

SUPPLY BILL 2012
SECOND READING SPEECH

Hon. Roland Kun, MP

Minster for Finance

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Mr Speaker,

Today I table before Parliament the *Supply Bill 2012*.

This Bill is presented in accordance with Article 61 of the Constitution, because the appropriation law for the next financial year had not been passed and certified by 10 June, which is 21 days before the start of the new financial year.

When a budget has not been passed and certified by 10 June, Article 61(1) of the Constitution allows the Cabinet to recommend to Parliament a Supply Bill to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Treasury Fund for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the services of the Republic of Nauru after the start of the new financial year. A recommendation in compliance with Article 61(2) was delivered to the Speaker this morning.

The amount appropriated under this supply law will be one quarter of the total appropriation for 2011-2012. This means that for the first quarter of the new financial year, each department or head of expenditure will have available to it one quarter of the amount appropriated in the current financial year for that head. The total amount appropriated under this supply law will be \$10,617,209.

Mr Speaker, in accordance with Article 61(1), this supply law will expire on 30 September or on the coming into operation of the appropriation law for 2012-13, whichever is the earlier.

The new Cabinet has decided not to proceed with the proposed budget prepared by the former Cabinet, and will now go through the process of preparing its own budget. The government expects that this process will be concluded early in the new financial year, and the government will then present an Appropriation Bill for 2012-13.

Mr Speaker,

I commend the Bill to the House.

Thank you.