

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Wednesday 6 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ20. N te tai aei ao e bon namakinaki boobuakan te kantoka n te wanikiba mai Teraina nako Kiritimati. Te titiraki bwa e kanga n reke te mwaiti ae \$200 tabun te kantoka? E kakoauaaki bwa e subsidized te kantoka ao nanona e na iai te bebete nakon te kantoka.

I kan bubuti katamaroan riki te kantoka n te wanikiba mai Teraina nako Kiritimati ao mai Kiritimati nako Teraina?

Translation/Rairana

To date, we still experience the expensive airfare from Teraina to Kiritimati. The amount of over \$200 has raised concerns and questions on how was the airfare determined. People understand that Government subsidized the cost and thus, expect cheaper charges to be raised.

May I ask the authority concerned if the airfare could be reviewed and be replaced by a cheaper fare?

Reply by Hon. Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information, Communication, Transport and Tourism Development)

Tein te kantoka ae ngkai e bon karaoaki iaon ana karaoware te Air Kiribati ma e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanon aio.

Translation/Rairana

The airfare was calculated on Air Kiribati's formula calculation however, my Ministry will look into it.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ31. E butiaki te Tautaeaka bwa e kona ni katamaroai bwaibu n ran ibukin aono aika Teitonete i Teaoraereke irarikin Aobiti TUC, Tebike i Ambo, Meci Community i Ambo, RTT Community i Ambo ao ai te Teabannati i Banraeaba ao Tebike ni Kua i Bikenibeu n te tai ae angaraoi?

Translation/Rairana

May I ask the Minister responsible to ensure that water piping problems in the following areas are improved as soon as practicable?

- a) Teitonete in Teaoraereke
- b) Areas around TUC office
- c) Tebike in Ambo
- d) Meci Community in Ambo
- e) RTT Community in Ambo and
- f) Teabannati in Banraeaba are attended and fixed?
- g) Tebike ni Kua i Bikenibeu.

Reply by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Eng, e a tabe ngkai PUB ni karaoa te tutuo n taabo iaon Tarawa Teinainano (n ikotaki ma Betio) ake e kainnanoaki iai te onobwai nakon bwaibu n ran. E katautauaki waakinan te onobwai ni moan te ririki ae 2018.

Translation/Rairana

Yes, PUB is currently undertaking a detailed survey of regions in South Tarawa (including Betio) where water pipes need a repair. Repair works should be done by early 2018.

By Hon. Shiu-fung Jong, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ69. Ngkai e kakoauaki bwa e nang nako te raka ni boo nakoia Taan mwakuri n te Tautaeaka nakon te ririki ae e boou 2018, e kona te Tautaeaka n nora riain karakakin naba booia Taan Mwakuri n ana kambwana nako n ikotaki ma Taan Mwakuri n te Kauntira?

Translation/Rairana

Since we know that salary increase for public service employees will be effective in 2018, could Government also consider increasing the salary for its SOEs and council employees?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Beretitenti)

Ngkai te katei n boo irouia ana kabwana te Tautaeaka ma Kauntira e bon aki rinanon te Tautaeaka bwa e bon tiku irouia rabwata aikai, ao aio bon te itera teuana are e na manga taraaki n angana ae e bon riiai.

Translation/Rairana

This needs to be treated separately from the Government pay-rise since SoEs and Councils are mandated to determine their own salary levels and rates.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ77. E kona te Minita n kaongoa te Maneaba aio ba e a bwaka iaa te karikirake are te booti ibukia atimwakoro aika tionako?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister kindly inform this Maneaba the update on the ferry boat for isolated islets?

Reply by Hon. Kobebe Taitai, MP (Minister of Internal Affairs)

I kukurei n kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa e a tia n waaki ao e a kaan tia mwakurian te karikirake ae te booti ibukia atimwakoro aika a tionako.

Translation/Rairana

I am happy to inform this Maneaba that work has already started on the boats for isolated islets and is soon to be completed.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ40. Bwaai n bitineti aika a uotaki nakon abamakoro iaon kaibuke ao a kabonakoaki nakoia aomata man te kaibuke a kuneaki bwa a rangi n bubura booia bwa e nakon 2-4 te tai biriraken booia ni kabotauaki ma booia iaon Tarawa. Aio bon kauarerekean mwanen aia takataka aomata ake iaon abamakoro. Iai ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeaka n taraia bwa bwaai ake a kabonakoaki man te kaibuke iaon abamakoro a na aki rangi n bubura booia ni kabotauaki ma ake iaon Tarawa, e ngae ngke aki tianaki booia iaan te Tua?

