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Development Fund Projection

In addition to the report on the national budget 2025-26 that was tabled at the 29 August Parliament sitting and published in the Nauru Bulletin #13 on 3 September, is the 2025-26 Development Fund Projection that was presented by President David Adeang in his capacity as minister for finance, at the same sitting.



President Adeang announced a \$157.7 million pledge made by Nauru's development partners to support financial year 2025-26 commitments. This includes direct budget support of \$50m and in-kind assistance valued at \$107.2m.

His Excellency expressed deep appreciation to Nauru's development partners and looks forward to deepening the partnerships in the coming years.

The government and agencies that have contributed to Nauru's development fund this financial year include the People's Republic of China, Australia, the Asian Development Bank, Japan, the United Nations, New Zealand and other UN agencies that continue to fund in other areas that address food security, support for regulations, customs, and border control, and technical support for law enforcement in combat of transnational organised crime.

President Adeang says Nauru is grateful to the UN and New Zealand for their continued support in closing the gaps of addressing sustainability, climate action and resilience issues. //

Nauru, Australia sign resettlement MOU

President David Adeang and Australia's Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration and Citizenship, Tony Burke signed an MOU on the Third Country Resettlement Arrangement, 29 August.



The capital fund from the MOU will go towards the Trust Fund.

The agreement contains undertakings for the proper treatment and long-term residence of people who have no legal right to stay in Australia, to be received by Nauru.

Australia will provide funding to underpin this arrangement and support Nauru's long-term economic resilience.

The MOU was signed during the visit by Mr Burke where he also met with the cabinet and the entire Nauru Parliament.

In announcing the MOU, the President and Minister referred to further long-term visas to be granted by Nauru to people who no longer have a legal right to remain in Australia.

This MOU will allow the continued management of the NZYQ cohort.

In delivering the budget speech in Parliament, 29 August, President Adeang said the amount from the MOU will be for long-term economic support.

"The capital fund will be distributed to the Nauru Trust Fund, to support Nauru's long-term economic resilience and the operationalisation of the agreement contingent to the cohort size received."

The agreement will be activated when Nauru receives the first transferees. //

Tuvalu concludes successful 4th PNA meeting

Leaders of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) signed the Funafuti Communique signaling the conclusion of a successful and fruitful fisheries ministers meeting and the 4th PNA Leaders' Summit on the coordinated management and protection of the grouping's tuna resource, Tuvalu, 1-5 September.



President Adeang joins Pacific leaders in signing the Funafuti Communique on fisheries.

The leaders penned their agreement at the closing ceremony, 4 September, to a range of collaboration and priority matters that look at regional access to the Western and Central Pacific tuna fishery. And as a bloc, to support the adoption of strategies to use PNA's collective market power as a cartel, to increase the value of tuna and maximise economic returns for both governments and vessel operators by strategically managing tuna supply, access rights, and market integration.

Leaders also agree to maintain and grow the important financial contribution of the vessel day scheme revenue from tuna fisheries, and become self-reliant in catching, processing and marketing its own fish.

Additionally, fisheries ministers will be supported in their work in closing the eastern high seas in 2026 as a condition of fishing in PNA exclusive economic zones (EEZ), as a measure of conserving marine resources in the high seas.

While the FIMS is undertaking important information management work, it is envisaged that PNA will purchase the company and take full ownership.

Leaders also welcome the first annual payment of US\$60m under the Fisheries Treaty with the U.S, has been received by the Forum Fisheries Agency.

Ahead of the signing, President Adeang and fellow leaders spent the afternoon at Afelita Resort for the leaders retreat at the end of day two of the summit on 4 September.

The leaders departed Luapou port on board the HMTSS Te Metaili III captained by Maritime Commander Eliuta Taula of the Tuvalu Police Service.

The retreat allows the leaders to step back from the busy meeting, reflect and enjoy a part of Tuvalu hidden from everyday activities.

- The Funafuti Communique can be accessed at pnatuna.com

Bills tabled on 29 August 2025

Pharmacy Bill 2025

The Pharmacy Act 2025 was tabled by Minister Charmaine Scotty and passed by the Parliament on 29 August 2025.

The objectives of the bill include provisions for the registration of pharmacists and pharmacies, standards required for pharmacy premises, the importation of medicinal products, standards of medicinal products to be imported, sold or supplied in Nauru, provision for the supply of medicinal products by pharmacies and ensure primary and secondary availability of prescription and non-prescription medicinal products in the Republic apart from the RON Hospital pharmacy.

