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MEDIA RELEASE

TITLE: Overseas workers

We have discussed the need to get workers from overseas to assist with various jobs here. This is because we are often short of workers for various reasons over the years.

These are labourers to assist with roading, picking noni and other odd jobs. They are here to assist when we are short staffed, not to replace our workers.

We have identified the need for this since we have problems getting jobs completed on time.

In our initial assessment we had considered getting workers from various countries but decided that we will use Avi Rubin's contacts to get the first lot in. Six workers will be arriving from Indonesia soon.

We wish to make it very clear that they will not replace our workers but will assist them.

The Niue Chamber of Commerce will recall that they had wanted to get workers and had asked the Government to assist. But they have not responded well to our requests.

These workers will be here and will be paid, accommodated and transported by the Government.

They will be issued work permits and will be here for 2 years or less.

Cost

At this time an allocation of \$50,000 will be put into an account to be provided by the Financial Secretary but it is expected they will be paid by the department, SOE or project using them.

Administration

The person earmarked to assist these workers will be Sepa Taleni Seu. She will be working directly with the Acting Secretary of Government to coordinate the work.

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