Translation/Rairana

Wholesale items/commodities brought to the outer-islands on merchant vessels and sold to the people while at anchor (float sale) are found to have been sold 2-4 times their usual price in Tarawa. This is like robbing the outer-islands people of their copra money. What assistance can Government provide to ensure these commodities are not overpriced excessively but at reasonable prices comparable to Tarawa prices, although they are not included under the Price Control Act?

Reply by Hon. Atarake Nataara, MP (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

I kukurei n taekinna bwa au Botaki ni Mwakuri e mwakuri ni kakaai anga ake a na kona n tobwaaki iai kanganga iaon bobuakan taian kaako ake a kabonakoaki ma iaon kaibuke aika a rooro (cargo floating).

Translation/Rairana

I would like to inform this House that my Ministry is considering ways to address the issue of expensive floating cargo sold to people in the outer islands.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)

OQ26. I kan bubutia te Tautaeaka are tabena bwa e kona ni karekea angan kanakoan teremo mai Tarawa nako Teraina n te aro are a na aki kanakoaki moa nako Kiritimati bwa a bon nako naba Teraina. E kona ni waekoa ni karaoaki te kaamaroa aio n te tai ae e waekoa?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Ministry concerned if it could change its system of sending telmos to Teraina via Kiritimati but instead use a direct sending system from Tarawa to Teraina without going through Kiritimati. Could this request be entertained as early as possible please?

Reply by Hon. Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information, Communication, Transport & Tourism Development)

Ti nang tauraoi ni mwakuria te bubuti aio

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will work on this request.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)

OQ48. A moanna n onrake Auti n takataka ni boboti tabeua iaon Tabiteuea Meang. E kona te Tautaeaka ni iraorao ma Kambana ni kaibuke bwa ana kamwaita riki anaan te takataka mai Tabiteuea Meang?

Translation/Rairana

Copra sheds in several Coop's on Tabiteuea North will soon be full. Could Government liaise with Shipping Companies to pick up copra more frequently from Tabiteuea North?

Reply by Hon. Atarake Nataara, MP (Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

I kukurei ni kaotia bwa e teimatoa au Botaki ni Mwakuri n reitaki ma bitineti ni kaibuke iaon Tarawa ao ana kaibuke KSSL ibukin anaakin takataka mai iaon abamakoro n ikotaki ma Tabiteuea Meang.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to say that my Ministry continues to collaborate very closely with private shipping lines and KSSL in the collection of copra from the outer islands, including Tabiteuea North.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ44. N ana Ka-5 Ribooti te Anti Corruption Select Committee ae No. 04/17, ao e baireia te Komete bwa e na riai ni kaokaki Henry Eberi nakon ana mwakuri n te KOIL.

I kan titiraki bwa e na karaoaki n ningai te babaire anne?

Translation/Rairana

In the 5th Report of the Anti-Corruption Select Committee tabled as Paper No. 04/17 the Anti-Corruption Select Committee recommended that Henry Eberi be reinstated to his job with the KOIL.

I wish to ask, when will the report's recommendation be implemented?

Reply by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Ngkai ana keiti Henry Eberi e a tia n aki butimwaeaki irouia teniua ana Baba n Tararua KOIL, ao e a tia naba teuaei ni butimwaei taian bwakamwane n irekereke ma kamotirawaana iroun KOIL, ao e a tia ni motikia te Baba n Tararua are e waaki ngkai bwa e a riaon mwaakana manga rinanoan te keiti aei, ngaia are e a tia ni kaunga teuaio bwa e na uota tangina nakon te Kabowi.