The bill provides for matters including administration, the pharmacy board, registration of pharmacist, complaints against the pharmacist, licence to operate a pharmacy, register of medicinal products, importation of medicinal products, pharmacy business, control of retail sale of medicinal products, responsibilities of owners and pharmacist, authorised officers, offences, miscellaneous matters.

And a savings and transitional provision clause which ensures that persons registered as pharmacists under the Health Practitioners Act 1999 continue to practice as if they were registered under the Bill. //

Public Service (Amendment) Bill 2025

As Minister for the Public Service, President David Adeang tabled the Public Service (Amendment) Bill 2025 for the purpose of amending the Public Service Act 2016.

Clause 4 provides for the amendment of Part 7 of the Act dealing with secondment within the public service. This clause provides for Section 94A which permits the Chief Secretary to second (temporarily transfer) a permanent employee from one department to another, if recommended by the relevant head of department.

An employee seconded must not in any way be adversely affected in remuneration, seniority or rank in the public service.

Further, if an employee refuses or declines the secondment, the employee has the option of either resigning or having his or her position made redundant by the Chief Secretary under Division 3 of Part 7.

This clause further provides that a permanent employee who is seconded will retain benefits accrued under the Act. //

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Health and Medical Services Bill 2025

Development of the Health and Medical Services Bill 2025 began in 2010 with the primary purpose of establishing a modern, responsible framework for the provision of health and medical services that seeks to define clear roles and responsibilities for service delivery; enable flexible arrangements with private entities where appropriate; ensure compliance with national laws and international standards; and provide for oversight, accountability, and continuity of care.

Minister Charmaine Scotty says a key feature of the bill is the ability for the government to engage private entities to deliver health and medical services on behalf of the Republic.

This may be done through formal agreements, arrangements, or understandings. Each are subject to prescribed criteria and procedures.

“These engagements will not be ad-hoc. They must include provisions to ensure compliance with applicable laws and will remain under the supervision of the Cabinet through the minister responsible for health,” the Minister said.

The bill encompasses health and medical services facilities, administration staff recruitment, rights and duties of patients and health practitioners, facility records, medical consent of patients, discharge of patients, general patient care and treatment, e-health, overseas medical referrals, surgery, paediatric services, ophthalmology services, palliative care, mental health services, pharmaceutical services, visitors in health facilities, prevention and control of infection, control on the use of blood, blood products, tissue and gametes, patient death, mortuary services, health care risk waste, complaints and grievances, health and medical services for non-residents of Nauru, establishment of medical tourism, ambulance services, offences, provision or management of health and medical services through a private entity, miscellaneous matters, and savings and transitional provisions such as the repeal of the Health Practitioners (Overseas Medical Referrals Compliance) Regulations 2019, and Health Practitioners (Telemedicine Prohibition) Regulations 2019. //

**Multicultural Affairs**

President David Adeang informed Parliament that the government has secured long-term funding arrangement with the Australian government to support the ongoing administration of regional processing on Nauru.

The three-year funding agreement is a commitment that secures the stability of regional processing operations and advances Nauru's vision of greater economic resilience and financial independence.

“This agreement stands as a testament to our government's unwavering commitment to securing a stronger, more prosperous future for our nation,” the president said.

Underpinning the arrangement is the enduring memorandum of understanding between the governments of Nauru and Australia which remains a cornerstone of their bilateral cooperation, reflecting the mutual respect and shared values upon which the partnership continues to thrive.

The Department of Multicultural Affairs is also actively engaging the Australian Department of Home Affairs to explore long-term funding for the Alternative Pathways Program (APP) which has already benefited 2,657 graduates since its inception.

Following his visit to Nauru, Australia's Minister for Home Affairs Tony Burke, commended the Department of Multicultural Affairs for its outstanding stewardship of the APP, and directed department officials to explore mechanisms for securing long-term funding to ensure the program's continued success.

President Adeang expressed appreciation to the Australian government, particularly the department of home affairs for its ongoing support, constructive engagement, and shared commitment to addressing matters of mutual concern. //



Ministerial Statements - August

Nauru Utilities

Delays in the commissioning of the six megawatt solar plant places a financial burden on the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC), but once commissioned, will boost the company's efficiency this fiscal year by enabling the acquisition of two new generators to be commissioned at the solar site.



