

# Naoero Bulletin

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## Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No6) 2025-26 and Supply Bill 2026

The Supplementary Appropriation Bill #6, 2025-26 tabled at the 9 June 2026 Parliament sitting reallocates \$2.5 million from identified savings in the existing budget, to departments requiring additional financial support.

With the passing of this supplementary bill, the approved 2025-26 budget remains aligned with previous targets, with total revenue and expenditure updated to \$412.3 million.

The Supply Bill 2026 was also tabled, authorising a withdrawal of \$91.7 million which represents 22.26 per cent of the current years revised budget. The Supply Bill will expire on 30 September 2026, or on the passing of the substantive Appropriation Act 2026-27 whichever is earlier.

President David Adeang, as Minister for Finance says individual department and head-of-expenditure allocations have been carefully determined based on immediate operational requirements for the interim period.



The government fully expects to conclude the budget process early in the new financial year and table the main Appropriation Bill well before the end of the first quarter.

When a budget has not been passed and certified by 10 June, Article 61 (1) of the Constitution allows the Cabinet to recommend to Parliament a Supply Bill to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Treasury Fund for the purpose of meeting expenditure necessary to carry on the functions of government in the new financial year. //

### Parliament 9 June 2026

#### Public Enterprises (Amendment) Bill 2026

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 9 June 2026

The Public Enterprises (Amendment) Bill 2026 amends the Public Enterprises Act 2019.

All borrowings, lending and on-lending by government departments, public enterprises and instrumentalities of the Republic are now regulated under the Public Debt Act 2026, therefore it is prudent that the Public Enterprises Act 2019 is in line with the Public Debt Act 2026.

The amendments also enable creating regulations to prescribe the remuneration, allowance, benefits and other terms and conditions for the board of directors.

The government intends to standardise the remuneration and allowances across all public enterprises and statutory bodies.

The bill also enables amendments to Schedule 1 of the 2019 Act by regulations. Schedule 1 provides the list of public enterprise, which is subject to change whenever a new public enterprise is established. To include a new enterprise requires amending the Act, therefore enabling Schedule 1 to be amended by regulations is a more efficient way to update the list of public enterprises as provided under the Public Enterprises Act 2019. //

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## Community Monitoring Officers (Amendment) Act 2026

Passed by the Naoero Parliament, Tuesday 9 June 2026

The Community Monitoring Officers (Amendment) Bill 2026 serves to refine the Act, which was enacted in March 2026. The amendments include defining powers of Community Monitoring Officers (CMOs) to maintain peace, law and order, ensure accountability, and oversight.

Some definitions are substituted including:

- Department of Internal Affairs and secretary substituted with Commissioner of Police;
- Transferee substituted with person.

The minister may revoke a CMO appointment for reasons of resignation, termination, failure to comply with requirements of training, has a criminal offence, or no longer meets any prescribed requirements.

The bill defines the functions of a CMO which is to observe the movement and conduct of persons to ensure the safety of the community, to report any unlawful conduct to police, and intervene in emergency situations to maintain peace, order and safety.

When a CMO has reason to believe a person has committed, is committing, or intends to commit an offence:

- that person is obligated to provide name, address or other information to a CMO when asked;
- CMO may also issue a directive;
- CMO may request a person's consent to search the person or their belongings; failure to give a reasonable excuse for denying the search the CMO will report the matter to police.

The commissioner of police may assist a department to establish standard operating procedures for the purpose of enforcing the Act.

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### Naoero Police Force

Vice President and Minister for Police, Lionel Aingimea presented an update on the operations and performance of the NPF for March to May 2026, with overall crime statistics reporting 355 incidents – 298 involving adult offenders, and 57 juvenile offenders. The cases were either formally opened for further investigation, resolved with no further police action, or referred to relevant sections and agencies including the criminal investigations unit, drugs unit, domestic violence unit, and medical services.



