

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) 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 Amendment of the *Revenue Administration Act 2014*.

This Bill once passed will signal to the international community the formal commitment of Nauru to the principles of the OECD Global Forum in promoting international co-operation in tax matters through exchange of information.

Nauru joined the Global Forum in 2009, and has committed to the international standards of transparency and effective exchange of information for tax purposes.

This amendment to the Revenue Administration Act 2014 will re-inforce Nauru's commitment to work with the OECD to address harmful tax practices.

The lack of effective exchange of information is one of the key criteria in determining harmful tax practices.

Mr Speaker, it is for this reason that Nauru is now embarking on this important initiative.

For some years Nauru was identified as an offshore financial centre, a misconception still held to this day by some tax jurisdictions.

Mr. Speaker, this Bill, once passed, will serve to clearly demonstrate to the global tax community that Nauru is ready and willing to move forward in the fight against tax avoidance and fraudulent tax practices.

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

I commend the Bill to the House.