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Administrative Arrangements Act 2011

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

The Administrative Arrangements Act 2011 No 2 was certified on 25 February 2011 and commenced on 9 May 2011 (GN No 274/2011; Gaz 56/2011).

Amending Legislation	Certified	Date of Commencement
Revised Written Laws Act 2021 No 7	1 June 2021	1 June 2021
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 2026

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An Act to provide for the assignment of responsibilities to Ministers and for related purposes.

Enacted by the Parliament of Naoero as follows:
[cl am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Administrative Arrangements Act 2011*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on a day to be notified by the President in the Gazette and came into effect on 9 May 2011.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

'administrative arrangements order' means an order made under Section 4(1);

'Department' means a Department of the Public Service;

'Head of Department' means a public officer in charge of a Department; and

'Minister' includes the President.

4 Administrative arrangements

(1) The President may, by order:
  (a) assign to a Minister the administration of any of the following:
    (i) a Department;
    (ii) part of a Department;
    (iii) a written law; or
    (iv) part of a written law;
  (b) specify the Department, or part of a Department, responsible to a Minister for the administration of any of the following:
    (i) a written law;
    (ii) part of a written law; or
    (iii) part of the subject matter of a written law; and
  (c) assign to a Minister responsibility for any business of government.

(2) An administrative arrangements order:
  (a) shall be published in the Gazette; and
  (b) takes effect from:
    (i) the day on which it is published in the Gazette; or
    (ii) where another day is specified in the order, that other day.

(3) Before making an administrative arrangements order under subsection (1)(b), the President shall consult with the Chief Secretary and the head of each affected Department.

(4) Subsidiary legislation is subject to the same administrative arrangements as the provision under which it is made, unless:
  (a) the contrary intention appears in an administrative arrangements order; or

(b) the contrary intention otherwise appears.

(5) Nothing in this Act:

(a) invalidates an assignment of responsibility for the business of government made under Article 23 of the *Constitution* before the commencement of this Act; or

(b) prevents the President assigning to himself or herself or to a Minister responsibility for any business of government or revoking or varying an assignment made under Article 23 of the *Constitution*.

5 Administrative arrangements where no order made

Until provision is made for an Act under an administrative arrangements order, the administration of the Act is assigned to:

(a) the Minister who introduced the Bill for the Act; or

(b) if the Bill for the Act was a private member's Bill, the President.

6 References in written laws inconsistent with administrative arrangements

Where a reference in a written law to a particular Minister, Department, office or body of persons is inconsistent with an administrative arrangements order or an assignment under Article 23 of the *Constitution*, the reference shall be construed to give effect to the order or assignment.

7 Effect on appropriation of altered administrative arrangement

Where:

(a) appropriation has been made available to a Department for a specified purpose; and

(b) responsibility for that purpose has been transferred under an administrative arrangements order or an assignment under Article 23 of the *Constitution* to another Department,

the appropriation for that purpose is available to the other Department.

8 Temporary absence or inability of Minister to perform functions

(1) Where, under any written law, any functions are conferred upon a Minister and the Minister is absent from the Republic or is unable for any reason to perform some or all of those functions:

(a) the President may direct that the functions be performed by a Minister designated by the President; and

(b) the designated Minister has and may perform the functions subject to the conditions specified in the direction.

(2) A direction under subsection (1) shall:

(a) specify when the direction will lapse; and

(b) be published in the Gazette.

(3) A direction under subsection (1) that the functions of a Minister (the ***'substantive Minister'***) be performed by another Minister due to the substantive Minister's absence from the Republic, does not have the effect of revoking any functions conferred on the substantive Minister.

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Administrative Arrangements (No 2) Order 2026

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The Administrative Arrangements (No 2) Order 2026 SL 24 was notified and commenced on 25 May 2026 (GN No 531/2026; Gaz 181/2026).

Amending Legislation	Notified	Date of Commencement
Constitution (Amendment) (No 2) Act 2026 No 21	12 May 2026	s 5: 12 May 2026

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Administrative Arrangements (No 2) Order 2026

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I, **Hon. David W.R. Adeang, M.P.**, President of the Republic of Naoero, pursuant to Section 4(1) of the *Administrative Arrangements Act 2011*, make the following Order to supplement the Gazette 482/2025; *Assignment of Responsibilities for the Business of Government*published on 16th October 2025 and Gazette 13/2026; *Assignment of Responsibilities for the Business of Government* published on 14th January 2026 and Gazette 53/2026; *Assignment of Responsibilities for the Business of Government* published on 16th February 2026:

1. Each Minister specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order is responsible for the administration of the written law or part of the written law specified in Column 3 of the Schedule.
2. Each Department, Office or instrumentality or part of a Department, Office or instrumentality specified in Column 2 of the Schedule is responsible to the Minister specified in Column 1 for the administration of the law or part of the written law specified in Column 3.
3. Each Deputy Minister may be assigned responsibilities under the *Deputy Ministers Act 2023* by the President, of the written law or part of the written law specified in column 3 of the Schedule.
4. This Order revokes the *Administrative Arrangements Order 2026*.