NUC addresses water catchment and storage matters.

One Ruston engine will also be upgraded, and three new waters trucks and one sludge truck are expected in November.

The electricity network system will be extended to RPC 2, RPC 3, and the stadium for the Micronesian Games.

Funding is allocated to rehabilitate the low-voltage network in Buada, Aiwo, the Location compound, and the northern districts.

Funding has also been allocated for the construction of a three million litre storage tank to be installed at the Menen Hotel to strengthen water security.

Two 250,000 litre water storage tanks are also funded and will be commissioned at the solar site. A water catchment system and reticulation network will be retrofitted to the solar panels and tanks to improve serviceability and to serve as a disaster recovery site.

Additionally, the SMARTEN reverse osmosis installation is complete and awaiting commissioning in the coming weeks, while the Asian Development bank-support urban development project is expected to boost climate resilience, relieve stress and promote water security. //

Health and Medical Services

Minister for Health and Medical Services Charmaine Scotty updated the august house progress and developments in the health sector.



Public urged to maintain clean-up efforts to contain dengue outbreak.

Minister Scotty acknowledged the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF who have been instrumental in coordinating international support in providing vital technical assistance and supplies for the outbreak.

Under the 'Ranga Tsimorum' program, Australia also provided medical supplies, developed clinical guidelines for dengue case management, trained clinical staff and mobilised a medical team for support during the outbreak.

Parallel to the dengue response, strengthening healthcare delivery remains important. An eye specialist team will be arriving Nauru September – October to service the people in need.

Representatives from Beyond Essential Systems (BES) were on island to install the digital hub called the Senaite, provide technical support and training to improve lab and pharmacy staff capacity on data management.

An MOU with Family Planning Australia brought a team on 18-26 August to implement a cervical cancer screening treatment program aimed at saving lives and prevention, while under the Transformative Agenda Phase II, UNFPA organised a training program on 04-15 August to strengthen capacity of health workers to provide inclusive family planning, counselling and screening on gender-based violence.

The minister also updated the house progress achieved on the first 60 days of the Nauru Medical Centre Vision since engaging GMSS. Fifteen health care professionals have relocated to Nauru, artificial intelligence and telemedicine tools have been introduced to lead doctors and surgical services recorded a 120 per cent increase in standard surgical procedures.

Twenty-two surgeries have been successfully performed due to the arrival of anaesthesiology specialists.

Minister Scotty expressed sincere appreciation for the collaboration and unwavering support of development partners, reaffirming the department's commitment to protecting the people of Nauru.

"Together, these efforts are strengthening our health system, building the capacity of our workforce and most importantly, improving the health and wellbeing of our people". //

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Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation

As the NRC continues to support critical projects around the island with raw material and land works, provision of aggregates to contractor CHEC is winding down as the port project nears completion.

In this financial year 2025-26, the NRC continues to work in collaboration with RONPhos in aligning mining activities into sustainable economic operations for rehabilitation purposes.

Minister Reagan Aliklik said the initiative is critical for rebuilding the two state-owned enterprises, and advancing national interest in regards to phosphate sales and land redevelopment at topside for the future of Nauru and Nauruans. //

National Adaptation Plan

Preparing the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and updating Nauru's climate resilience strategy, RON Adapt 2025, are ongoing efforts to address the urgent challenge of climate change.

The Department of Climate Change and National Resilience, along with regional partners SPREP and vital funding from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), held a NAP validation workshop to review and validate the set of actions that form the backbone of national adaptation priorities.

A set of 22 priority actions were confirmed. They include: expanding sustainable aquaculture and strengthening local fisheries; increase rainwater harvesting and storage in public institutions; integrate climate change education into schools and communities; plant protective coastal vegetation; enhance disaster preparedness and resilience in the health sector; and the Higher Ground Initiative.

Minister Asterio Appi said the updated RON Adapt 2025 will ensure that all adaptation efforts are in line with Nauru's National Sustainable Development Strategy and other key sectoral plans. //



Water Security

Significant efforts are underway to address Nauru's water security through provision of fresh water tanks, underground wells and water catchments.

In recent months, while some Pacific countries faced widespread flooding, Nauru experienced prolonged drought.

Minister Asterio Appi told parliament that while these events are different, they share a common cause – “a shifting global climate that threatens our water security”.

