

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) No. 2 BILL 2018

SECOND READING SPEECH

Honourable Baron Divavesi Waqa MP

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Mr. Speaker Sir,

I am pleased to introduce to the House today the Public Service (Amendment) No. 2 Bill 2018.

Mr Speaker, the proposed Bill provides certainty and clarity to public service employees who intend to contest our country's elections whether it is the general elections, a by-election or a general election resulting from an early dissolution of Parliament. The current Act only provides for a resignation three months prior to a submission of a nomination as a candidate in the general elections.

The proposed Bill now requires public service employees who intend to submit a nomination as a candidate in a by-election or in a general election held due to an early dissolution of the Parliament, to submit their resignation within 5 days from the date the writ of elections is published under section 56 of the Electoral Act 2016.

This will provide certainty to those who intend to become candidates for such elections as to when to resign once an indication of the writ of elections is published.

Mr Speaker, the explanatory memorandum explains the provisions of the Bill.

I commend the Bill to the House.