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Angam: Honouring history, resilience, and unity as a nation

A memorial service was held at dawn on 27 October at the World War II Memorial in Aiwo to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of Angam Day, and the 80th anniversary of the return of Nauruans who were exiled to Chuuk.



We must look forward with purpose: Adeang

His Excellency President David Adeang laid the first wreath followed by Cabinet ministers, members of Parliament, the diplomatic corps and the public.

In his address, President Adeang reflected that the occasion is not just about remembrance, “it is about who we are” and “believing that no matter what happens, God’s will comes first”.

“Angam means jubilation, celebration, triumph – and also coming home. It reminds us of our journey as a people – a journey of hardship, survival, and, above all, hope.”

The story of Angam is retold through generations, keeping alive the memory and resilience of the Nauruan people. In the 1920s, influenza reduced the Nauruan race to near extinction, until 26 October 1932 when baby girl Eidagaruwo was born, and Nauru reached the target of 1500 people considered to sustain the population. This marked the first Angam Day.

WWII again threatened the population with many exiled to Chuuk Atoll. But on 31 March 1949, Bethel Enproe Adam was born restoring the minimum count once again, ensuring the survival of the Nauruan race.

“As we look back with pride, we must also look forward with purpose. Our future lies with our children. They are the heart and the hope of Nauru. It is our sacred duty – as parents, families, and leaders, to raise them well.”

President Adeang encouraged unified action to teach Nauruan children to be strong, healthy, educated, and to be proud of who they are.

“Let us give them the tools to succeed in a changing world, because the future of Nauru will be written by their hands.”

The government works with this vision in mind, to make Nauru economically sustainable, to ensure Nauruan children grow up in good health and receive a strong education.

“We are laying the foundations for a nation that can stand proudly on its own, prepared for any challenge.”

The government encourages a partnership with the community, and families to work together, guided by faith and the national motto, God’s Will First. //

President Adeang re-elected, longest serving MP



Incumbent President Adeang wins majority constituent votes, elected unopposed in parliament

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President Adeang re-elected, *(...from pg 1)* longest serving MP

Incumbent President David Adeang was re-elected unopposed by the elected 18 members of Parliament at the inaugural sitting of the 25th Parliament on 14 October 2025.

Re-elected for a second term, President Adeang, is the longest serving MP in the current Parliament. At the 2025 General Elections, using the preferential voting system, he totaled 837 points, the most in his constituency.

President Adeang's re-election reflects his strong and trusted leadership in steering the path for Nauru to economic resilience and sustainability, and the health and wellbeing of Nauruans.

Mr Adeang launched his political career when he first contested the elections in 2001 as a candidate for the Constituency of Ubenide and has maintained his seat in Parliament ever since.

He also served as the speaker of Parliament in 2004 and 2008 and held a number of Cabinet portfolios including minister assisting the president as well as finance, justice and foreign affairs.

As the minister for finance under previous administrations, Mr Adeang was instrumental in clearing Nauru from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklist, a global watchdog group on illegal financing, and in setting up the Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund in 2015. The NTF contributes to the long-term budgetary self-reliance of the Republic of Nauru.

Under his leadership as president, Nauru established a security partnership with Australia - the Nauru-Australia Treaty, secured continued banking services with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, off-shore processing arrangements, and citizenship programs to bolster Nauru's sustainable development and climate resilience efforts, strengthen sporting, health and education programmes and infrastructure for Nauruans, and systems and policies to ensure a financially stable future for Nauru. //

Stephen re-elected, longest serving speaker

The Honourable Marcus Stephen, MP., was re-elected unopposed to the position of Speaker of Parliament at the inaugural sitting of the 25th Parliament on 14 October 2025. This is his third consecutive term in the role making him the longest serving speaker in the history of Nauru's parliament, and the second longest serving member in the current Parliament, after President Adeang.

He was first appointed to the speakership on 27 August 2019 and re-elected twice since. His re-election is evident of his leadership qualities, trust and maintaining order.

Mr Stephen won a seat in his constituency of Ewa-Anetan at the 2003 general elections and sworn in as a member of the 15th Parliament. With the exception of one term between 2016 and 2019, he has been successfully re-elected in his constituency. //



Stephen is also second longest serving MP

Parliamentary Standing Committees

Standing Orders Committee

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Speaker, Ex-officio)
Hon. Isabella Dageago (Deputy Speaker)
H.E. David Adeang (Leader of govt. business)
Hon. Lionel Aingimea
Hon. Maverick Eoe

Privileges Committee

Hon. Rennie Gadabu
Hon. Tawaki Kam
Hon. Russ Kun
Hon. Ranin Akua
Hon. Maverick Eoe

House Committee

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Ex-officio)
H.E. David Adeang (Ex-officio)
Hon. Lionel Aingimea
Hon. Asterio Appi
Hon. Isabella Dageago

Deputy Chairmen of Committees

Hon. Tawaki Kam
Hon. Ranin Akua

Private Business Committee

Hon. Marcus Stephen (Ex-officio)
Hon. Maverick Eoe
Hon. Wanganeen Emiu
Hon. Pyon Deiye

Public Accounts Committee

Hon. Wanganeen Emiu (Chairman)
Hon. Rennie Gadabu
Hon. Pyon Deiye
Hon. Timothy Ika
Hon. Jason Bingham Agir

Constitutional Review Committee

Hon. Charmaine Scotty
Hon. Lionel Aingimea
Hon. Maverick Eoe
Hon. Wanganeen Emiu
Hon. Pyon Deiye
Hon. Timothy Ika
Hon. Jason Bingham Agir
Hon. Russ Kun
Hon. Jesse Jeremiah

Subsidiary Legislation Committee

(Deferred)

Library Committee

(Deferred)

President names cabinet, deputies

Re-elected President of Nauru David Adeang named his Cabinet line up at the oath taking ceremony, 16 October, including deputy ministers tasked to lead government for the next three years.



