

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
COUNTER TERRORISM AND TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Maverick Eoe MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I have the responsibility to introduce to the House today the *Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime (Amendment) Bill 2020*.

Sir, this Bill amends the *Counter Terrorism and Transnational Organised Crime Act 2004*, in compliance with the recent additional international obligations relating to *the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism*. The critical element of terrorism is the financing of terrorist activities, terrorist organisation or a terrorist. This Bill is part of the Republic's contribution to the control of terrorism. It amends the critical definitions of terrorist, terrorist group, terrorist act and property used for terrorism related activities.

This amendment also gives effect to the recent Recommendations given by the Financial Action Task Force in relation to the anti-money laundering commitments of the Republic. The amendment is therefore also necessary to prepare Nauru for its mutual evaluation which is scheduled for 2022. Work for the mutual evaluation has already commenced by the Financial Intelligence Unit and it is anticipated that the Republic should have all its legislative framework and operations in place before the mutual evaluation.

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.