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SCHEDULE

Responsibility for the Administration of Departments and Legislation

[Sch am Act 21 of 2026 s 5, opn 12 May 2026]

Minister responsible	Department/Office/instrumentality	Written law/part of written law
President	Office/Department of the President	*Administrative Arrangements Act 2011*
		Census Act 1973
		Constitution of Naoero 1968
		Constitutional Review Committee Act 2004
		Deputy Ministers Act 2023
		Leadership Code Act 2016
		Liquor Control Act 2017
		Members of Parliament (Register of Interests) Act 2004
		Naoero National Anthem Emblem and Flag Protection Act 2018
		National Hosting of Events Act 2026
		Naoero Standard Time Act 1978
		Official Information Act 1976
		Parliamentary Pension Act 2008
		Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 2008
		Public Accounts Committee Act 1992
		Referendum Procedures Act 2025
		Statutory Salaries Act 1974
	Audit Office	*Audit Act 1973*
Minister of Finance and Sustainable Development	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information Act 2016*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Bank of Naoero Repeal Act 2025*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Banking Act 1975*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Business Tax Act 2016*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Commerce (Trade Descriptions) Act 1905*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Currency Act 1976*

	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Customs Service	*Customs Act 2014*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Customs Service	*Customs Tariff Act 2014*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Development Fund Act 2011*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Drones Act 2018*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Employment and Services Tax Act 2014*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Gaming Act 2011 Except for administrative matters relating to local Bingo*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Government Loans Act 1972*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group Institutions Act 2016*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Mercantile Act 1912*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Metric Conversion Act 1973*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Naoero Superannuation Act 2018*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Naoero Trustee Corporation Act 1972*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Naoero Trust Fund Act 2012*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Naoero Trust Fund No. 2 Act 2025*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Payments Directorate Act 2008*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Public Debt Act 2026*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Public Enterprises Act 2019*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Public Finance (Control and Management) Act 1997*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Public Investments Act 1978*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Revenue Administration Act 2014*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Bureau of Statistics	*Statistics Act 1992*

	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Telecommunications Service Tax Act 2009*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development, Naoero Revenue Office	*Treasury Fund Investment Act 1971*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Treasury Fund Protection Act 2004*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Weights and Measures Act 1976*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Workers (Contracts of Service) Act 1922*
	Department of Finance and Sustainable Development	*Workers Compensation Act 1956*
Minister for Public Service	Department of Chief Secretary	*Public Service Act 2016*
	Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration	*Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 2017*
Minister for Internal Affairs	Department of Internal Affairs	*Third Country Reception Commercial Operations and Services Fund Act 2025*
	Department of Internal Affairs	*Community Monitoring Officers Act 2026*
Minister for Multicultural Affairs	Department of Multicultural Affairs	*Asylum Seekers (Regional Processing Centre) Act 2012*
	Department of Multicultural Affairs	*Commercial Operations and Services Fund Act 2018*
	Department of Multicultural Affairs	*Refugees Convention Act 2012*
Minister for Eigigu Procurement Limited	Eigigu Procurement Limited	
Minister for Eigigu Solution Corporation	Eigigu Solution Corporation	
Minister for Naoero (RPC) Corporation (NRPCC)	Naoero (RPC) Corporation	*Naoero (RPC) Corporation Act 2017*
Minister for Health and Medical Services	Department of Health and Medical Services	*Health Practitioners Act 1999*
	Department of Health and Medical Services	*Illicit Drugs Control Act 2004*
	Department of Health and Medical Services	*Mental Health Act 1963*
	Department of Health and Medical Services	*Health and Medical Services Act 2025*
	Department of Health and Medical Services	*Pharmacy Act 2025*
Minister for Public Health	Department of Public Health	*Public Health Act 1925*