Education, health, sports remain national development priorities

The general elections on 11 October returned all but three representatives to the 25th Parliament, the majority of whom align with the government's position.

"Speaking not just on my behalf but of my government, we are deeply humbled and profoundly grateful. The decision of the people to return us to serve you once again is not only an honour, we consider it a sacred trust.

"You have given us your confidence, your faith, and your mandate to continue leading our beloved nation. For this, and from all of us, we say from the depths of my heart — thank you. Mwa tubwa kor."

President Adeang delivered his address at the ceremony presided over by Justice Kiniviliame Keteca in front of the government office.

"The people in their wisdom decided not to give this government, or future governments a four-year term. But they gave our government a three-year term with no excuses. An overwhelming mandate, not just in our own communities but an overwhelming mandate in the House.

"We take this mandate very seriously and we ask each and every Nauruan to contribute what they can to help us in our journey towards economic resilience, strengthening our governance, and again ensuring that the benefits of our development reach every home and every family on Nauru."

Education, health and sports will remain at the heart of national development. The government will place a lot of emphasis on sports and physical activities, recognising that a healthy Nauru is a strong Nauru.

Nauru's journey towards development is also possible through the steadfast friendship and cooperation of partners. President Adeang extended Nauru's appreciation for their commitment which has helped Nauru navigate challenges and move closer to stability, growth, and prosperity. //

Voters return majority MPs, reject referendum

Nauruans headed to the polls on 11 October 2025 and elected new members of Parliament but rejected a proposal to increase the country's parliamentary term from three years to four.

A photograph of a document titled "Declaration of Results 2025 Referendum". The document is from the Electoral Commission of Nauru. It contains the following data:

Valid Votes	8315
Yes Votes	3714
No Votes	4601
Proportion of Yes Votes	44.7%

Valid Votes	8315	99%
Invalid Votes	66	1%
Total Votes	8381	

The document also features the Nauru coat of arms, the Electoral Commission logo, and several signatures.

Parliament passed an amendment bill to extend the term of parliament, but it also required two-thirds of people's votes to be in favour for it to become law.

The referendum results, 3714 people voted yes (44.7 per cent), while 4601 voted no, therefore, the term of parliament remains at three years.

The Referendum question was: Do you agree that the term of the Parliament be increased from 3 to 4 years as approved and passed by the Parliament pursuant to the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2025?

The elections returned the majority of the previous members of Parliament including David Adeang who scored the highest in his constituency with 837 points.

Following the elections and the declaration of the elected members of Parliament, the inaugural sitting of the 25th Parliament convene on Tuesday 14 October.

The Clerk of Parliament led the proceedings with opening prayers and the swearing in of the 19 elected members of Parliament, presided over by Justice Kiniviliame Keteca.

This was followed by the election of the speaker and deputy speaker of Parliament, and the president.

The Hon Marcus Stephen was subsequently re-elected unopposed to the speakership, and the Hon Isabella Dageago also retained her position as the deputy speaker.

There are 19 members of Parliament, and as one becomes the speaker, this leaves 18 members to vote for the president. The Speaker called for nominations for the presidency, in which incumbent president the Hon David Adeang was re-elected.

On 16 October, Justice Keteca led the swearing in of Cabinet ministers and deputy ministers at the front court yard of the government office complex. //

Ministers Portfolios



*(Front L-R) S. Bernicke, L. Aingimea, President Adeang, R. Aliklik
(Back L-R) J. Jeremiah, D. Thoma, A. Appi, C. Scotty*

H.E. Hon. David Ranibok Waiau Adeang, M.P
Chairman of the Cabinet- President

Minister for
Finance and Sustainable Development
Public Service
Internal Affairs
Multicultural Affairs
Eigigu Procurement Limited
Eigigu Solution Corporation
Nauru RPC Corporation (NRPCC)
Health and Medical Services
Nauru Public Health
Eigigu Holdings Corporation
Commerce and Foreign Investment
Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority
Nauru Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship
Consumer Protection Authority
Naoero Postal Services Corporation

Hon. Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, M.P
Minister Assisting the President

Minister for
Foreign Affairs and Trade
Nauru Police
Justice and Border Control
Nauru Port Authority
Nauru Shipping Line

Hon. Charmaine Eraidinomo Scotty, M.P

Minister for
Land Management
Nauru Electoral Commission
Community and Youth
Women and Social Development Affairs
People Living with Disabilities
National Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Naoero Museum

Hon. Shadlog Bernicke, M.P

Minister for
Nauru Media
Information, Communication and Technology (ICT)
Telecommunications
Cenpac Corporation
Nauru Utilities Corporation
Nauru Phosphate Royalties Trust

Hon. Reagan Winson Aliklik, M.P

Minister for
Transport
Nauru Rehabilitation Corporation
Fisheries

Hon. Jesse Jeremiah, M.P

Minister for
National Emergency Services
Sports
Nauru Sports Development Inc.

