

Republic of Nauru – 20th Parliament

Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill 2011

SECOND READING SPEECH

Hon Dr Kieren Keke, MP

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Mr Speaker,

I have introduced to the House today a Bill for an Act to amend the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 2008*.

The amendments give effect to the approval, in the 2011 budget, of an increase in salaries for members of Parliament by 5%. The increase applies to all members, including the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, President, Ministers and other members.

Mr Speaker, parliamentary salaries are governed by the *Parliamentary Salaries and Allowances Act 2008*. The Act specifies the current salaries of members in a Schedule, and specifies that the salaries of members cannot be changed except by amending the Schedule, which must be done by an Act of Parliament. The Act also creates a charge on the Treasury Fund for the salaries of members specified in the Schedule.

The salaries of members were last increased with effect from 1 July 2006. The new increase will take effect from 1 July 2011, the start of the new financial year. The amendment gives effect to the increase from that date.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.