

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Martin Hunt MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility of introducing to the House today the *Customs (Amendment) Bill 2020*.

Mr Speaker, this is a short Bill. The material change this Bill will bring is to rename the *‘Republic of Nauru Customs Office’* to *‘Nauru Customs Services’*. This change in the name is aligned with the other internationally recognised form of naming the Customs office. The change in name is to reflect the services which Customs delivers rather than treating it as an ordinary Government office. This amendment does not in any way change the functions and operations of the Customs.

Mr Speaker, the other material change this Bill brings is to the reference to *‘Nauru Customs’*, which is required to be part of the Republic’s Customs flag. Currently, the flag of the Customs is our country’s flag and written underneath or associated with it is *‘Nauru Customs’*. With the change in the name now, that will also change to *‘Nauru Customs Service’*.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum details the provisions of the Bill. Sir, I request that the explanatory memorandum be read and recorded in the Hansard Reports.

I commend the Bill to the House.