

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
PUBLIC FINANCE (CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Martin Hunt MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility of introducing to the House today the *Public Finance (Control and Management) (Amendment) Bill 2020*.

Mr Speaker, the Nauru Police Force is a department on its own. The Nauru Police Force is assigned administratively under the *Administrative Arrangements Act and Order* to the Office of the President, as its line Minister.

Currently, under the *Public Finance (Control and Management) Act 1997*, the Secretary for Justice is the administrative head of the Nauru Police Force for the purposes of the Act. This position had changed in 2003 when the Nauru Police Force was separated from the Department of Justice. This anomaly needs to be rectified. This Bill now removes and replaces the Secretary for Justice under the Act as the head of the Nauru Police Force. Furthermore, this Bill now rectifies that the Commissioner of Police is the head of the Nauru Police Force for the purposes of the Act. The Commissioner of Police has been undertaking this responsibility for some time. This Bill also assigns all financial responsibilities to the Commissioner of Police by this Act although administratively he has been carrying on with this for some time.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum details the provisions of the Bill. Sir, I request that the explanatory memorandum be read and recorded in the Hansard Reports.

I commend the Bill to the House.