***NPF maintains strong community presence in high activity districts.***

The most common offences during this period involved 81 public nuisance incidents, 33 assault cases, and 34 theft, while driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol, and traffic related offences showed a noticeable increase during May.

Serious crimes including rape and cybercrime offences remained low, but continue to be treated as a priority by the NPF.

In relation to court outcomes, five offenders were found guilty and sentenced accordingly, while a significant number of case files were completed during this reporting period. Of these included 50 public nuisance cases, 30 DUI cases, and additional cases involving assault, dangerous driving, and other serious offences.

Geographically, the districts of Aiwo, Denigomodu, Yaren and Meneñ, recorded the highest number of reported incidents, and the NPF remains focused on maintaining presence in these districts.

Driving without a helmet and drivers' licence account for the highest number of the 224 traffic infringement notices, while unregistered vehicles represented the second-highest category of offences.

Surveillance across the country's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) detected and identified 29 dark vessels - ships that operate secretly to conceal their operations, evade detection and avoid international regulations, particularly sanctions.

Minister Aingimea says the reporting period reflects a stable crime environment, supported by strong enforcement outcomes, effective incident resolution and targeted policing in high-activity districts. //

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### NES

Minister for National Emergency Services (NES) Jesse Jeremiah updated Parliament, 9 June, on the department's progress under the Australia -Naoero Security Treaty (ANST) and the Government of Naoero investment, reflecting shared commitments in strengthening the country's emergency response capabilities in improving public safety and enhancing disaster preparedness.



*Additional aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles for emergency services.*

NES is in the process of receiving an ambulance troop carrier under the ANST, with support from the Australian High Commission (AHC), officials in Canberra, the Treaty Implementation Office, and the contractor Parabellum. Additionally, following detailed technical discussions with the AHC, officials in Canberra, and Austrian manufacturer Rosenbauer, NES is in the process of procuring two new Rosenbauer aircraft rescue and firefighting vehicles.

The acquisition and customisation of the vehicles will enhance Naoero's emergency medical and aviation response capabilities, including patient transport, improve operational readiness at the Naoero International Airport, and support compliance with international aviation safety standards.

An initial site visit to assess construction progress is scheduled for August 2027, with the final factory inspection and handover anticipated in January 2028, before shipment to Naoero.

Minister Jeremiah said that NES is also working with AHC, Canberra and Rosenbauer experts to support maintenance and repairs of the current Rosenbauer firetrucks.

Additionally, a fire service rapid response vehicle, funded by the government, is in the final stages of preparation and is scheduled for inspection this month before delivery to Naoero.

Another milestone under the ANST is the fire station refurbishment project, which will improve the "functionality, safety, and operational readiness of the facility while providing a more suitable working environment for the fire services personnel", Minister Jeremiah said.

He adds that the government remains committed to strengthening NES and "ensuring that emergency responders have the facilities, equipment and capabilities necessary to effectively serve and protect our communities".

In closing, Minister Jeremiah expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Australia for its ongoing partnership and support through the ANST. He also thanked the AHC and the project team in Canberra and the Treaty Implementation Office for the continued cooperation and commitments to the initiatives. //

### Seafarer cadets

Minister for Naoero Maritime and Port Authority (NMPA) and Naoero Shipping Line (NSL) Maverick Eoe updated Parliament on a milestone achievement of the maritime workforce through the Seafarers Cadetship program.



*Peo and Maaki join seafarers cadet program.*

Minister Eoe said that after more than 30 years, Naoero is once again being represented at sea through boarding two dei-Naoero on the Micronesian Ocean Vessel. After completing their training, they have been selected to commence work as deck and engine cadets.

"This milestone represents far more than the success of two individuals; it represents the possibilities of our nation when we invest in our people and provide the opportunities for dei-Naoero to compete and excel on the national stage," Minister Eoe said.

He said the two cadets, Jaggar Peo and Benoit Maaki, are forging opportunities for the future generations to pursue careers in the maritime industry and wishes them success on their journey as seafarers.//

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## Education

In response to the government's continued investment in the education system, the department is advancing reforms that move towards long-term system transformation in addressing attendance, student outcomes, and workforce sustainability.



