

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
NAURU POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today the *Nauru Police Force (Amendment) Bill 2021*.

Mr Speaker, the Nauru Police Force Act 1972 was enacted to establish the police force and to make the necessary provisions relating to the administration of the force. The Act provides for the composition of the police force which consists of the Commissioner of Police, Superintendent of Police, Inspectors and other officers.

The number of police officers has gradually increased and currently stands at over 200. The increase in number of police officers is of course directly related to my government's policy to provide better safety for all the people of Nauru. With the increase in numbers, has also increased the administrative and supervisory work of the Commissioner of Police. This was recognised some time ago by establishing the position of Deputy Commissioner of Police, which was gazetted in 2020.

The establishment of the police force is by statute. For that purpose the newly created position of Deputy Commissioner of Police needs to be legislated. Mr Speaker Sir, this Bill establishes that position. 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.