



REPUBLIC OF NAURU
SUPPLY BILL 2026
SECOND READING SPEECH
H.E. Hon. David W.R. Adeang, MP
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Supply Bill 2026*.

Mr Speaker,

This Bill is presented in accordance with Article 61 of the Constitution.

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 of the Republic of Nauru in the new financial year.

The Government issued the budget circular in February, and extensive consultations with government departments and State-Owned Enterprises took place between March and May. These round-table sessions have taken considerable time, as multiple departments required extra sessions to clarify and refine their funding proposals. Furthermore, critical policy initiatives directed by my office remain under active consideration and discussion.

Because these vital budget consultations and policy reviews will extend beyond the June 10 deadline, the Department of Finance requires additional time to finalize the budget papers to the high standard of quality expected by this House. A temporary supply measure is therefore essential to prevent any disruption to public services while the final budget is completed.

Mr. Speaker, the total revised budget for the current 2025–2026 financial year stands at \$412,342,794. The Bill seeks authorisation for a total withdrawal of **\$91,786,171**. This represents 22.26% of the current year's revised budget. Individual department and head-of-expenditure allocations have been carefully determined based on immediate operational requirements for the interim period, as detailed in the attached schedule.

Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Article 61(1) of the Constitution, this Supply Bill is temporary. Once enacted, it will expire on **30 September 2026**, or upon the passage and commencement of the substantive *Appropriation Act 2026–2027*, whichever occurs earlier. 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.

Mr. Speaker, the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying this Bill provides a clear summary of its clauses. Sir, I respectfully request that the memorandum be read and formally incorporated into the Hansard Reports.

I commend the Bill to the House.