

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
LEGISLATION PUBLICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Legislation Publication (Amendment) Bill 2013* is a Bill for an Act to amend the *Legislation Publication Act 2011*.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clause 1 amends the long title of the Act to accommodate for the dissolution of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Clause 2 amends the Act by deleting the definitions of the Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, Office of Parliamentary Counsel and Parliamentary Counsel. This is substituted with the inclusion of two new definitions namely '***the Department***' and '***The Minister***'.

Clause 3 deletes Part 3, sections 12 to 18 as these are the sections that establish the now abolished Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

Clause 4 deletes all references to Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel and Parliamentary Counsel and substitutes this with '***The Department***'.

Clause 5 amends the Act by inserting a new section 12 which is an almost exact replica of the previously deleted section 13. Any function now relevant to the Department of Justice and Border Control has been deleted.

Clause 6 is a proposal to renumber the remaining sections of the Act that have been affected by the deletion of Part 3.

Clause 7 proposes an amendment of other Nauruan legislation referring to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Deputy Parliamentary Counsel and Parliamentary Counsel to be amended and the deleted words replaced with *'The Department of Justice and Border Control'*.