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Parliament passes appropriation bill

The 21st parliament convened a two-day parliamentary sitting last week (29-30 Nov) with a number of bills passed including Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013-14 with an estimated surplus of \$105,996.00.

After opening prayers, there was Questions without Notice time followed by the presentation of 16 ministerial statements. Six bills were also tabled and passed by the parliament.

Finance Minister David Adeang presented the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2013-2014, with an overall increase in expenditure of over \$3-million.

"This Supplementary Appropriation Bill makes a number of further adjustments to the Budget estimates of expenditure for 2013-14 which results in an overall increase of expenditure of \$3,064,200," Minister Adeang said.

"This additional funding is required primarily for a number of expenditure items which have recently arisen and

were not anticipated at the time of the 2013-14 Budget, as well as other items which were not included in the Budget bills for various reasons."

The Government expects the added

and tobacco along with recoverable outstanding debts owing to the Department of Civil Aviation and Port Authority.

"Mr Speaker, at the time of budget, the Government predicted a small budget surplus of \$58,496. This Supplementary Bill and corresponding increase in revenues will mean the Budget is now anticipated to be in a surplus of \$105,996," Minister Adeang said.

The two largest expense items are for overseas medical referrals and the co-financing of a new power generator costing \$1-million and \$900,000 respectively.

The value of the new generator is estimated at \$3.6-million, with co-financing from the Australian Government, Nauru will provide \$900,000 towards the purchase.



expenditure to be offset from expected revenue estimated at \$3,111,600.00 to be collected this financial year from increased customs duty on alcohol

All Acts can be accessed online at <http://ronlaw.gov.nr> in the 'Act as passed' database.

All ministerial statements will be circulated in separate emails•

President Waqa in Taiwan on government's invitation

His Excellency President Baron Waqa is on a state visit to Taiwan this week on the invitation of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

President Waqa will meet Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou today (6 Dec), the foreign minister on Monday (9 Dec), and various other government representatives in the coming days.

Discussions will centre on areas of further possible cooperation in health, research and development, capacity building and financing.

President Waqa and his delegation will meet with the Nauruan students studying in Taiwan universities tomorrow (7 Dec)•

Notice by Deloitte to deposit-holders of Bank of Nauru

First distribution of dividend commences 10 December 2013

The public is informed that payment of a first distribution to deposit-holders of BoN will commence from 10 December 2013 at the Nauru Revenue Office ("NRO").

This first dividend will be a capped dividend up to \$100. Deposit-holders will be entitled to collect up to \$100 of their outstanding claim. Any claim below \$100 will receive their full claim.

At time of collection, deposit-holders will be required to agree to their final balance before receiving the first distribution, and any deposit-holder who does not agree to their balance as it appears in the records will have an opportunity to dispute their balance at a later stage. Any disputed balances will be ineligible for the current distribution, but will be entitled to the first distribution once the claim is agreed.

The distribution will be paid over several weeks and will be arranged by district to ensure an orderly process. Deposit-holders who arrive to collect their distribution before their district is invited will not be paid.

Your patience and cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

The schedule of dates on which residents of the different districts may come to collect their dividend is listed below.

Please bring passbook(s) for your account(s) to assist in quick identification and processing of your claim.

If you have any questions, please ask the staff at the NRO•

District distribution dates

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>District</u>
Tuesday	10/12/13	Ijuw
Wednesday	11/12/13	Ewa
Thursday	12/12/13	Uaboe
Friday	13/12/13	Nibok
Monday	16/12/13	Denigomodu
Tuesday	17/12/13	Denigomodu
Wednesday	18/12/13	Denigomodu
Thursday	19/12/13	Denigomodu
Friday	20/12/13	Denigomodu
Monday	23/12/13	Anibare
Tuesday	24/12/13	Meneng
Friday	27/12/13	Meneng
Monday	30/12/13	Meneng
Tuesday	31/12/13	Aiwo
Thursday	2/1/14	Aiwo
Friday	3/1/14	Aiwo
Monday	6/1/14	Yaren
Tuesday	7/1/14	Yaren
Wednesday	8/1/14	Boe
Thursday	9/1/14	Boe
Friday	10/1/14	Buada
Monday	13/1/14	Buada
Tuesday	14/1/14	Anabar
Wednesday	15/1/14	Anetan
Thursday	16/1/14	Baitsi
Friday	17/1/14	All
Monday	20/1/14	All
Tuesday	21/1/14	All
Wednesday	22/1/14	All
Thursday	23/1/14	All

Taiwan donates solar lighting to YPS

The Republic of China (Taiwan) Embassy in Nauru donated another set of solar panels and lighting to Yaren Primary School this week (4 Dec) making it the second local school to receive such a donation from Taiwan.

Taiwan solar products manufacturer SpeedTech Energy sent sales manager Ms Salam Lin and two technicians to coordinate the installation of 240 solar panels and 480 light tubes at Yaren Primary School.

His Excellency President Baron Waqa did the honours of cutting the ribbon to one of the classes fitted with solar lighting.