		Food Safety Act 2005
		Litter Prohibition Act 1983
		Notification of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Act 1923
		Sanitary Inspectors Act 1921
		Tobacco Control Act 2009
Minister for Naoero Postal Services Corporation	Naoero Postal Services Corporation	*Naoero Postal Services Corporation Act 2018*
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Chemical Weapons Convention Act 2012*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Consular Privileges and Immunities Act 1976*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1976*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Facilitation of Australian Assistance Act 2004*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Geneva Conventions Act 2012*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Sea Boundaries Act 1997*
	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	*Special Missions Privileges and Immunities Act 1976*
Minister for Naoero Police Force	Naoero Police Force	*Naoero Police Force Act 2025*
	Naoero Police Force	*Explosives Act 1924*
	Naoero Police Force	*Public Order Act 2025*
Minister for Justice and Border Control	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Administration of Justice Act 2018*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Adoption of Children Act 1965*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Agricultural Quarantine Act 1999*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Animals Act 1982*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Anti-Money Laundering and Targeted Financial Sanctions Act 2023*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Attachment of Earnings and Phosphate Royalties Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Bail Act 2018*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Beneficial Ownership Act 2017*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Business Licences Act 2017*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Business Names Registration Act 2018*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Civil Evidence Act 1972*

	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Civil Procedure Act 1972*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Conflict of Laws Act 1974*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Commissions of Inquiry Act 1948*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Consular Conventions (Administration of Estates) Act 1977*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Copyright Act 2019*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Corporations Act 1972*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Correctional Service Act 2009*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime Act 2004*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Crimes Act 2016*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Criminal Justice Act 1999*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Criminal Procedure Act 1972*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Custom and Adopted Laws Act 1971*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Cybercrime Act 2015*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Dog Management and Control Act 2017*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Evidence (Confidential Information) Act 1976*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Extradition Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Foreign Trusts, Estates and Wills Act 1972*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Guardianship of Children Act 1975*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Human Rights Commission Act 2025*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Immigration Act 2014*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Inquests Act 1977*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Insolvency Act 1912*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Interpretation Act 2011*

	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Law Revision and Consolidation Act 2019*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Laws Repeal and Adopting Act 1922*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Legal Practitioners Act 2019*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Limitation Act 2017*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Legitimation Act 1959*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Maintenance Act 1959*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Matrimonial Causes Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2004*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Naoero Citizenship Act 2017*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Oaths, Affirmations and Statutory Declarations Act 1976*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Partnership Act 2018*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Passports Act 2011*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Parliamentary Services Act 2020*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Parliamentary Powers, Privileges and Immunities Act 1976*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Patents Registration Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Proceeds of Crime Act 2004*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Private Security Act 2012*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Quarantine Act 1908*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Recognition of Foreign Divorces, Legal Separations and Nullity of Marriages Act 1973*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Regulations Validity Act 2001*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Registration of Associations Act 2020*

	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Republic Proceedings Act 1972*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Revised Written Laws Act 2021*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Secret Commissions Act 1905*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Statute Law Revision Act 2011*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Succession, Probate and Administration Act 1976*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Trademarks Act 2019*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Trusts Act 2018*
	Department of Justice and Border Control	*Accommodation Registration Act 2012*
	Department of Judiciary	*District Court Act 2018*
	Department of Judiciary	*Family Court Act 1973*
	Department of Judiciary	*Naoero Court of Appeal Act 2018*
	Department of Judiciary	*Supreme Court Act 2018*
Minister for Naoero Seabed Minerals Authority	Naoero Seabed Minerals Authority	*Naoero Seabed Minerals Authority Act 2024*
Minister for Land Management	Department of Land Management	*Aerodrome (Acquisition of Land) Act 1952*
	Department of Land Management	*Funeral Burial and Cremation Act 2017*
	Department of Land Management	*Land (Declaration of Ownership) Act 1962*
	Department of Land Management	*Lands (Validating) Act 1951*
	Department of Land Management	*Lands Act 1976*
	Department of Land Management	*Regulations Governing Intestate Estates 1938*
	Department of Land Management	*Survey Act 2025*
	Naoero Lands Committee	*Naoero Lands Committee Act 1956*
Minister for Naoero Electoral Commission	Naoero Electoral Commission	*Electoral Act 2016*
Minister for Community and Youth	Department of Community and Youth	*Gaming Act 2011 Limited to administrative arrangement of local Bingo games.*
Minister for Women and Social Development Affairs	Department for Women and Social Development Affairs	*Child Protection and Welfare Act 2016*
	Department for Women and Social Development Affairs	*Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017*