Hon. Asterio Appi, M.P

Minister for
Education
Vocational Training and Professional Development
Nauru Air Corporation

Hon. Delvin O'neale Thoma, M.P

Minister for
Ronphos
Environmental Management and Agriculture
Climate Change and National Resilience

Deputy Ministers Portfolios



*(Front L-R) - M.Eoe, President Adeang, I.Dageago
(Back L-R) - R.Gadabu, T.Kam, R.Akua, R.Kun*

Hon. Isabella Helen Dageago, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Eigigu Solution Corporation
NRPCC

Hon. Maverick Eoe, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Eigigu Holdings Corporation
Commerce and Foreign Investment
Nauru Seabed Minerals Authority
Nauru Economic and Climate Resilience Citizenship
Consumer Protection Authority

Hon. Russ Joseph Kun, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Foreign Affairs and Trade
Nauru Port Authority
Nauru Shipping Line

Hon. Rennier Stanislaus Gadabu, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Health and Medical Services
Public Health
Environmental Management and Agriculture
Climate Change and National Resilience

Hon. Ranin Randolph Akua, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Multicultural Affairs
Eigigu Procurement Limited

Hon. Tawaki Kam, M.P

Deputy Minister for
Internal Affairs
Naoero Postal Services Corporation

Nauru, Australia sign third country reception arrangement

Another important step in the continued cooperation between Nauru and Australia was marked through the signing of the Third Country Reception Arrangement for resettlement of selected persons from Australia.



Deputy Minister Kam signs MOU, funds earmarked for new trust fund

The \$388 million memorandum of understanding was co-signed by Nauru's Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs, Tawaki Kam and First Assistant Secretary for Australia's Department of Home Affairs, Ben Biddington, on behalf of their respective governments, 21 October.

The MOU allows for the resettlement in Nauru of selected persons – or special cohort - from the Australian community, through long-term stay visas.

This capital investment sum earmarked for the new Nauru Trust Fund 2 will be for the continued support of this 30-year arrangement. It is separate from the one-off establishment fee of \$20m, and additional annual funding to cover operational costs.

Deputy Minister Kam says the arrangement reaffirms Nauru and Australia's shared commitment to humane, lawful, and mutually respectful management of migration and settlement, and the establishment of a second Trust Fund embodies the government's pursuit for economic resilience.

"These settled persons will enjoy freedom of movement, equal treatment, and access to essential services in accordance with Nauru's international obligations and human rights commitments."

The MOU represents more than an agreement between governments – "it reflects our collective responsibility toward those who, for various reasons, cannot safely return to their countries of origin," the deputy minister explained.

"Nauru, with its long history of compassion and resilience, has once again demonstrated its readiness to offer acceptance and opportunity to these individuals," Mr Kam said.

Australia will continue to provide support to ensure that those being resettled in Nauru can achieve dignified standards of living, tailored to their needs.

"Under this arrangement, Nauru, yet again, expands its options towards safeguarding the well-being of its children as well as strengthening the nation's sustainable future."

DM Kam also presented the report to parliament on 24 October as his first ministerial statement to parliament. //

Menke awarded DeRoburt scholarship

The Government of Nauru is pleased to award the 2026-27 Sir Hammer DeRoburt scholarship to Rhianna Menke.



President Adeang presents Rhianna Menke her scholarship certificate

His Excellency President David Adeang presented Ms Menke the scholarship certificate on 23 October, after which she signed the scholarship document. She will undertake a BA Professional in Accounting programme at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, for three years commencing in January 2026.

This initiative was established to support outstanding Nauruan scholars who aspire to further their education at the university level.

Ms Menke is currently employed in the Department of Finance, treasury office as the senior budget and debt analyst.

She is the third recipient of the HDR scholarship since it was reinstated as a Government of Nauru programme in 2024.

Congratulations and best wishes to Ms Menke. //

Young at Hearts, survivors of WWII

In the spirit of Angam, the Government announced an increased in the fortnightly allowance for a group of elderly Nauruans, affectionately known as the 'Young at Hearts', from \$385 to \$500, including additional monthly allocations for electricity (300 units) and water (10,000 litres), as well as a one-time provision of bags of rice and flour.



Mary Kaierua, 85, shares a different story of life in exile

President David Adeang who is also the finance minister announced the monetary and utilities benefits, in parliament on 24 October, on the eve of the 93rd anniversary of Angam Day. This national event is celebrated annually on 26 October. Angam celebrates resilience, triumph and the survival of the Nauruan race following near extinction after the influenza epidemic in the 1920s and World War II.

The Young at Hearts refers to Nauruans who lived through the occupation of Nauru during the Second World War. Only 18 are still with us today.

Mary Eibidara Kaierua is one of the remaining 18. Mary was born on Nauru on 9 September 1940 and along with her family was among the many Nauruans exiled to Chuuk. At the Angam service she spoke on behalf of her fellow survivors.