The government has taken concrete steps to strengthen water security across the island.

Through development partners, JP Partnership, the Joint Committee for Cooperation, with the Government of Italy, funding for 50 household rainwater tanks has been secured and the construction of 20 underground wells

Additionally, New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade through The Pacific Community is also supporting 100 rainwater harvesting systems aimed at improving water catchment.

Households will start receiving their new water tanks, underground wells and improved water harvesting systems by the end of the year.

The department is also investing in capacity building to equip communities with the skills and knowledge for basic maintenance of water tanks and gutter systems, as well as promote water conservation practices and introduce water quality testing. //



Ministerial Statements - August

Nauru Airlines

Nauru Airlines successfully completed its 2025 IOSA Renewal Audit and renewed its IOSA accreditation, reflecting the airline's commitment to safety, compliance and continuous improvement.



Nauru Airlines delivers tangible results in Pacific connectivity.

The IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) programme is an internationally recognised and accepted evaluation system designed to assess the operational management and control systems of an airline.

Minister Asterio Appi explained to Parliament that IOSA accreditation allows Nauru Airlines to be able to enter interline and code sharing partnerships with other airlines allowing for greater exposure to passenger bookings and increased market share.

Nauru's key role in Pacific connectivity underscores its commitment to delivering tangible benefits for the people of Nauru and its neighbours.

In relation to the airline's operations under the Australia North Pacific Connector program, the Australian government conducted a financial review and audit, which was successfully passed.

Minister Appi said the review outcome is positive, and the outlook for an extension of the program is highly encouraging.

In July, the minister attended the Micronesian Island Forum in Majuro, where Nauru was joined by Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands in signing a memorandum of understanding to enhance cooperation in regional logistics.

Key actions under the MOU include – coordinated scheduling of cargo flights through Nauru Airlines' Central Pacific route; timely delivery of medical supplies, food, e-commerce parcels, and government material; and exploration of digital cargo tracking technologies to improve transparency and efficiency.

A regional cargo coordination committee will be established to oversee implementation and facilitate customs and regulatory exchanges.

Nauru Airlines will play a pivotal role in this strategy, reinforcing Nauru's leadership in regional aviation and commitment to supporting the wellbeing of Pacific communities.

Also, in July, Nauru Airlines and Air Marshall Islands (AMI) signed a MOU to establish a strategic framework for collaboration between the two national carriers.

The MOU is non-binding and poses minimal financial risk, with costs limited to employment and travel associated with the cadet program.

Key elements of the MOU include: a joint pilot cadetship program to build regional aviation capacity; interline ticketing arrangements enabling NAC to sell AMI-operated domestic services; harmonisation of flight schedules to support same-day connections; AMI's support for NAC cargo terminal operations; reciprocal appointments as general sales agents in each other's markets; AMI to act as NAC's ground handling agents in Majuro; and shared procurement, staff travel privileges, and charter coordination.

Under the airlines' cadet program for pilots and engineers, Aneo Jeremiah passed all the CASA exam requirements and is now in Brisbane to complete his work experience; while Daleon Uera is completing his flying training in Vilnius, Lithuania, and upon completion will be upgraded to First Officer on the Boeing 737 fleet operated by Nauru Airlines.

Six other cadet pilots are actively engaged in various stages of their professional flight training.

The new direct route from Nauru to Suva's Nausori International Airport commenced on 28 August, linking with the North Pacific Connector. This marks a strategic advancement in efforts to strengthen regional integration, economic cooperation, and people-to-people connectivity across the Pacific. //

Climate change - electric transportation

Nauru is heading towards a Just Transition in terms of transport and achieving national energy targets and realising this through the acquisition of electric vehicles.

Minister Asterio Appi says Nauru is committed to reducing dependence on imported fossil fuels, cutting greenhouse gas emissions, and improving air quality.

"As a nation we are not only embracing global innovation but leading by example through inclusion of e-vehicles in the government fleet."

In addition to the two existing electric buses, the Department of Climate Change and National Resilience (DCCNR), through the SMARTEN Project, acquired its first six electric cars and ten bikes for the government fleet.

Guided by the ambitious Nauru Energy Roadmap the department is determined that by 2030 at least 20 per cent of all vehicles in Nauru are electric.