Translation/Rairana

Because three previous KOIL Boards rejected Henry Eberi's employment termination appeal and that he had duly accepted the payment of salary in lieu of termination notice, the current Board is of the view that reconsideration of this case is beyond its jurisdiction and, accordingly, has encouraged Henry to take his case to Court.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ43. I kaongoaki irouia taan ira te maroro (Summit) iaon KV20 are e karaoaki i Teoraereke bwa a kaota aki kukureia Meeia n tain te Summit ao ni ngureakina taekan kabonganan ao tibwatibwan mwanen ana Small Grant Taiwan bwa aongkoa aia bwai n anai nano (campaign) Taan Tei. Tera raoi ae e kabwarabwaraaki ao n taekinaki irouia taan anga te maroro n te KV20 Summit ae ea tia ni karika te aki kukureia Mayors ni kaineti ma taekan kabonganan mwanen ana Small Grant Taiwan irouia Taan Tei?

Translation/Rairana

I was informed by participants to the KV20 Summit held at Teoraereke for outer-islands representatives (Mayors, Old Men Assoc., Women and Youth), that Mayors expressed dismay at the Summit about the management of Taiwan's Small Grant funds and the allegation that they are being used by MPs for campaign purposes. What exactly did the Resource persons say to participants of the KV20 Summit that had disappointed Mayors regarding the use of Taiwan's Small Grant funds by MPs?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Beretitenti)

Te kaongora e boboto iaon te kainibaire iaon Buoka aika a Uarereke ke Small Grants.

Translation/Rairana

The presentation was on the Small Grant Guidelines.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeraen)

OQ34. N tain te Mini-Runga are e boaki iaon abau ae Tabuaeran inanon te namakaina ae Turai n te ririki aei ao Maneaba ake a kamaekaaki iai taan takakaro bon RC Aontenaa Maneaba, KUC Tooa Maneaba ao ai Aramari Village Maneaba. Au titiraki nakon te Minita are tabena bwa bukin tera a bwaka boon tangoan RC Maneaba ao Aramari Village Maneaba ma e tuai bwaka boon tangoan KUC Tooa Maneaba ni karokoa ngkai?

Translation/Rairana

During the Mini-Runga that was hosted on my island Tabuaeran within the month of July this year, those Maneabas wherein players for the said runga accommodated were RC Aontenaa Maneaba KUC Tooa Maneaba and Aramari Village Maneaba. May I ask the concerned Minister why rent for RC Aontenaa Maneaba and Aramari village Maneaba were paid outright but KUC Tooa Maneaba rent has not yet been paid till to date?

Reply by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Island Development)

Ti karautaeka n te iremwe ae reke ao ae e a tia ni biriakinaki kabwakana.

Translation/Rairana

Apologies for the delay in payment, however, payment has been processed.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)

OQ60. E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna n te Auti aei araia Tarekita ngkai n te Kiribati Oil Company (KOIL)?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister responsible state to this House the names of the present Directors of Kiribati Oil Company (KOIL)?

Reply by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Aikai araia Tarekita n te KOIL aika ngkai: Tia Babaire – Benjamin Tokataake, Kauoman n Tia Babaire – Kietau Tabwebweiti, ao Tarekita aika Ereta Bruce , Kabuaua Tenangibo ao Babera Taobura.

Translation/Rairana

Here are the names of current KOIL Directors: Chairman – Mr. Benjamin Tokataake, Vice Chairman – Mr. Kietau Tabwebweifi, and Directors Ms. Ereta Bruce, Mr. Kabuava Tenangibo and Mr Babera Taobura.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ73. E a tia ana babaire te Tautaeaka ibukin manga kamaeuan taian 'Bangke n Kaawa' ao ngkana e a tia ao tao e na waaki ningai aio?

Translation/Rairana

Has Government made a decision on reviving the 'Village Banks' and if so when is this likely to start?

Reply by Hon. Kobebe Taitai, MP (Minister of Internal Affairs)

E tuai moa n tia ana babaire te Tautaeaka iaon manga kamaeuan 'Bangke n Kaawa'

Translation/Rairana

Government has not yet made a decision on reviving the 'Village Banks'

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)

OQ62. Ni moan te ririki 2016 ao e karaoaki te kaitiaki n te marae ni wanikiba i Tabiteuea Maiaki n aron ae tangiraki man te tabo ni kibakiba. E a tia ni bwaka te moani kabwaka mwane ao e taekinaki bwa te ka 35 ni katebubua. Te titiraki bwa e aera ngkai e a rangi ni baenikai bwakan are nikirana ae te 65 ni katebubua, ao e na kabwakaaki n ningai man te botaki are tabena?

