

**REPUBLIC OF NAURU**  
**IMMIGRATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL 2013**  
**SECOND READING SPEECH**  
**Honorable David Adeang MP**  
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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the pleasure of introducing to the House today a Bill for the amendment to the Immigration Act.

Previous amendments have been made to this legislation and unfortunately in the course of these amendments, we lost some very important provisions. With the increase in foreign nationals in Nauru, we must become vigilant in protecting not only our borders but the very essence that makes us a proud people of the Pacific. It is only right that we focus our sites on the people who make first contact with these foreigners, our immigration officers.

So as not to stretch the manpower at our immigration office, the Bill proposes a change in the current structure by splitting the current Principle Immigration Officer post into two, one focuses on Administration and the other on Operations. This will allow us to expedite certain processes that might be delayed due to a lack of staff.

The Bill will allow us to protect our territory more vigilantly by allowing the Minister for Justice more power when it comes to the removal of people who one might regard as an undesirable immigrant. Current expatriates in Nauru need not worry that we will begin throwing people out of the country. This is merely a precautionary measure to ensure that we do not entertain people who have not an ounce of respect for our country and her people.

Mr. Speaker, I fear that to continue would take much of your time as the explanatory memorandum describes in detail the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.