[Listen to her story \[Voice of Mary Eibidara Kaierua\].](#)

Remaining Nauruan survivors of WWII (not in order of age, except the first two)

Violet Mackay (oldest Nauruan, 91y, born 1933)
Ludwig Dowong Keke (90y, born 1935)
Liebe Limanaman Eobob
Joan Eidianumon Moses
Esmerelda Harris
Virginia Keke
Pamela Scriven
Ivy-Rose Ephraim
David Peter Gadaraoa
Joe Joseph Laben Hiram
Johnny Gaibidi Raidi
Sakura Garubea Daoc
Sophie Oppenheimer
Mary Kaierua
Cagney Scotty
Emily Tearadu Rush
Frank Randolph Smith
Teresia Donna Adams

Australia congratulates President Adeang on re-election

Australian High Commissioner Matthew Barclay paid a courtesy call on His Excellency President David Adeang, MP., 23 October, and delivered a letter from Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on behalf of the people and Government of Australia, extending warm congratulations on the President's re-election.



High Commissioner Barclay delivers congratulatory message from PM Albanese

"We share a connection, developed through shared history, deep cultural affinity and love of sport which bind our people," the letter said.

"I thank you for your leadership on the (Nauru-Australia) Treaty and I look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen the relationship between our two countries and our people." //

China congratulates President Adeang on re-election

His Excellency President David Adeang, MP., received a courtesy call 23 October, by Chinese Ambassador Lyu Jin who delivered a letter from President Xi Jinping extending warm congratulations on the occasion of President Adeang's successful re-election.



Ambassador Jin delivers congratulatory message from President Xi

In the letter President Xi emphasised the significant progress and fruitful outcomes of cooperation since the resumption of diplomatic relations between China and Nauru, bringing tangible benefits to the people of both countries.

"I attach great importance to the development of China-Nauru relations and stand ready to work with you to elevate our bilateral relations to new heights, bringing even greater benefits to our two peoples." //

Naoero museum builds collection of German photos

The Naoero Museum received over 50 digitally restored photographs of Nauru taken during the period of German occupation, adding to the growing collection of artefacts and visual history of Nauru.



(Centre) German Honorary Consul to Nauru Martin Heyne and Minister for Museum and Culture Charmaine Scotty proudly displaying historical photos of Nauru

The acquisition of the photographs was made possible through a request made by Nauru's Ambassador to Geneva, Frederick Pitcher following his visit to the Museum 5 Continents in Munich, Germany, and supported by German Honorary Consul to Nauru, Martin Heyne who arranged for the restoration and delivery to Nauru.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Lionel Aingimea and Minister for the Naoero Museum Charmaine Scotty attended the event and received the photos with appreciation.

Of the 50-plus photographs, 15 are encased in frames for immediate display in the museum.

The Nauru collection at the Munich Museum features 75 historical photographs, which were donated to the museum by Max Biermann, a German Imperial Commissioner, in 1891 during the period of German colonial rule.

The photographs which found their place at the Munich Museum over the last 110 years, enrich the ever-growing collection of artefacts and historical photos of Nauru dating back to colonial times.

Honorary Consul Heyne said it is most fulfilling when "circles close and things or people return to the places where they belong."

"Yesterday (Angam Day 26 October), Nauru celebrates the day when your parents and grandparents returned back to the place where they belong. Back to Naoero. Today is therefore the only right day for things that belong here [to return] to Nauru, to this museum," Mr Heyne said.

Honorary Consul Heyne says the photos are intended to give Nauruans and their visitors the opportunity to experience previously unknown records of their own history and past, albeit painful memories.

He says just as the Angam celebrations this week "stands for the overcoming of great obstacles, these pictures should, above all, illustrate what you, as Nauruan people, have overcome".

Mr Heyne praised Nauru's resilience and efforts for development and that "despite all difficulties, has managed to preserve the truly important things in life: charity, peace, tradition, joy and fairness".

Looking ahead he confirms negotiations are underway with the German government for the delivery of more archive items.

Nauru and Germany formalised diplomatic relations in 1984, and continue to build stronger relations. In 2023, Germany offered assistance for several initiatives in Nauru, including a collaborative project on climate and biodiversity with EcoNauru, along with other initiatives dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage. //

A poster for a community plumbing workshop. At the top, it says "NAURU SUSTAINABLE & RESILIENT URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SRUDP) & NAURU DVTPD" with ADB logos. The main title is "RANAET EBOK: A FREE NAURU COMMUNITY PLUMBING WORKSHOP". It includes a list of steps on how to enrol: 1. Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, 2. Tap the Link that appears on your screen, 3. Sign up. A QR code is provided. The date is "THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2025", time is "9:30AM - 3:30PM", and venue is "CENTENNIAL HALL, AIWO". It also lists what participants will learn: "LEARN ABOUT HOW TO FIX LEAKS, BASIC PIPE CONNECTIONS, RAINWATER COLLECTION, CLEAN WATER SOLUTIONS, AND MORE!". A "ONE DAY ONLY!" badge is at the bottom right. The poster features several photos of people participating in the workshop.



