

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**PARLIAMENTARY PENSION (AMENDMENT) NO. 2 BILL 2016**  
**SECOND READING SPEECH**  
**Honorable David Adeang MP**  
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I introduce to the House today a Bill for the *Parliamentary Pension (Amendment) No. 2 Act 2016*.

Mr. Speaker and Honorable Members, the responsibilities bestowed on us all as Members of Parliament are great. A Member knows that the call to serve is unlike any other and it takes courage and perseverance to be a great leader. Yes, we will eventually retire and hand the reigns over to someone else to continue that work but our obligations and service to the country does not ever end.

Although the Parliamentary Pension Act creates an entitlement to a pension for former Members of Parliament, there is no obligation on former Members to maintain a certain standard of behaviour that warrants such financial support.

The amendment proposed in this Bill makes it clear that former Members who commit criminal offences where the minimum penalty is more than 2 years will not be entitled to a pension under the Act.

Honorable Members, our obligations to our people does not end when we cease to be Members of this House. We must ensure that we continue to serve and live up to the highest of standards as we had done while being Members.

Mr. Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains this Bill in more detail.

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