*Strengthening compulsory attendance resulted in first term increase.*

Minister for Education and Training, Asterio Appi told Parliament, 9 June, that one of the most significant developments this year has been the rollout of the new tertiary scholarship pathway. The 58 students have since settled in to their respective universities in Fiji and adjusting well to studying abroad, and receiving fortnightly stipends to support their living and study needs. The department has also established formal communication processes with both institutions to ensure regular updates, monitoring and early intervention where required.

Brisbane schools which dei-Naoero students attended were affected by the recent global cybersecurity incident affecting online education platforms used by approximately 9,000 institutions worldwide, also affected schools dei-Naoero students attended.

The minister says immediate action was taken to remove all student access to the affected platforms. Fortunately, no data was released and students advised to remain vigilant and avoid responding to suspicious communications.

Approximately 200 students are registered in the secondary school re-engagement programme, with 28 local tutors supporting literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and life skills. District representatives are working closely with families and schools to encourage participation and strengthen community support for student re-engagement.

Strengthening compulsory attendance resulted in an average eight per cent increase in the first term.

The minister says while this is an encouraging result, sustaining attendance rates, supporting student wellbeing, and strengthening learning outcomes, will require continued cooperation between schools, families, and communities.

Consistent attendance remains critical for both individual success and the future development of the country.

The department is also strengthening oversight of expatriate teacher recruitment and welfare management to ensure greater accountability and consistency.

Looking ahead the department is looking at strengthening long-term sustainability of the teaching profession, to include practical strategies such as expanded teacher training pathways, greater use of blended and flexible learning models, strengthened regional partnerships, and targeted professional development aligned to national priorities.

Minister Appi acknowledged the ongoing support in education of development partners, Australia, China, and New Zealand, which remain critical in advancing national priorities. He reiterates that education reform is not achieved overnight but requires vision, commitment and sustained effort. //

## DFAT

By invitation of Israeli's Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar, Vice President and Minister for Foreign Affairs Lionel Aingimea attended the opening of the Israel Embassy in Suva, Fiji, 2 June, which provided the opportunity for a bilateral meeting further strengthening the long-standing relations between the Republic of Naoero and the State of Israel.

Vice President Aingimea was accompanied to the event by Israel's Honorary Consul to Naoero Sean Oppenheimer and GMSS General Manager Roy Shaposhnik.

The bilateral meeting centered on a broad range of issues of mutual interest, reaffirming shared commitment to deepening diplomatic engagements across key sectors that support national priorities, including the shared confidence in the future of the Naoero-Israel relationship.

The ministers agreed to continue working closely to advance common goals, strengthen institutional linkages, and further deepen the already existing bonds of friendship.

The government remains commitment to pursuing partnerships that support Naoero's development aspirations and enhance its engagement on the global stage. //



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### WASDA

Minister for Women and Social Development Affairs (WASDA) Charmaine Scotty presented an update on her recent attendance at the Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders meeting in Suva, Fiji from 3-5 June, which brought together Pacific women leaders responsible for women, gender equality, social development, disability inclusion, youth development, and family wellbeing.



*Minister Scotty at the Pacific Islands Forum Women Leaders meeting, Suva, 3-5 June.*

Minister Scotty highlighted Naoero's commitment to ensuring that regional commitments translate into practical action at the national level, further emphasising that for small island developing states regional cooperation remains essential in addressing common challenges, particularly those relating to capacity constraints, climate vulnerability, service delivery, and access to specialised technical support.

The delegation noted the meeting's strongest message was that policies alone are not enough. The important lessons that emerged for Naoero included investing in early childhood development thereby bringing about long-term benefits in education, health, productivity, and social wellbeing; and prevention backed by community awareness, education, family support services, and strong legal protections.

