

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020
SECOND READING SPEECH
Honourable Maverick Eoe MP
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Mr Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2020*.

Mr Speaker, this Bill is a brief one arising from the law revision and consolidation work currently being undertaken by the Department of Justice in consultation with LexisNexis.

In the review of the legislation, there is reference to a Minister and a Secretary in many provisions of the Act. However, neither the Minister nor Secretary is defined. Both the Minister and Secretary are performing statutory functions as such it is important to define the same. This Act is assigned to the Minister for Justice under the *Administrative Arrangements Act 2011* and *Administrative Arrangements Order 2020*. The amendment is to just rectify this so that the consolidated version of the Act refers to the Minister and the Secretary.

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.