DEMA showcases hydroponics farming

His Excellency President Adeang attended the official opening of the Buada Hydroponics farm, along with Minister for the Department of Environmental Management & Agriculture (DEMA) Jesse Jeremiah, Speaker of Parliament Marcus Stephen and Cabinet ministers, 9 October.



Hydroponics farming - efficient, sustainable, climate smart

The officials toured the facility which hosts a variety of vegetable plants, including tomatoes, zucchinis, cucumbers, and other fruit trees.

Secretary for DEMA Berilyn Jeremiah stated that establishing this new way of farming is "efficient, sustainable and climate smart" emphasising it's hope for the future and a smarter way of growing nutritious fresh produce throughout the year using just a fraction of water and space. //

NES water truck, roof restoration meets compliance standards

The Nauru Emergency Services held an event, 9 October, to acknowledge the completion of roofing works and arrival of a new water truck that will address the vital work of firefighting, as well as serve the community offering water supplies to schools and hospitals.



(R) NES Secretary Botelanga receives keys to new NES water truck from President Adeang and Minister Jeremiah

Minister Jesse Jeremiah said the benefit of the truck goes beyond airport obligation.

"It will be a mobile lifeline for our community offering water supplies to schools, hospital and communities in times of need, whether it's firefighting, sanitation, and other critical situations."

The recently completed roofing works for the fire station satisfies ICAO compliance by providing dedicated permanent operational base for airport fire and rescue and fire-fighting service.

The roofing houses the meteorology department, NES admin, the National Disaster Risk Management office, fire service team, and lifeguard ambulance service. //

LDS church donates mobility devices

Minister for the Department of People Living with Disabilities Charmaine Scotty attended the official handover of 106 wheelchairs of varying sizes and models, 54 wheeled walkers, seven strollers, two commodes, a toolkit and repair parts, donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), 20 October.

Through the Nauru High Commission in Canberra, Australia, former secretary for the Department of People Living with Disability, the late Riddell Akua, connected with the LDS team in 2023 and secured mobility devices, valued at approximately US\$58,000.

This is the first humanitarian project carried out in Nauru by the LDS Church.

Minister Scotty says the donation of these assistive devices "marks a vital step towards promoting inclusivity and accessibility for individuals with mobility impairments, enabling them to participate more fully in Nauru's public life".



This is the first humanitarian project carried out in Nauru by the LDS Church

The Minister expresses her sincere gratitude to the elder members of the LDS Church, Neil and Lynn Hutchison, Craig and Wendy Garey, Keith and Arlene Redmond, for their support and dedication.

The LDS team assisted department staff in assembling and distribution of the mobility devices. //

Screening push launched during October breast cancer awareness month

During October's International Breast Cancer Awareness month, women were encouraged to book in a free screening test as part of a government-led initiative aimed at saving lives.



President David Adeang said lives are at risk because not enough women are getting breast screened, despite the availability of a simple test.

He said Breast Cancer Awareness Month was a time to come together and make a real effort to do more to look after our health.

"We must all move to preventative health instead of waiting until we are sick, so that overall we are a healthier nation."

"If we're serious about saving lives we must boost breast screening rates, and this campaign is all about starting right now," he said.

Women aged over 40 are eligible for a free breast screen each year, and these are available at the RON Hospital.

Deputy Minister for Health and Medical Services, Rennie Gadabu said all Nauruans have a part to play by encouraging others to look after their health.

"Together, we can help fight the scourge of breast cancer by urging our mothers, sisters and daughters to get screened," he said.

"The government has invested heavily in the health service and the hospital has the equipment, clinicians and expertise to perform the screening."

The theme of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is 'Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters'.

According to the World Health Organisation, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with millions diagnosed each year across the globe, including many across the Pacific.

"Sadly a significant percentage of those diagnosed at a later stage do not survive, whereas those who are tested and diagnosed at an early stage have a very high chance of survival," Minister Gadabu said.

"So I urge all women to make an appointment at the hospital and reduce your risk." //

October Parliament

Groundbreaking for Canberra office

Minister Lionel Aingimea presented a statement on the ground-breaking ceremony on 17 September, marking the beginning of construction of the Nauru High Commission in Canberra, Australia.



Minister Jeremiah at the groundbreaking marking the start of construction for the two-storey office complex

Minister for Infrastructure Jesse Jeremiah attended the ceremony for this very important project that will enhance Nauru's diplomatic infrastructure and further strengthen its longstanding relationship with Australia.

The chancery will be on a 3,000 square metre plot within Canberra's diplomatic precinct. The building will be a modern, two-storey office complex, inspired architecturally by the Nauru government office in Yaren.

Minister Aingimea said the pillars of the building will each be laid with the Holy Bible which will not only reflect but also reminds us of Nauru's motto, 'God's Will First'.

"It serves as a reminder that every cornerstone we raise and every structure we build is founded on our faith in God, which has carried our people through generations."

The minister extended the government's appreciation to program manager, Manteena Group, the Australian Government, the Nauru High Commission in Canberra, and the traditional custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people.

"This development is a proud achievement for our nation and a testament to the vision of this government, which strives to build institutions that effectively serve the interests of our people," Minister Aingimea said.