More electric vehicles and charging stations are expected in the coming months. The charging stations will be built on site at the government office, airport and at the Nauru Utilities Corporation (NUC). //

Fisheries

State-owned enterprise (SOE), the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) continues to undertake work focused on sustainable management of Nauru's fisheries and marine resources while supporting community engagement and economic development.

In August, an in-country training conducted by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA), on oceanic compliance, centred on PNA's new online case file portal and addressing Nauru's significant backlog of unresolved allegations.

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) scientific committee also convened its annual meeting in Tonga to review the latest data and research on tuna stocks across the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO), and scientific advice for sustainable fisheries.

The SOE recently benefited from a targeted secondment program of the Forum Fisheries Agency's (FFA) island chief operation, in valuable knowledge transfer and strengthened technical capacity, particularly in compliance and management processes.

In relation to the US-Pacific Island fisheries access agreement, the US embassy confirmed at the fisheries ministerial meeting in Niue, that the outstanding payment for 2024 will be settled this month, September, with another payment planned for December to cover obligations for 2025. In total the US will deposit US\$60 million annually for 10 years to support FFA's operational activities and an estimated \$1 million for each FFA member country.

Meanwhile, Nauru's vessel day scheme (VDS) is nearing the full allocation of its fishing days and NFMRA is working with other PNA members to discuss potential for trading access days.

Coastal fisheries have identified potential management areas in most districts with maps now developed. The maps are being returned to respective communities for verification and confirmation.

The Nauru Resilient Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture project is still being established with initial salaries revised to ensure long-term sustainability and alignment with local roles. Recruitment is expected to proceed in the coming weeks.

Consultant Robert Jimmy is scheduled to visit this month, contracted by The Pacific Community (SPC) to develop policies and a roadmap aligning with Nauru's Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Act 2020 and the Environmental Management and Climate Change Act 2020. //

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Infrastructure

Minister for Infrastructure Development Jesse Jeremiah updated the Parliament in August on Red Zone houses, stating that of the six homes still under construction, two are scheduled to be completed in September. Additionally, under the Government Housing Program, eight homes are currently under construction and two are planned to be completed in the same month.



Government housing program addresses living arrangements.

"In total, four additional houses will be handed over to recipients next month, adding to those already completed under both programs," Minister Jeremiah said.

The department is also working with Japan's aid agency, JICA on road projects, including test pits, soak pits, drainage, bridge inspections and related work. A JICA team arrived in Nauru in August for preliminary inspections and to collect aggregate samples for quality testing. The second team is expected to arrive in September to conduct further inspections.

Minister Jeremiah was invited as a speaker at the Pacific Infrastructure Conference 2025 in Brisbane. The conference brought together Pacific Island leaders, donors, and the private sector in discussions centred on strategies for sustainable and resilient infrastructure development across the region.

In his address, he highlighted the achievements in infrastructure development while also underscoring the challenges that remain.

"This conference provided a vital platform to present Nauru's infrastructure priorities and gaps to our partners, fostering discussions to ensure that we continue to receive critical support," Minister Jeremiah said. //

Justice

Minister for Justice and Border Control, Lionel Aingimea tabled 24 subsidiary legislations that were made from May to August 2025.

Section 17(2) of the Interpretation Act 2011 requires the tabling of such laws before Parliament. The majority of the subsidiary legislation generally dealt with matters relating to the protection and safety of the people of Nauru and residents; to ensure Nauru's economic resilience; and that Nauru's international obligations are met.

All legislation and subsidiary legislation can be accessed at <https://ronlaw.gov.nr/>

Ministerial Statements - August

International Solar Alliance

The meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in Sri Lanka in July, brought together leaders from Asia and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), many of whom struggle with expensive electricity due to heavy reliance on imported fossil fuel costing them up to 15 to 30 per cent of their GDP.



ISA keen to support vocational training in solar-related fields.

Nauru's Minister for Climate Change, Asterio Appi says the ISA's new platform for SIDS aims to overcome these hurdles by grouping solar energy demand, and simplifying purchasing processes.

A key outcome from the bilateral meeting with ISA Director General Ashish Khanna was a shared understanding to fast track solar electrification for our schools, clinics, and community mini-grids.

Also discussed was building local skills to support these efforts in particular developing vocational training programs for Nauruans.

The ISA also indicated a willingness to support this work through technical assistance and possible funding.

Nauru also signed the SIDS Platform which can help bring innovative solutions to Small Island Developing States, like shared online markets, simpler procurement processes, better project planning, flexible funding, and tailor training.