Minister for People Living with Disabilities	Department of People Living with Disabilities	*Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities Act 2023*
Minister for National Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Naoero Museum	Naoero Tourism Corporation	*Naoero Tourism Corporation Act 2019*
	Department of National Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Naoero Museum	*National Heritage Act 2017*
	Department of National Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Naoero Museum	*Naoero Language Authority Act 2025*
	Department of National Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Naoero Museum	*Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions Act 2026*
Minister for Infrastructure Development	Department of Infrastructure Development	*Derelict Sites Management Act 2017*
	Department of Infrastructure Development	*Naoero Roads Act 2017*
	Department of Infrastructure Development	*Building Control Act 2025*
Minister for Naoero Media	Department of Naoero Media	
Minister for Information, Communication and Technology	Department of Information, Communication and Technology	*Communications and Broadcasting Act 2018*
Minister for Telecommunications		
Minister for Cenpac Corporation	Cenpac Corporation	*Cenpac Corporation Act 2018*
Minister for Naoero Utilities Corporation	Naoero Utilities Corporation	*Naoero Utilities Corporation Act 2011*
Minister for Naoero Phosphate Royalties Trust	Naoero Phosphate Royalties Trust	*Naoero Phosphate Royalties Trust Act 1968*
	Naoero Phosphate Royalties Trust	*Naoero Phosphate Royalties (Payment and Investment) Act 1968*
	Naoero Phosphate Royalties Trust	*Ronwan Consolidation Act 2014*
Minister for Transport	Civil Aviation Authority	*Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1995*
	Civil Aviation Authority	*Civil Aviation Act 2011*
	Department of Transport	*Marine Insurance Act 1909*
	Department of Transport	*Motor Traffic Act 2014*

	Department of Transport	*Sale of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles Act 1973*
Minister for Naoero Rehabilitation Corporation	Naoero Rehabilitation Corporation	*Naoero Rehabilitation Corporation Act 1997*
Minister for Fisheries	Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority	*Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020*
	Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority	*Fisheries Management Act 2024*
	Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority	*Naoero Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority Act 1997*
Minister for National Emergency Services	Department of National Emergency Services	*National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016*
	Department of National Emergency Services	*Rescue and Fire Service Act 2019*
	Department of National Emergency Services	*Naoero Meteorology Services Act 2024*
Minister for Sports	Department of Sports	*Sports Act 2026*
Minister for Naoero Sports Development Inc.	Naoero Sports Development Inc.	
Minister for Education	Department of Education	*Education Act 2011*
	Department of Education	*Naoero Education Assistance Trust Act 2016*
	Department of Education	*The University of the South Pacific (Recognition of Convention) Act 2017*
Minister for Vocational Training and Professional Development	Department of Vocational Training and Professional Development	
Minister for Naoero Air Corporation	Naoero Air Corporation	*Naoero Air Corporation Act 1995*
	Naoero 33003 Leasing Corporation	
	Naoero Leasing Corporation	
	SUNCO Pty Ltd Holding Inc.	
Minister for RONPHOS	RONPHOS Corporation	*RONPHOS Act 2005*
Minister for Environmental Management and Agriculture	Department of Environmental Management and Agriculture	*Environmental Management and Climate Change Act 2020* Excluding climate change.
	Department of Environmental Management and Agriculture	*Ozone Layer Protection Act 2017*
	Department of Environmental Management and Agriculture	*Wild Birds Protection Act 1937*

Minister for Climate Change and National Resilience	Department of Climate Change and National Resilience	*Environmental Management and Climate Change Act 2020* *Limited to climate change only.*
Minister for Commerce and Foreign Investment	Department of Commerce and Foreign Investment	*Naoero Small Business Enterprises Act 2025*
	Naoero Foreign Investment Authority	*Foreign Investment Act 2025*
	Command Ridge Virtual Asset Authority	*Command Ridge Virtual Asset Authority Act 2025*
Minister for Eigigu Holdings Corporation	Eigigu Holdings Corporation	
Minister for Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship	Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Program Office	*Naoero Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship Act 2024*
Minister for Consumer Protection Authority	Consumer Protection Authority	*Consumer Protection Act 2024*
Minister for Naoero Port Authority	Naoero Maritime and Port Authority	*Maritime Security Act 2019*
	Naoero Maritime and Port Authority	*Ports and Navigation Act 2019*
	Naoero Maritime and Port Authority	*Vessel Registration Act 2024*
Minister for Naoero Shipping Line	Naoero Shipping Line	

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