The chancery is anticipated to be completed by mid-2026. //

October Parliament

Third Country Reception Arrangement signed

Hon Tawaki Kam presented his first ministerial statement, 24 October, on the signing of a Third Country Reception Arrangement (TCRA) with Australia for the resettlement in Nauru of selected persons – or special cohort - from the Australian community, through long-term stay visas.



The resettlement arrangement includes a long-term visa

The signing of the \$388 million agreement, 21 October, is another important step in the continued cooperation between Nauru and Australia.

“This partnership with Australia is a demonstration of what can be achieved when sovereign nations work together in mutual respect and shared purpose,” Mr Kam said. //

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Nauru Public Health

Hon Rennier Gadabu delivered his first statement to Parliament as the new Deputy Minister for Health, 24 October, with a simple yet fundamental question: “Do we have a healthy and thriving population, or an unhealthy and dying one?”

“To do this,” he says, “we must understand our true health status – a national diagnosis of our population to define a clear way forward.”

Mr Gadabu highlighted the alarming health figures demonstrating a critical need for renewed strategic focus.

The rise in non-communicable diseases (NCD) remain the biggest challenge, and contributes to most of adult deaths, dialysis cases, and amputations.

According to the 2023-24 annual health report, Mr Gadabu says there were 1,603 diabetes encounters, with 29 per cent of all patients suffering from both diabetes and hypertension, which are common and frequently fatal.

“At the same time, we continue to face infectious diseases, maternal health challenges, and the growing need for mental health, elderly, and disability support.”

The number of amputations increased from last year – a direct and devastating consequence of advanced, poorly managed diabetes, the deputy minister warned.

Currently, there are 22 patients receiving dialysis, reflecting the growing impact of kidney failure due to uncontrolled NCDs, with 50 to 60 per cent of all health encounters related to NCDs.

The crisis extends to the very foundation of Nauru’s future – mothers and children, with a troubling rate of high-risk pregnancies.

Ten to 15 per cent of pregnant mothers develop gestational diabetes and three to five per cent with hypertension, endangering both mother and child.

Projections for the rise in teenage pregnancy indicate an exponential rise by 2030 if the trend continues, ultimately carrying profound social and economic consequences for young Nauruans and the nation.

Communicable diseases such as tuberculosis (TB) has also risen from 20 to 32 since 2024, while the latest data for rheumatic heart disease indicates 1,404 cases with a rate of 36.6 per cent per 1,000 school-aged children.

“This is a preventable condition that causes lifelong heart disability, often in our youth, and is a painful reminder of the link between overcrowding and health,” DM Gadabu said.

Specialised medical services are under immense pressure and conditions such as mental health have risen with 155 patients, mostly young adults, currently under care.

Cancer remains a growing concern with approximately 60 new cases annually.

There is also a demographic shift with the aging population and a rise in the number of people living with a disability to 344.

In 2024 alone, 601 eye encounters were recorded, and 24 new cases awaiting overseas medical referrals – a program which needs to continue until critical gaps in the health system are provided, the deputy minister said.

He also informed members of the major structural change in health, with GMSS as the new healthcare service provider, while his role and that of the Department of Health will focus on oversight, policy, and regulation to ensure high standards of care, monitoring service delivery, and safeguarding health and medical services.

“The time for change is now. Our health does not lie solely in our hospitals and clinics. It lies in our homes, our lifestyles, and our communities.” //



Bills - October and September

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 1) 2025-2026

President and Minister for Finance, David Adeang presented the Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2025-2026, recognising additional revenue of \$20 million and after expenditures will leave a small surplus balance of \$21,000.

The new revenue measures include dividend from Government investments and new funds from Australia following formal signing of the Third Country Resettlement Arrangement (TCRA); while new expenditure decisions have been made since the original budget was passed in August.

The revenue changes totaling \$20 million include \$20m from the TCRA and \$3,000 from the government's share of investment in Fiji Airways.

The revenue will be expended where required across departments, with \$10.5m allocated to saving and contingency purposes including \$8.5m for the Fiscal Cash Buffer, and \$2m to the Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund as a prepayment of next financial year's contribution.

President Adeang said to further enhance efficiency and oversight of public funds, this supplementary budget proposes the centralisation of all service and bidding contract budgets such as security, meals, and rations - under the Chief Secretary's Office.



"This strategic shift will consolidate both financial responsibility and contracting arrangements, allowing the chief secretary to manage them directly. The change is designed to alleviate the burden on individual departments, freeing up their resources to focus entirely on fulfilling their core mandates."

The centralisation is envisioned to ensure consistent application of procurement policies, establish universal service rates, and enhance overall accountability.

With the passing of this bill, the approved 2025-26 Budget will increase to \$378.6 million in total revenue, and total expenditure will increase to \$378.5 million, leaving an estimated surplus of \$58,000. //

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

President David Adeang tabled the Constitutional (Amendment) Bill 2025 during the 14 October sitting proposing to increase the number of Cabinet ministers from seven to eight, excluding the president.

This is an amendment to Article 19 of the Constitution of Nauru which provides for the appointment of ministers by the president.

President Adeang explained that the functions, duties and responsibilities of ministers have gradually increased to a substantial level, including the number of departments.

Currently there are 26 departments, and 23 state-owned enterprise, all of which are assigned to a minister whose responsibilities are consequently increased.

