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NIUE ASSEMBLY PROGRESSES CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: SECOND READING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

Alofi, Niue – 02 May 2024 - The Niue Assembly convened on Wednesday 1st May 2024, to continue discussions on constitutional reform. At the last Assembly sitting on the 27th March 2024, after the bills passed their first reading, they were referred to the CRC Committee by the house in order to revise the text.

The Constitution Review Committee presented four revised bills for the Niue Assembly's consideration. The texts of the bills had been changed however the fundamental principles remained unchanged.

The four key areas under consideration remain as follows: *Changing the title from Premier to Prime Minister, Increasing the total number of Cabinet Ministers from the present 4 to 6, Extending the term of each Assembly from 3 to 4 years and Amending the reference in the Constitution from 'Audit Office' to 'Auditor-General'*.



Following careful consideration, the Niue Assembly reached the two-thirds majority required to pass the second reading of the Constitution Amendment Bills. A mandated stand-down period of 13 weeks will now follow through, this will provide the general public the opportunity to carefully consider the proposed changes. Following this period of reflection and public consultation, the Niue Assembly is expected to reconvene on the subject for the third reading of the Constitution Amendment Bills in August 2024.

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