By signing onto the SIDS Platform, Nauru signals its intention to meeting its renewable energy target of 50 per cent by 2025, and lead through example by leveraging regional coordination, technical assistance and finance to transform its energy system. //

Public Health

Minister for Public Health, Maverick Eoe, updated Parliament on the recent dengue outbreak and the department's approach, partnering with Global Mission Support Services (GMSS), in minimising the impact of dengue through collective effort, swift action, and a commitment to proactive care and safeguarding the well-being of the people.



Public health mobilised 24/7 task force, targeted logistics to combat dengue.

"We mobilised a 24/7 national task force, covering community clinics, hospitals and operational support teams. This included expanded shifts, extensive fogging operations and targeted logistics," Minister Eoe said.

The reduction of over 60 per cent of dengue cases "demonstrates that when government, health institutions and communities act in unison, progress is swift and measurable". The Minister urged the public to continue preventative measures and to visit the hospital if a person shows symptoms of dengue.

At the same time, the Ministry has been prepared for the annual flu season. "Influenza vaccines have arrived on the island and will begin being administered this week through our public health and regional clinics," the minister said. //



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Education

Minister for Education Asterio Appi commends the graduation of several Nauruan students from tertiary studies in Australian institutions.



Education steps up learning on all levels, implements attendance strategy.

Karenza Moses completed her diploma in business studies at Griffith College as well as a Bachelor's degree from Griffith University. Also attaining a diploma in business from Griffith College are Malady Giouba, Gideon Bagaga, Febee Adire, Hilma Doweiya, and Dallion Jimwereiy. Achieving a diploma in health sciences were Unique Detabene and My-Queen Reagan, while Gorgeous Ribauw, Taesha Aliklik, and Li-Jan Uera graduated with diplomas in nursing, criminology, and design, respectively. Wenira Deiye attained her diploma of nursing from Queensland University of Technology.

The minister said the achievements reflect the student's dedication and the unwavering support of their families, but also serves as a strong reminder of what investment in education can deliver for the nation.

The minister also expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan for the international exposure and cultural exchange activities afforded to five Nauru Secondary School (NSS) students who took part in the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth (JENESYS) program, earlier this year.

Attendance remains a critical concern which the department is addressing by implementing a strategy that aims to bring together schools, families and community to advocate for children's right to be in school.

Meanwhile, a new initiative to re-engage out-of-school students will be rolled out across all year levels, with a focus on secondary students where the numbers of disengagement are at their highest.

The intended program provides a flexible, skills-based learning designed to meet student needs.

Except for two classrooms at NSS, all construction work has completed, showing visible progress in improving school facilities and classrooms. //

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Lionel Aingimea updated the august House on latest remittance factsheet from the PALM Information system on Nauruans participating in labour mobility programmes in New Zealand and Australia.

Nauru's cumulative remittance between 2018 and 2024 is AUD\$930,000. The annual remittance estimates in 2024 accounts for 61 per cent of the cumulative remittance from 50 workers which is at \$563,000 over a five-year period, attesting to the success of the programme and the hard work of Nauruan workers.

To date, there are over 60 Nauruan workers mobilised across various sectors in New Zealand and Australia. The labour mobility division forecasts continued growth with further potential recruitment of additional 25 workers by end of the year and negotiations for more recruitment in the coming years.

"The department will continue to advocate for greater participation in labour mobility programs that benefit our citizens while fostering strong ties with our partners in Australia and New Zealand."

Minister Aingimea affirmed the government's commitment to empowering the workforce and enhancing economic resilience.

Culture & Heritage

Minister for National Heritage and Culture Charmaine Scotty updated the house on recent events and successful celebration of Aroeni Day on 19 August at the Linkbelt oval.

The celebration featured a variety of traditional competitions and cultural displays including the Miss Aroeni pageant, tribal banner display, head garland and inne food competition.

The primary objectives of the event was to foster unity among the 10 remaining tribes and highlight ongoing demographic challenges.

Minister Scotty announced to Parliament winning tribes of the competition categories, reinforcing the preservation and promotion of our rich traditions. She also shared current tribal demographic range, noting Iruwa tribe being the largest with 3909 members and Ranibok tribe being the smallest at 124 members.

Additionally, the dogoropwa dance group and ekawada group participated and performed at the Japan World Expo. A momentous achievement showcasing Nauru's unique culture and traditions on the global stage.

