

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2017
SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa, President and MP

30 May 2017

Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility of introducing to the House today a Bill to amend the *Public Service Act 2016*.

There have been occasions where public service employees have been required to appear in court as witnesses. Although the current Act provides for a variety of leave entitlements for public service employees, it is silent where an employee is subpoenaed or called as a witness in a court proceeding.

Mr Speaker, this Bill aims to amend the current Act by providing for leave of absence for a public service employee in order to attend court proceedings as a witness.

This amendment permits the employee to be released from official duties without having to use his or her annual leave entitlement.

Mr. Speaker, accompanying the Bill is an explanatory memorandum that explains the Bill in more detail.

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