Disability inclusion requires practical actions, and the need to move beyond policy commitments and towards accessible services; as well as recognising that economic participation of women strengthens families, in particular household resilience, poverty reduction, and national development.

Discussions on climate change emphasised that women, children and vulnerable populations often experience disproportionate impacts during climate-related emergencies.

The delegation contributed in a number of discussions covering community-based child protection initiatives, legislative reforms, gender mainstreaming, strengthening women's leadership and participation, and integration of social development priorities into national planning processes.

Moving forward, WASDA will work with the relevant government agencies and partners to review, identify, strengthen, and promote focus areas requiring the support to continue advancing and providing for our communities. //

### Nauru Air Corporation

Minister for Nauru Air Corporation, Asterio Appi delivered a progress report of the company specifically highlighting the appointment of its new chief executive, Wendy Bowen.



*NAC introduces affordable fares and explores opportunities beyond the region.*

Ms Bowen is not new to the company, having employed as the chief financial officer for many years, and now returns to embrace her passion of working closely with Naoero.

Minister Appi notes the airline has progressed in many ways since his last statement in December, including outsourcing its accounting services, human resources and part of its engineering services. He says this decision has contributed to the reduction of operational costs and at the same time maintaining essential services.

The airline's reduced fares is making travel easier, improving affordability and resulting in increased passenger loads in all sectors. However, recent developments have halted travel to the northern Pacific destinations since discontinuing ticket sales to and from Pohnpei and Koror beyond June 2026, until further notice of Australia's support for the Northern Pacific Connector programme.

Nauru Airline's continues to look for opportunities beyond the region to maximise its fleet of seven aircraft. Early discussions with China on possible aviation cooperation is underway with an air services agreement being finalised. The airline's various plans with its counterparts are expected to be implemented by year end. //

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### VTPD

The Department of Vocational Training and Professional Development (VTPD) is making positive progress in uplifting the community in skills training setting them up for a brighter future.



*VTPD is identifying best ways to support skills and training programmes to meet current needs and future goals.*

During Parliament, 9 June, Minister Asterio Appi said the department is focused on inclusive education, strengthened with workshops for trainers and staff to ensure everyone has the tools and knowledge needed to support all students.

Discussions with government officials, industry leaders, and VTPD staff have been held to identify the best ways to support skills and training programmes to meet both current needs and future goals.

The department recently acquired five new virtual welding simulators, valued at \$341,000, as part of the Australian government's commitment to supporting skills and training priorities in the Pacific.

The Pacific Australia Skills (PAS) organised intensive training session, conducted by Weld Australia, to ensure the equipment is used effectively.

The Alternative Pathways Programme (APP), offering trade and entrepreneurship skills training particularly for individuals who have not completed formal education, continues to show significant success, having generated \$3.2 million in revenue to date, and contributing to the national budget.

Thirteen active programmes are underway, nine of which are TAFE Queensland-accredited, covering certificate II and III levels.

The graduation of 128 students in the coming weeks is a pleasant reminder of the journey of learning and personal dedication. The qualifications include certification in electro-technology, automotive, hospitality, engineering, construction, construction white care, and international trainer and assessor.

Pacific Australia Skills is currently looking to fill two positions – a career pathway officer to assist students transition smoothly into their future careers, and a project officer who will be responsible for providing logistical support for in-country operations. //

### NMPA NSL audit

Minister Maverick Eoe tabled for parliament review and consideration, the audited annual financial statements for the Naoero Maritime Port Authority (NMPA) and Naoero Shipping Line (NSL) at the last parliament sitting.

The tabling of these audited reports is a fundamental legislative requirement under Article 97 (2) of the Constitution of Naoero, Section 7 of the Audit Act 1973, and Section 73 of the Public Enterprise Act 2019, that duly audited annual financial statements be tabled before Parliament each year.

These financial statements were audited by external auditors, Ernst and Young, Fiji, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by between the Government of Naoero and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the port development project.