President Adeang said it is important that service delivery to the public either through the departments or public enterprises are not compromised, and the government having considered the workload of the ministers agreed that the number of ministers needed increasing.

This bill was tabled but not yet passed by Parliament. It will sit for 90 days before a vote is taken by the members of Parliament. A two-thirds majority of all MPs is required for the bill to pass. //

CENPAC CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

The Cenpac Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2025 introduced a new organisational structure, by consolidating the two Government operated entities – Cenpac Corporation and Nauru Fibre Cable Corporation, in order to streamline operations, combine the strengths of both entities and significantly reduce costs to the Government, by eliminating undesirable competition and duplication of resources.

Minister for Cenpac Shadlog Bernicke presented the bill on 19 September explaining that through this consolidation, Nauru stands to benefit from smooth operations, improved redundancy and lower costs to all users.

The functions, staff and assets of the NFCC will be transferred to Cenpac Corporation as the Nauru Fibre Cable (NFC) Division, and will report directly to the Cenpac Board.

The Nauru Fibre Cable Corporation Act 2017 is repealed under this bill.

A chief executive officer of the NFC Division will be appointed and will report directly to the Cenpac Corporation board.

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ELECTORAL (AMENDMENT) BILL (NO. 4) 2025

President David Adeang tabled amendments to the Electoral Act 2016 on 19 September, that will further safeguard the electoral process.



The first amendment in Section 47(1)(b), will prohibit the transfer of registration from being done after 5.00pm on the day the Roll is closed under Section 50. The cut-off date for registration of transfers was '21 days before polling day'.

The closing of the electoral roll under Section 50 is amended from '5:00pm, 21 days before polling day', to be closed on the same day the Parliament is dissolved under Article 41 of the Constitution.

The reason for amending Sections 47 and 50 is to address the situation of the Cabinet going into caretaker mode at the dissolution of Parliament. A recent amendment gave Cabinet the power to make decisions on the registration of transfers. Once Parliament dissolves the Cabinet goes into caretaker mode and therefore will not be able to make decisions on transfer applications. This then requires all registration of transfers to end on the day Parliament dissolves.

Other amendments include enabling the Electoral Commission to publish the Roll before it is closed on the day Parliament dissolves under Article 41 of the Constitution; while the date fixed for polling day is to be within 21 days from the date the writ is issued by the Speaker.

The time of nomination of candidates is decreased from 14 days to three days and the withdrawal of a candidate to be done within 24 hours instead of 72 hours after the close of nominations.

Section 79 is amended by changing 7.00am to 9.00am, to capture the official working hours of the Electoral Commission.

References to 'Cabinet' in the Act is now replaced with 'Electoral Commission' under certain provisions in relation to making regulations under Section 136. The Electoral Commission is now empowered to make regulations. //

The proposed Section 32(3) provides for the transition of all assets and liabilities of NFCC to the Cenpac Corporation. Currently, there are no liabilities for NFCC. Its assets consists of the submarine cable, cable landing station and the lease for vacant piece of land (part of Portion 24, Yaren), which is valued over AUD 45,000,000. //

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (AMENDMENT) BILL 2025

President David Adeang tabled the Public Enterprises (Amendment) Bill 2025 on 19 September, which proposes to strengthen transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline across Nauru's public enterprise sector. The overall objective of this amendment is to ensure that public enterprises serve the national interest with integrity, efficiency, and financial prudence.

The first amendment clarifies the ministerial roles by redefining the terms of accountable minister as the minister for finance, and aligning the responsible minister with administrative assignments under the Administrative Arrangements Act 2011.

These amendments remove ambiguity and reinforces ministerial oversight.

The bill also empowers the secretary for finance through the Public Enterprises Monitoring Unit to access financial accounts of public enterprises. This safeguard measure ensures that public funds are managed transparently and that any irregularities are swiftly reported to the accountable minister.

A new Part 8A establishes mandatory dividend obligations requiring public enterprises to declare and pay dividends to the Treasury Fund within three months of the financial year's end.

This obligation ensures that surplus funds are returned to the public purse unless a clear, justified retention is communicated to the secretary for finance.

The bill also provides that where there is wilful non-compliance with either granting access to accounts or in meeting dividend obligations, the Cabinet may be prompted to consider removing the enterprise's board or its chief executive officer. //

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Bills - October and September

NAURU POLICE FORCE BILL 2025

Minister Lionel Aingimea tabled the Nauru Police Force Bill 2025 at the September sitting of parliament noting it will repeal and replace the Nauru Police Force Act 1972, which he explains as having served its time but no longer meets the operational, ethical, and legal demands of contemporary policing.



The NPF Act 2025 replaces the 1972 Act

This bill is divided into 12 parts and had been in draft and circulation with relevant stakeholders since 2019. It modernises, strengthens, and reaffirms Nauru's commitment to a professional, accountable, and community-focused police service.

The bill provides a comprehensive framework for the appointment, conduct, discipline, and welfare of police officers, and establishes clear lines of authority, beginning with the commissioner of police, whose role is defined with greater precision and accountability.

It introduces modern standards for recruitment, training, and performance, ensuring that Nauru's police force is equipped to meet both domestic and international challenges, including those related to biosecurity, public safety, and cross-border cooperation.

