

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**BUSINESS TAX (AMENDMENT) No. 2 BILL 2016**

**SECOND READING SPEECH**

**Honorable David Adeang M.P.**

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to the House today a Bill for the *Business Tax (Amendment) No.2 Act*.

This Bill, once passed, will strengthen the *Business Tax Act 2016*, and result in a more practical application of the provisions of the tax laws. This will ensure that the intended outcomes of the application of the law are achieved.

Mr Speaker, the *Business Tax Act 2016* is the enabling legislation which imposes the taxes covered by the Act, and was enacted on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016. At the time of enactment it is not always possible to predict every consequence or unintended outcome of the application of the provisions of the legislation.

This Bill, once passed, will make some technical changes to the provisions of the *Business Tax Act 2016*, which will remove any doubt, ambiguity or unintended consequences in the interpretation and application of the law. These amendments are also part of a series of amendments being tabled to strengthen the Republic's tax regime.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill once passed, will serve to ensure that the necessary taxation legislative framework is in place, and that it reflects best practice in the application of the law, so that the intended outcomes are fairly achieved.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum describes in detail the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.