Minister closed her statement with "Let us continue to work together to elevate Nauru's presence on the world stage, sharing our rich heritage with pride and fostering goodwill among nations."

WASDA

Minister for Women's and Social Development Affairs Charmaine Scotty was pleased to share with the Parliament the successful hosting of the 6th Regional Working Group (RWG) on Domestic Violence/Family Protection Legislation meeting conducted on 11 – 13 August at the Civic Centre Conference Hall.



Nauru passes chair of regional working group on domestic violence

The event convened senior officials from 12 Pacific island countries and development partners, allowing Nauru the opportunity to showcase progress implementation of the DVFP Act 2017, advocate gender equality, protection of women and children and strengthen linkages between regional policy frameworks, embedding Nauru's voice in collective Pacific strategies.

Endorsement of the RWG Outcome Document confirmed commitments to strengthen regional cooperation through legal frameworks, integrated database system and launching of a regional framework on gender-based violence scheduled for February 2026.

Nauru completed its term as chair of the RWG with the key objective of strengthening regional solidarity, advancing Pacific commitments and positioning Nauru as champion of gender equality and domestic violence protection. The leadership role has been handed over to Solomon Islands.

The Minister also provided an update on the ongoing work of WASDA in strengthening support services for child protection and domestic violence. Ongoing community outreach and awareness programs will have staff training supported by UNICEF. Work with the Domestic Violence Unit under the Nauru Police Force has been consistent and the DVFP Act is now in its draft amendments stage soon to be submitted to the Department of Justice.

Minister concluded her statement reiterating the commitments of WASDA.

"The progress of WASDA is not just in laws and policies, but in the lives changed when services reach those in need, when protection is enforced and when hope is restored." //

Minister for Transport Reagan Aliklik shared an update in Parliament on the ground-breaking ceremony of the Nauru International Airport Resurfacing Project funded by the Australia Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific that took place, 19 August.



Land and air transport making strides in upgrades and services

His Excellency President David Adeang, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Lionel Aingimea, Australian Minister for Pacific Island Affairs Senator Nita Green, and Australian High Commissioner Matthew Barclay, along with Nauru Secondary students, attended the event.

The \$50 million fund will deliver a resurfaced runway, upgraded air traffic control system and new fencing parameters by 2026. Minister Aliklik noted there are setbacks, "but the ground-breaking ceremony marks the occasion where the project is officially on the journey to completion".

The Minister thanked the Government of Australia and all supporting partners and local entities, including the students who took part in the event, reflecting the strength of our bilateral partnership and shared vision for modernising critical infrastructure for Nauru's future.

In air services, Fiji has granted Nauru approval to operate direct commercial flights between Nauru and Suva, alternating with the existing weekly Nauru-Nadi service. This new arrangement provides greater flexibility and access for passengers and cargo for those with business, medical, diplomatic, or educational engagement in Suva. "I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Deputy Prime Minister of Fiji, Hon. Viliame Gavoka, for his support and cooperation in helping make this important air connection a reality," Minister Aliklik said.

The Vehicle Registration and Inspection Division (VRID) continues to serve the public at a steady and consistent pace, ensuring that all vehicles operating on the roads are properly recorded, identifiable and assessed for minimum safety compliance. The VRID also introduced EFTPOS payment options, providing customers with easy and secure transactions, which benefits both the customer and the worker.

"The Ministry of Transport stands to fulfil its objectives and will continue to ensure that it renders its services to the people of Nauru," Minister Aliklik said. //

Vocational Training

The Department of Vocational Training and Professional Development is offering Certificate II accredited courses from TAFE Queensland in the specialised fields of plumbing, automotive, electrotechnology, engineering, hospitality and construction.



Targeted vocational training to equip students with practical skills and enhance career prospects.

The initiative provides earners with access to high-quality vocational education, benchmarked to international standards and tailored to meet Nauru's industry needs.

Year 12 students are currently enrolled in the program, but the invitation is open to community members or adult students to also enrol.

The department has also expanded services by offering nine national certificate II programs in joinery, carpentry, automotive, engineering, IT and digital, fashion and design, hospitality, electrotechnology, and polywelding as part of the Alternative Pathways Program (APP) led by the Department of Multicultural Affairs. The programs will be delivered in blocks of six weeks until mid-2026.

