

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2011-12

SECOND READING SPEECH

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke, MP

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Mr Speaker and Honourable Colleagues,

Today I table before Parliament the *Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2011-12*.

This Supplementary Appropriation Bill makes a few adjustments to the 2011-12 Budget estimates of expenditure which total \$139,935, to provide for events which were not anticipated at the time the 2011-12 Budget was approved by Parliament.

This additional expenditure will be more than offset by additional revenue estimated at \$1,800,000 to be collected in this financial year from customs duties for procurement of fuel and machinery by the Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation and Ronphos.

Mr Speaker,

In light of the above I am happy to report that the bottom line budget effect of this Supplementary Appropriation is insignificant in that the total requested in the appropriation is \$139,935 compared to the additional revenue expected in customs duties estimated at \$1.8 million for this year.

I will now explain the requested appropriation.

Parliament has the following request for additional appropriation:

An amount of \$123,850 is needed to support the work of the Nauru Lands Commission which has been established by the Select Committee on Land Issues to assist the Committee's review of land issues in Nauru. The funding will provide for a lands issues specialist to oversee the review as well as administrative and other needs to support the Land Commission members in their role in reviewing land issues.

Correctional Services has the following request for additional appropriation:

An amount of \$2,745 is needed to cover for electricity costs for the Correctional Services complex. At the time the Budget was prepared, the Correctional Services complex was not included in the electricity budget provided for the general Government complex under Head 3 – Chief Secretary. This Supplementary Appropriation will enable the Correctional Services to pay their electricity costs for the financial year.

Lands Committee has the following request for an additional appropriation:

The original Budget figures omitted some of the positions in the Lands Committee staff establishment. This Supplementary Appropriation will correct the salary provision. A total of \$13,340 is required to correct this anomaly.

Mr. Speaker,

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill represents a relatively small amount of money but none the less needs to be spent. I trust that Members will appreciate that this additional expenditure has minimal effect on budget outcomes but is essential in the areas that require the additional appropriation. The Budget estimates still provide for an overall surplus enforcing Government's policy of fiscal responsibility by living within our means and not creating unserviceable debt.

Mr Speaker,

I therefore commend the Bill to the House.

Thank you.