Importantly, the bill strengthens internal governance through the Police Service Board which is already existing - a body tasked with oversight and strategic direction. It introduces mechanisms for commendation and appreciation, recognising the dedication and sacrifice of officers past and present. It also continues the Police Force Welfare Fund, ensuring that our officers have access to recreational and support services that promote wellbeing and morale.

Minister Aingimea explains that the bill is more than a legal instrument. "It is a statement of trust in our police force and a promise to our people. It affirms that law enforcement in Nauru must be professional, fair, and responsive to the needs of our communities."

Any reference under a written law to Nauru Police Force Act 1972 shall be deleted and substituted with Nauru Police Force Act 2025. //

NAOERO LANGUAGE AUTHORITY BILL 2025

In introducing the six-part Naoero Language Authority Bill 2025, Minister Charmaine Scotty said it is of great significance to Nauruans, as language is the most significant marker of identity and culture, but highlighted that the Nauruan language has faced various challenging circumstances throughout history.

The phosphate trade and the arrival of large communities of workers from other countries have had influences on the language. The substantial number of Nauruans undertaking education in Australia over many years has also had a significant impact on the Naoero language. There are many domains of communication and activity in which English is now dominant particularly in this age of advanced technology and mass media.

"As the range of domains in which the Naoero language is used seems to be contracting, including the use of the language in written form, the language needs to be supported and strengthened if it is to retain its role as the marker of identity and culture."

The cornerstone of the bill is to preserve the Naoero language and the only official published form is the Nauruan bible, which is a direct translation of the King James Version of the English bible.

The bill establishes a Naoero Language Authority whose functions are linked to matters relating to the protection, promotion, development and use of the Naoero language.

One of the key functions of the Authority is to prepare and publish a Nauruan dictionary. It is also to prepare books on grammar, usage and other works on the Naoero language, and promote the publication of literature in the vernacular.

The language will be incorporated into the school curriculum so that the generations of Nauruans can learn to speak and write in their own language and not just speak every day vernacular.

The Authority is permitted to adopt any work already carried out by an informal body in respect of the Naoero language.

The Authority will comprise of the Naoero Technical Committee and staff, with the appropriate background, knowledge and experience in the Naoero language, culture, or heritage and demonstrate proficiency in reading and writing in the language.

Minister Scotty recognises that the elders are the keepers and guardians of cultural heritage, tradition and language and therefore the Authority is required to engage and consult with them to ensure that knowledge is transitioned and passed on to inform the work of the Authority. //

Notice of Intention to Declare a Dividend with the Bank of Nauru (in liquidation)

Attention: All creditors/account holders of the Bank of Nauru

This is to advise that a final dividend distribution of the Bank of Nauru is to be declared in December 2025. This final distribution will be based on the validated amount the Bank owes you.

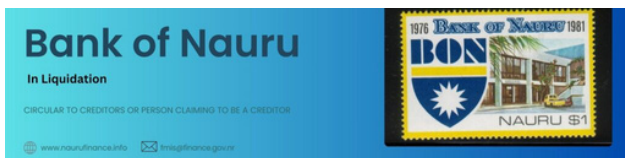
If you are a registered or known creditor and do not dispute the amount owed to you, you must complete and submit:

- Form 1 Nominated bank account details collection form, and
- Form 3 Statutory Declaration form

Process for Disputed Claims:

If you are disputing the amount owed to you by the bank or believe your claim has not been registered yet by the Government, you must submit:

- Form 1 Nominated bank account details collection form,
- Form 3 Statutory Declaration form, and
- Form 2 Proof of Debt Form with relevant supporting documentation



Important: For further information and guidance on completion of Form 2 and list of required supporting documentation, please refer to the document titled "Guidance on Completing Form 2 Proof of Debt Form"

The forms can be downloaded from this link <https://naurufinance.info/2025/10/26/bon/>

You must submit these forms to the Social Welfare Office on or before Friday, 19 December 2025, by 5.00pm (Nauru time).

If you do not submit a claim by this date, you will forfeit any future claim you have against the Bank and you will be excluded from the final dividend distribution.

If you have any queries about this matter, please visit the address below to discuss the contents of this notice.

Social Welfare Division
Department of Finance
Civic Centre (upstairs)
Aiwo District, Nauru

You can also send in your queries to email bon21enquiry@gmail.com or mobile 5542032

All Bendigo Bank business and club account holders must ACT NOW.

• **Why?** Bendigo Bank will no longer have a banking presence in Nauru from 28 November 2025. We are closing all Bendigo Bank business and club accounts prior to this date. These accounts also include churches, schools and associations.

• **What's happening:** All Bendigo Bank business and club account holders will have received a secure account closure letter via your e-banking. Please read this important letter.

• **What you must do:** You will need to provide your new bank account details to the staff at the Nauru Agency at the Aiwo office before the closure of your business or club account. If you fail to act before the account is closed, funds will be held on your behalf by Bendigo until you request these funds. A separate process for accessing these funds can be assisted by the Bendigo Staff at Aiwo.

• **Act now:** If you haven't already done so, please speak to the staff at the new CBA branch today about opening a new bank account and they will open your new bank account as quickly as possible.

**All Bendigo Bank business and
club account holders must
ACT NOW
and close your accounts**

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