The audited financial statement provides a comprehensive overview of the financial position, operational performance, and cash flows of NMPA and NSL from 30 June 2024.

Minister Maverick Eoe acknowledged the efforts of the management and staff of NMPA and NSL in producing the reports, which will also be sent to the Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) for further scrutiny and analysis. //

### Cycling

As patron of the Naoero Cycling Federation (NCF), Vice President Lionel Aingimea presented a brief report of the federation's Constitution Day race against time road race held on 6 June, which attracted over 130 participants.

Sponsored by NCF, Eigigu Procurement Limited, NORI, Business First Travel, and the Naoero Program Office, over 130 cyclists registered in five men and women categories of open road race, senior's race, and team events with total cash prize of \$22,250.

The men and women team events were won by RWA and Ubenide yen, respectively, while Leo Scotty, Malie Botelanga, and Antonius Amwano took out the top three spots in the senior men's road race.

The winners of the women's open road race were Jeziane Hiram, Lee Ann Bop, and Sigrid Jeremiah, and only two winners in the men's open road race, Sheen Aliklik and Johannes Dimapilis.

The competition included a time challenge race of two laps around the island in less than 52 minutes, however there were no winners for the \$1000 bonus prize. //

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### Parliament undertakings

Speaker of Parliament, Marcus Stephen delivered a report on the recent launch of the Naoero Accountability and Inclusive Governance (NAIG) project, Phase II, on 2 June, and expressed gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the governments of Australia and New Zealand for their strong support for governance reform efforts through phase two of the project.



*Parliament staff continue to benefit from regional and international attachments*

The NAIG project is implemented by UNDP and is owned and led by key governance institutions, including the Naoero Parliament, the Electoral Commission, the justice sector, and the Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDM) office, and civil society organisations.

Mr Stephen recalls hosting 14 parliaments from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific for the presiding officers and clerks of parliament conference in July 2025, supported by the UNDP and the NAIG project.

Since 2022, parliament staff have benefit from regional and international exchanges and attachments including the twinning program with the Parliament of Victoria, which has strengthened institutional capacity through key reforms and development initiatives, including the extensive revision of its Standing Orders, and development of its first strategic plan.

Advancements in modernising and transitioning the Parliament's civil registration system from paper-based to a digital registration system is a significant undertaking guided by the BDM registrar. The upgrade is critical in strengthening legal identity and improving national planning and service delivery.

When the speaker first signed off on the NAIG project in 2021, the focus was only on the parliament and the electoral commission. It has now expanded to five institutions.

Speaker Stephen says the growth reflects not only the ambition of the Naoero government, but also the strength of its partnership with UNDP, Australia and New Zealand. //

- See the full story on NAIG Phase 2 launch in the Naoero [Bulletin 10-312](#)

### Gibbs joins Naoero Court of Appeal

The Naoero Judiciary welcomes Sir Gibuma Gibbs Salika to the Court of Appeal for a term of three years, following the swear-in ceremony, 15 June.



*Judge Gibbs begins 3-year term with Naoero Court of Appeal*

Vice President Lionel Aingimea welcomes Justice Gibbs and commends his work on steering his native Papua New Guinea through some of the toughest times in its political and administrative history, and therefore a privilege and an honour to have him serve in Naoero's judiciary.

Justice Gibbs who joins three other judges and the president of the Court of Appeal, said it is an honour to

serve in Naoero's jurisdiction and looks forward to learning more about the local challenges and working together to serve the people and uphold the rule of law.

As the chief justice of PNG prior to this appointment, Justice Gibbs served 46 years in the legal fraternity. He joined the PNG public service in 1979 as a legal officer with the Office of the Public Prosecutor, and later appointed a judge of the National Court and the Supreme Court in 1990 and served also as principal magistrate, legal counsel to the Ombudsman Commission.

Judge Gibbs also served in numerous professional associations including being a member of the PNG Law Society, a council member of the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration, Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, board member of several institutions, and a regional trainer and educator under the Pacific Judicial Development programme.

