

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable David Adeang MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to the House today a Bill for the *Courts (Amendment) Act 2016*.

As you are aware Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, there have been major changes to the criminal offences and procedure here in Nauru with the Bills presented in Parliament today.

As a consequence, other legislation in the Criminal Justice System need consequential amendments to ensure consistency. The Courts Act of 1972 has to be amended to accommodate the changes reflected in the Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill of 2016 and this would in turn streamline the transfer of cases from the District Court to the Supreme Court

Mr. Speaker, there is a detailed explanatory memorandum accompanying this Bill which explains the provisions in more detail.

This Bill promotes more effective and efficient processes of the criminal justice system.

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