Minister Asterio Appi says by providing targeted vocational training, individuals are equipped with practical skills that enhance their employability and career prospects.

The department is also working with industry experts to develop relevant training programs that meet the specific needs of employers and the labour market.

The top training priority is the trainer the trainer program and is being offered as a cert IV program that will ensure trainers are adequately trained in their specialised trades.

Under the initiative, Recognised Prior Learning, the department is working with TAFE Queensland to recognise Nauru's local skills trade workers with years of experience but lacking formal qualifications. This would allow skilled workers to receive qualification based on their years of experience in their specialised trades. //

Deputy Minister for Finance Delvin Thoma provided update to the House on the recent Intergenerational Trust Fund quarterly meeting held in Brisbane on 20 August.

President Adeang and accompanying ministers engaged with 70 Nauruan students to inform them on the background story and establishment of the trust fund, key objectives and its long-term vision. The students attended the committee meeting as scheduled.

The 2024-25 financial year marked a successful period for the Trust Fund with an increase of \$70m on net assets, bringing the total value of the Fund to over \$420m as of 30 June.

The fund's investment advisor Mercer presented a peer comparison showing the Trust Fund outperforming growth funds over five and seven-year periods, with gross returns of 11.5 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively.

The Trust Fund's earnings are intended to support future government investments in education, health, environmental sustainability and infrastructure for the people of Nauru.

In closing, Deputy Minister said "With consistent contributions and continued growth, the Trust Fund is well positioned to meet the future needs of the Government and its people which stands as a testament to Nauru's long-term commitment to economic stability and national development." //

Forum Foreign Ministers meeting

Deputy Minister Rennie Gadabu shared update to the House on his attendance at the Forum Foreign Ministers meeting convened in Suva, Fiji on 14 August.

At the meeting, Ministers reaffirmed shared commitment to unity as one Blue Pacific discussing Thematic Pillars of the 2050 Strategy, noting the urgency to move on implementation of the Strategy to turning shared ambitions into tangible progress for the Pacific community.

Mr Gadabu informed the House, Nauru stands with fellow foreign ministers in supporting Australia's bid to host COP31 recognising the opportunity for the Pacific to demonstrate global leadership on climate action.

Additionally, Nauru used this platform to advocate the operationalisation of the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) to ensure small island states have fair access to international financing, reiterating our strong national position on deep sea mining (DSM) and encouraged greater regional self-sufficiency.

Ministerial Statements - August

Sports

Minister for Sports Jesse Jeremiah updated the Parliament during the last sitting in August on his recent trip to Australia. Minister Jeremiah, along with Deputy Minister Delvin Thoma, met with Australian government officials and representatives from the Australian Institute of Sports in Canberra and toured the institute's sport facilities to further expand initiatives to prepare Nauruan athletes for the upcoming Micronesian Games, the 2032 Olympic Games in Australia and possibly other major sporting events.



Sports is playing a role in community engagement and nurturing future talents

"The Government is actively working with partners to develop new training, exchanges, coaching programs and pathways for the local sports federations to capitalise on current aid programs like PacificAus Sport. Government of the day is connecting grassroots level and department initiatives programs to donors and organisations for funding and technical support," Minister Jeremiah said.

He also gave an update on the department's recent engagement with the Australian Assistant Minister for the Pacific Islands, Senator Nita Green, and Australian High Commissioner Matthew Barclay on the Auskick session at Meneng Jab Oval, providing opportunities for young athletes aged four to 10 to meet with international sports representatives and learn football skills, techniques while encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship. The session ended with football gifts "to support their ongoing development and enthusiasm for the sport".

The Minister added that the visit highlighted strong collaboration between Nauru and Australia in the area of youth sports, providing valuable experience and nurturing future talents.

"This engagement reflects the Government's ongoing commitment to promoting sports for youth development, international collaboration and community engagement."

Last on the minister's statement was the achievement of powerlifter Bessie Tee O'Brian competing at the China World Games in Chengdu in August, with outstanding performance, breaking the Junior World Record of 270kg back-squat with her new record of 290kg.

Minister Jeremiah congratulated Ms O'Brian on her milestone achievement and said that her success is a source of national pride.

"This is a world-class accomplishment, reflecting Bessie's dedication, discipline and the effectiveness of the development programs provided by the Nauru Powerlifting International Federation in collaboration with the Sport Department." //



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