

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
ASYLUM SEEKERS (REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRE) (AMENDMENT) BILL
2017

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable David Adeang MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to this House today a Bill for an Act to amend the *Asylum Seekers (Regional Processing Centre) Act 2012* (the 'Act').

Mr Speaker, the proposed Bill amends the definitional provision of the Act which will allow the Secretary for Multicultural Affairs to provide or arrange for the provision of support for the regional processing centre and temporary settlements in the Republic. This responsibility under the current Act is vested in the Secretary for Justice & Border Control.

The Secretary for Multicultural Affairs is the administrative head of the Department of Multicultural Affairs. At the moment, all powers under the Act are vested in the Secretary of Justice and Border Control and should be transferred.

Mr Speaker, the proposed Bill transfers these powers to the Secretary for Multicultural Affairs. This is in essence a simple realignment of the functions of office.

The Bill is accompanied by an explanatory memorandum explaining the Bill in more detail.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.