Judge Gibbs has broad knowledge of the laws of Papua New Guinea, including in the Office of the Public Prosecutor, the Ombudsman Commission, the magistracy, and has dealt with civil and criminal cases as a judge in the national and Supreme courts of PNG. //

## DPP office launches support videos for witnesses, victims of GBV

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) launched three informative short videos highlighting the role of the office with key players in criminal investigation and support services, 15 June.



*VP Lionel Aingimea launches informative videos demystifying court processes and steps to seek support*

Australian High Commissioner Matthew Barclay said the initiative is “nothing short of inspirational”, highlighting that child protection and preventing sexual and gender-based violence are global issues that Naoero is taking seriously, and recognises the challenge that the formal court process can feel intimidating, complex and overwhelming.

“Importantly, this initiative helps to address not just practical barriers, but also the psychological and cultural barriers that can prevent individuals from seeking justice.”

The laws of Naoero, such as the Crimes Act, are strengthened to support victims, the Acting President Lionel Aingimea said, reiterating that agencies play a vital role in protecting the safety and well-being of dei-Naoero.

“The video safeguards and protects the vulnerable in our communities to ensure their complaint and their handling throughout is made with utmost efficiency, care and respect.”

The video project titled, ‘Supporting and protecting vulnerable witnesses in the prosecution of sexual and gender-based violence in Nauru’, is supported by the Australian government, through the UNDP and the Naoero Accountable and Inclusive Governance Project (NAIG).

The project features staff acting the roles and explaining the work of the prosecutor, the police, the Court, health services, the Department of Women and Social Development Affairs (WASDA), and the Department of People Living with Disability. //

With local staff acting the roles, the videos are produced as communication tools to support vulnerable witnesses and victims of gender-based violence by explaining court processes and introducing the people who work within the system, and give them the confidence to come forward and seek justice.

Narrated in the local language with English subtitles, DPP Andie Driu said the videos aim to educate and support the community and vulnerable witnesses including women, children, and people with special needs, who are victims of sexual violence.

Better understanding of the support channels and making them look accessible and friendly, empowers individuals to engage with the legal systems.

Ms Driu said to allow the ODPP to prosecute effectively the cases brought to them by the police for advice and eventual prosecution, the office saw the need to disseminate information about the work they do, and the extent of support and protection available to vulnerable witnesses.



## Family of late Ratu Epeli gifts traditional mats to President Adeang

A special gift of traditional woven Fijian mats was presented to His Excellency President David Adeang, 10 June, from Adi Koila Mara, wife of the former president of Fiji, the late Ratu Epeli Nailatikau.



*President Adeang accepts traditional mats from Mrs Waqa, presented on behalf of Adi Koila - wife of Fiji's former president, the late Ratu Epeli*

Naoero and Fiji have built enduring friendships and political connections over the decades, and one particular friendship was that between Ratu Epeli and his wife, Adi Koila, with the late Angie Itsimaera. Having both worked in their respective countries' foreign affairs departments, Ms Itsimaera and Adi Koila developed a personal relationship that brought their families together.

Honouring those familial bonds President Adeang led a delegation to the State funeral of the late Ratu Epeli in April, to pay last respects on behalf of the Government and people of Naoero. The delegation included Ms Itsimaera's children and sister, Camilla Solomon who serves as the High Commissioner to Australia. Following the funeral President Adeang and the Itsimaera family met with Adi Koila, rekindling the relationship, built decades earlier.

Reciprocating His Excellency's presence was the presentation of the mats, a gesture paying tribute to the continuing ties developed and honoured by both parties, and representative of the bond of this personal relationship.

The mats were delivered and presented to President Adeang by Mrs Louisa Waqa, wife of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General and former president of Naoero, Baron Waqa.

In Pacific Island cultures, mats represent tradition, community and hospitality and are treasured symbols of respect and heritage. These particular mats will join the collection of special items to adorn the Naoero State House. //



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