

**Votes & Proceedings
Of the
Eighteenth Parliament**

No. 21

**Fifth sitting of the Twelfth Meeting
Friday, 26th June 2009**

10.00 a.m.

1. The House met at 10 a.m. in accordance with the resolution of the House made on Thursday, 25th June 2009.

2. Hon. Riddell Akua, M.P., Speaker of Parliament, took the Chair and read Prayers.

3. Ministerial statements & Tabling of Papers

(i) Hon. Frederick Pitcher (Minister for CIE) made a statement to the House which reads as follows:-

‘Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, in keeping with the government’s commitment sustainable development I would like to advise this august House and the general public of the progress on the Business Development Centre (BDC). The BDC’s primary objective is to promote and develop sustainable business practices that will enhance entrepreneurship skills and income generation in Nauru.

UNDP was on Nauru last month to assist in securing a site for the Business Development Centre and develop a work plan for the initiation of the Centre. UNDP also assisted in selecting the UN volunteer for the position of business specialist who will be on island for 2 years to train Nauruans to become better entrepreneurs as well as educating communities on how to manage money to sustain the welfare of their families.

Deliverables from the business Centre will include –

- Output 1 – An Enterprise Resource Centre fully operational providing a range of services tailored to the small business community on Nauru;*
- Output 2 – Community training in financial literacy; and*
- Output 3 – Increased capacity of businesses in Nauru to operate effectively with a focus on Women in Business.*

Honourable Members, I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that there is another parallel component to this Business Development Centre project is the development and implementation of a micro-financing facility. This funding will be covered partly by AusAID and Taiwan, and will be similar in nature to a small-scale commercial bank providing small loans to micro-business start-ups. To this end,

the business specialist will help to set up a simple system to operationalise the facility and assist micro-businesses satisfy the eligibility criteria.

Other specific measures include education programs within schools to improve awareness of personal finance management and entrepreneurship skills, community outreach training and the provision of advisory resources for the development of business activities.

A local counterpart will be engaged to understudy the business specialist as well as a consultant to assist both the business specialist and the local counterpart to work on other issues that will contribute positively to the success of the centre. Budget provisions for employment and training for locals under the project will be made available also.

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, these projects will have direct benefits to the local community, not only through the direct transfer of knowledge and skills in business development, but will also assist in the long-term enhancement of our entrepreneurship skills on Nauru.

I will keep the House and general public informed of future developments in the implementation of these projects, and I look forward to wide public interest and participation in the coming months. Mwa tubwa kor.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) moved that the paper be noted.

(ii) Hon. Sprent Dabwido (Minister for Transport) made a statement to the House on 'Procurement of new fire Trucks, which reads as under:

'Hon. Speaker and colleagues, I have the pleasure in informing the House that early this morning the Department of Civil Aviation sent Fire Officer, Mr. Link Uera, to carry out the inspection of the two fire trucks in Australia.

The Company Rosenbauer had been contracted to build two custom made fire trucks to meet Nauru's specific needs. And that is the trucks must be capable of meeting the Civil Aviation needs and at the same time be able to meet the domestic needs of the public.

Both trucks have been fully built and were ready for testing by the officer on arrival. I am pleased to announce that all the specifications according to the contract have been met including all the required tools and equipment.

Both trucks then underwent a series of strenuous testing over a period of four days. Testing was very comprehensive and included speed, brake, pump and manoeuvrings testing. All tests were passed with flying colours.

Just to give Members a better understanding of the fire trucks, one of the new truck carries more water and foam than what the old trucks

can carry if put together. The fire fighting ability of the new trucks are more powerful and easier to control than the old trucks, for example the shooting range of the top cannon of the old trucks is 60 metres, while the new trucks can shoot 85 metres and using electronic guiding systems for the manoeuvring of the water cannon.

It is pleasing to know that even though the trucks are built in Austria, spare parts of the trucks are easily available in Australia.

Overall the trucks combined presence at the airport will exceed the ICAO requirement of category 6 due to their water capacity of over 16,000 litres. This requirement is vital to having ICAO not down-grading our airport to a level where the type of aircraft Our Airline operates will not be able to land here on Nauru.

The contract was signed off by the Fire Officer after all testing had been done and have met his satisfaction and they will be departing Australia this week and expected to arrive on Nauru in September. An instructor will arrive also in September to train our fire fighters the use of the fire trucks and the equipment on board.

The two trucks have cost Nauru and AusAID \$2,000,000 and with proper care and maintenance and there is no ready why this 2 investments should not be still doing their job 15 to 20 years from now.

I wish to thank AusAID for their great assistance in making this very critical project a reality and I wish to thank the Secretary for Transport and also the Director of Civil Aviation for her tremendous work in working out and arranging the procurement of the fire trucks. Finally, I also wish to thank Fire Officer, Link Uera, for all his time and commitments to inspecting the fire trucks before they arrived ensuring that what Nauru has invested in was a good investment for all Nauruans of both today and tomorrow. Thank you.

Mr. Scotty (Anabar/Ijuw/Anibare) moved that the paper be noted.

4. Motions

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen, as leader of government business, moved that motions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 be deferred to the next sitting.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Question put and passed.

5. Motion No. 9

Mr. Tabuna (Yaren), as Chairman of the Select committee on Corey Caleb, moved that the House adopts the Report of the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. Division of the House called for

Mr. Tsitsi (Aiwo) and Mr. Dowiyogo (Ubenide) called for a division.
The House divided.

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Mr. Stephen	Mr. Pitcher	Mr. Tsitsi
Mr. Kun	Mr. Batsiua	Mr. Scotty
Mr. Solomon	Mr. Dabwido	Mr. Thoma
Mr. Deireragea	Mr. Tabuna	Mr. Dowiyogo
Mr. Amwano		
Total - 9		Total - 4

Question resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair, with consensus of the House, suspended the sitting and to resume when the bell rings.

Resumed.

7. Motion – Appropriation Bill 2009-2010

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved to present the Appropriation Bill 2009-2010.
His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

First Reading

The Bill was presented and read a first time.

8. Motion – Second Reading

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) moved that the Bill be read a second time.
His Excellency President Marcus Stephen seconded.

Second reading speech ensued.

Under S.O. 159 further debate on the second reading is adjourned to a future date.

9. Motion Fixing the date for the next Sitting

His Excellency President Marcus Stephen moved that Parliament at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

10. **Adjournment**

His Excellency the President moved that Parliament do now adjourn.

Hon. Dr. Kieren Keke (Minister for Finance) seconded.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the House at thirty minutes past seven o'clock p.m. adjourned until tomorrow, Saturday 27th June 2009 at 11 a.m.

Members Present

All Members were present at some time during the sitting, except –

Mr. Waqa

* Mr. Adeang

John Garabwan
Deputy Clerk of Parliament

* Suspension