employment opportunities for Nauruans which will help to improve skills and provide additional income for Nauru, especially over the longer term

Funding is also being provided for Nauru's missions in Melbourne and New York. The Consulate in Australia is currently moving from Melbourne to Brisbane and the supplementary appropriation will assist in this move. Relocating to Brisbane will help the Consulate to be more effective in providing assistance to Nauruans travelling through Brisbane. Funding for New York provides for additional costs associated with the Permanent Representative's attendance at meetings in preparation for the Pacific Islands Countries Leaders meeting, as well as travel costs for other meetings in Washington and higher than expected fuel costs.

Mr. Speaker, today's supplementary appropriation provides for a significant amount of donor-funded expenditure that will not place a burden on Nauru's fiscal resources. With the generous assistance from donors provided for under the Bill being debated today, Nauru is being provided with services and facilities that it could not afford in its current reduced financial circumstances.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this Bill to the House. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, under Standing Order 159 debate on the question shall be adjourned to a future date.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I move that relevant Standing Orders be suspended insofar as it may be necessary to allow the debate to continue.

Mr. Speaker: I shall put the question and the question is that Standing Order 159 be suspended insofar as to allow debate to continue.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker: Members, the floor is now open for debate.

Tsinia ekeow I shall ask the mover to make his closing debate.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Thank you Mr. Speaker. More importantly I thank the honourable Members of Parliament dogin aura ibibogin buog edogor ean bitune occasion dogin ata nim

gona properly account eiy me appropriate eiy emuk ngana mibuna donors adueiyon gata dogin aura teng buog wora reform me development agenda. Mr. Speaker, mwa nan note eiy ngana ngarane murane eiy Supplementary Appropriation Bill No. 2, eiy karuworin an bitune edogor supplement eiy murana budget ngarana ang ogiten approve eiy last year ian June.

Eiy karuworin ama supplement eiy dogin mungana emuk donors oreit oiya gata me totu iat Treasury Fund, enim oiya wama dogor bwe enim ama amen totow, deo ura. Of course, ma totow eow ean ama negotiate eiy me agree ea mungana projects enim fund eiy. Ma ouge ngana ememori ngane ouge, donor gona oiya gata mungane emuk directly eiy omeataen an confident amebuna donors ean at edogor ranga emuk, ma eo dadeiy, ma eo oturai, ma eo wongoraiy bwe ma omagiduwa memak imin ngana tsimine woun ea bitune eb.

Mr. Speaker, ngea emuk ma supplement eiy ngeage, as I said, two emwa million. Ang iedin na ngana teiy mungana imin tsimine woun tekeiy etaingin bok. Ouge aeo tsied ngana egadan ngana etaingit ebok, 150 ebwakin, me ama oiya ngingin Eigigu Holdings bwe enim ura amen install eiy me dabungeiy ea tekawa. Mwa nan ied ngane bwe inan awaiyidan tata in the weeks ahead. Ngea emuk etotow dogin bitune eiy 600 thousand. Ma konga bed AusAID emuk ion ngea 86,000 dogin buoget sports ian Naoero, dogin rouwen kor mungana equipment ngana need eiy dogin mungana sports ngana ma ied bwe popular ine bwietana ngana basketball, athletics, football me tennis and others.

Mr. Speaker, ma kongon bed ipuok atsin turin AusAID dogin buogen Utilities dogin rouwen bwait emakur mimin mungana Utilities need eiy me rouwen mona truck ngona bwain empty eiyen mungana cesspits atonin bwietana. Mone truck, iya aeo tsied, nan orre on the next ship me inat oiya Eigigu Holdings bwe enim ura run eiy; emuk ngea oiya gama na eiy 150,295 dollars.

Mr. Speaker, ma konga bed Taiwan muk dogin an kongong airline ea Treasury bwe enim rouwa ura wangara aviation fuel dogin aura lose tsinia ura rouw aviation fuel elsewhere, especially ian Solomon. Ma rouwa ngen ura wangara JetA1 to the value of 800,000 dollars me iya ma rouwa airline, ouge ama tsied bwe inan half of the price of bita price ura nan pumwe ngago iya ro nim rouw Honiara.

Ma tik konga bed Taiwan emuk eken bwe ma nim rouw won bwait makur Utilities dogin omamoen distribution of edin. Ngane mungane equipment ouge aeo tsied inan orre on the next ship, mungana transformers me insulators me mungana be en dogin bwe enim dobar ken an nuwaw edin tsinia gor ean wan edin.

Ma konga bed Taiwan emuk bed eken, 172,000 bwe enim omamo eken mungana buoys iruwin an gaturae deimanu, ang tsied memak, ngago last year. Ngune emuk oiya gama eiy 172,000. Tsimine bed emuk eken, egitow, ma kongon dogin mungana unavoidable expenditures incurred by Foreign Affairs Heads 8, 18 me 48. Ngea Head 18 mostly dogin buogen bitune inuwaw New Zealand amebune wora amen makur, ma oyona ura buogeora ion ngea wama official, eiy me won expenses. Me of course other things, mungana epo mungana eo gona plan eiy, unbudgetted me ma quoquon bwe ma nim meta bed bwe ma ied ngana ma gona afford eiy at the time. Buogen Head 08 ngea Melbourne Office dogin ama ied ngana mo eken ata wipen relocate eiy Melbourne Office eada Brisbane bwe tsimine mungana longer term savings me ma teng wipen start eiy ngeage rather than later bwe ma ouge imin mo. So in the process of being formally established ngea bita me we don't see any problems there.

Ma kongon bed additional emuk eken dogin Head 48 New York Office dogin mungana additional work ma oiya eita wora Ambassador in New York me other things ngana eiy anticipate eiy me unavoidable. All up, Mr. Speaker, ngea extra emuk ma appropriate eiy ngeage 2.47 million me otubwa memak Honourable Members dogin wangara support me I look forward to further seeking their support dogin bwe atsied ngana ang tik ian maramen ion ngea ama daein nim omeatu murana main Appropriation Bill for the next financial year. We look forward to them further extending their support. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Members, I shall now put the question and the question is that the Bill be now read a second time.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members I shall now read the letter of recommendation from the Chairman of the Cabinet, Mr. President which reads:-

'Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2006-2007

Article 59(3) of the Constitution of Nauru

I, Ludwig Scotty, 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 Act (No. 2) 2006-2007 is recommended to the Parliament by Cabinet.

Dated this fifth day of June, 2007.

(signed) Ludwig D. Scotty, President and Chairman of the Cabinet.'

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I seek leave to move that the Bill be read a third time.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Second.

Mr. Speaker: Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be read a third time.

Dr. K. Keke (Minister for Health-Yaren): Second eiy.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the question is that the Bill be now read a third.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, I believe we have done a good job today. I support the word of thanks from the Minister for Finance to the honourable gentlemen around the floor in agreeing to the Supplementary Bill.

So, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be set by your Chair.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Anga second eiy.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members, the question is that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Scotty (President-Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare): Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Adeang (Minister for Finance-Ubenide): Second.

Mr. Speaker: Members, the question is that Parliament do now adjourn.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker: Parliament stands adjourned until a time and date to be fixed by the Chair.