Minister for Education Ms Charmaine Scotty along with teachers and education office staff were present for the occasion.

YPS students sang a number of songs in appreciation of the donation.

Ms Lin and her two colleagues arrived last week (25 Nov) and departed on 4 December.

The group have previously installed solar panels and lighting at Menen Infant School. Aiwo Primary School is the next proposed school.

SpeedTech Energy is a Taiwanese company that manufactured the household mini solar bars and the solar street lights around the island. They were also responsible for the set of solar panels at the Government office building.



President Waqa, Education minister Charmaine Scotty (second from right) and Secretary for Education Dr Gaiyabu (fourth from right) with staff from the Taiwan Embassy, SpeedTech and education department



Some solar panels on roof tops at YPS

International dates commemorated

Government departments commemorate White Ribbon Day (25 Nov) and World AIDS Day (1 Dec) through public programs and activities.

The Nauru Police Force (NPF) and Domestic Violence Unit (Women's Affairs department) hosted a White ribbon Day walk with the theme "Break the Silence, End the Violence".

The walk commenced at the government office to the centennial Hall and the group of supporters that took part in the walk received giveaway t-shirts and hand bands.

Presentations were made and refreshments served at the end of the walk.



Supporters of White Ribbon hold up a banner that reads: "You are not a man if you abuse females," just prior to starting the walk from the government office to Centennial hall on 25 Nov

Later that week on 1 December, the Department of Health conducted its own program, including a drama competition, to commemorate World Aids Day at Centennial Hall with the theme, "Shared responsibility by strengthening results for an aids free generation."

World AIDS Day was first held in 1988 and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and to show support for people living with HIV and commemorate those who have died from it.

In the same week the Government of Nauru acknowledged the International Day of Persons with Disability by declaring it a public holiday to be observed by officers and employees of the public service on Tuesday 3rd December.

An interdenominational church service was conducted at the Orro Congregational Church in commemoration of the day followed by a brief program at the Centennial Hall organised by the Nauru Disabled Peoples' Association (NDPA).

His Excellency President Baron Waqa and Madam Louisa Waqa along with cabinet members and members for parliament were present for both the church service and the program that followed.

Students of the Able/Disable Centre provided entertainment while Minister for Education Charmaine Scotty presented several student awards and a donation of ten mobility canes to the NDPA by Sue Barker on behalf of Vision Australia.

The international observance promoted by the United Nations (UN) since 1992 was to encourage the understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

US Embassy official makes pacific visit

The U.S Embassy in Fiji sent a representative to Nauru this week to meet with government heads of department as part of a familiarisation process with respective pacific island countries.

Labour and Political Officer Eric Aldrich was recently appointed to the position and is touring the Pacific nations of Tonga, Samoa, Kiribati and Nauru.

During his brief stay on Nauru, Mr Aldrich also met acting Secretary for Foreign Affairs & Trade Dr Maria Gaiyabu and attended the church service and program for International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Tuesday 3 December. The government declared a public holiday in commemoration of the international event.

Mr Aldrich was in Nauru from Monday 2 December to Wednesday 4 December. This was his first visit to the Pacific and Nauru•

Labour and Political Officer at the US Embassy in Fiji, Eric Aldrich visited Nauru to familiarise himself with the pacific countries he will be looking after in his capacity as labour and political officer



Government hands over eleventh home under housing scheme

The Government handed over the eleventh house to a family in Nibok this week (3 Dec) under the government's New Housing Scheme.

Leslie and Farrah Kosam were delighted to finally own their own home and thanked the government for introducing the housing scheme and the construction company Eigigu Enterprise, for great workmanship. Theirs is the 11th house built under the government's new housing scheme.

President Baron Waqa and Madam Waqa were present at the handover as well as members of parliament for Ubenide Minister David Adeang and Russ Kun.

President Waqa and the new home owners jointly cut the ribbon at the front doors before welcoming guests in for a tour.

The design of the houses generally has three bedrooms with the usual necessities of living room, bathroom and laundry.

The New Housing Scheme is an interest-free housing loan set up largely to address overcrowding as well as to assist Nauruan families own their own house. The loan is repayable over 15 years•

President Waqa hands over the house keys to home owners Leslie and Farrah Kosam



Year 9's sit exam for a scholarship in an Australian school

In the spirit of promoting the current school curriculum, the Education Department developed a new scholarship that awards three Year 9 students a government scholarship to further their studies in Australia.

Forty-nine students registered to sit for the exams this week (3 -6 Dec) and the Education Department will be using the same marking criteria as the Year 8 scholarship examinations.

To be eligible to sit for the scholarship, students were required to be Nauruan citizens; have not sat for any previous Year 9 scholarship exam; have maintained an attendance of at least 85%; and must have shown good conduct and character.

This scholarship is the first of its kind and the Education Department plans to continue using it in the future pending government approval. Today (6 Dec) is the last exam day and results will be announced by the Education department in the coming weeks•

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