Translation/Rairana

At the beginning of 2016, the airfield on Tabiteuea South was cleaned and cleared of overgrown trees and shrubs as demanded by the Civil Aviation. The first payment had been paid which was explained as the 35% of the total amount. The question is why has there been a delay in the payment of the remaining sum and when will that sum be paid by the Department responsible?

Reply by Hon. Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information, Communication, Transport & Tourism Development)

E bon tuai roko mai iroun te Kauntira kamatoan tian te mwakuri iaon te marae n aron baireana iaon te boraraoi.

Translation/Rairana

Confirmation on the completion of work under the signed contract from the Council has not been received.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ67. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa tera raoi oin waeremwen kakoroan nanon ana iango ni karikirake te Kauntira n Aranuka iaon ana Warehouse ao ana truck ibukin te atimwakoro ae Takaeang n te mwaiti ae \$369,000.00 man mwanen ana karikirake ae te kaibuke ae \$369,000.00?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister inform this House the reasons for the delay in implementing Aranuka Island Council new projects proposal namely Warehouse and Truck for Takaeang islet (\$369,000.00) to be funded from the already approved fund for the ship project (\$369,000.00)?

Reply by Hon. Kobebe Taitai, MP (Minister of Internal Affairs)

I rang karautaeka ibukini iremwen mwakurian ana karikirake Aranuka n aron ae e mwemwe n te titiraki. Baika a karika te iremwe bon aikai:

1. Irakin nanon kainibaire ibukin rinanon ao kabwatan karikirake.
2. Te aki matata iaon baika a kainnаноaki ibukin te karikirake iaon te Warehouse.
3. Aki nakoraoin bwain reitaki aika a na kona n katawea te karoko rongorong ma te Kauntira.

Translation/Rairana

I deeply regret the delay on necessary work required to implement the project proposals from Aranuka as raised in the question. This is due to the following factors.

1. A strict compliance to the current procedure for projects' appraisal and approval.

2. Non-clarity on the list provided by the Island Council on the Warehouse project.
3. Poor communication system to expedite the exchange of information with the Island Council.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)

OQ68. E aki tamaroa mwakurin te solar pump n te kaawa ae Tekaman, Tabiteuea Meang, n te aro ae aki roko raoi te ran ni moo irouia kaain te kaawa. E kona te Tautaeaka ni karekea onean mwin te pump aio bwa e aonga n toki te kanganga aei?

Translation/Rairana

The solar pump for Tekaman village, Tabiteuea North, has not been functioning properly for sometime in a way that is affecting the flow of drinking water to households in the village, to solve this problem could Government provide a replacement for the pump?

Reply by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

N ongorara iroun te Tia Rabakau n te Ran (Water Technician) n te bong aio ao e kaofia ae e bon raoiroi te solar pump are i Tekaman. Iai 26 te taps ake a nim nakon mwenga ma tii uoua mai buakona ae e uruaki, man te namwakaina ae e nako.

Translation/Rairana

The Water Technician has confirmed that the solar pump on Tekaman is working fine. Twenty-six household taps are connected to the water supply and as of last month, November, two of these taps were broken.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ74. E kona te Beretitenti ae karineaki ni kamata bwa tera raoi taben te komete are e rinanoi taian bubuti ibukin te small grant scheme?

Translation/Rairana

Could His Excellency Te Beretitenti kindly explain the functions of the committee overseeing the applications for the small grant scheme assistance?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Beretifenti)

Taben te Komete bwa e na rinanoi ao ni kabwaati taian bubuti ibukin Buoka ake a Uarereke ke te Small Grants ni kaineti ma Kainibaire iaon te buoka aei.

Translation/Rairana

The functions of the Small Grants Committee are to review, appraise and approve the Small Grants applications in accordance with the Small Grants Guidelines.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ97. E kakoauaki n au abamwakoro ae Arorae bwa a teimatoa tabewa kaibuke ake akea wintia n rokoa n te abamwakoro ni kaumakia Taan Mwakuria te kaako bwa a na kiba nako tari ni kabaei ao ni mwakuria turam ni bwaa bwa ngkana a aki, ao a na kitana te abamwakoro n aki karuoa aia bwaa.

E kakoaua te Tautaeka bwa e kairua ae karaoaki aei ao tera ana anga ni ibuobuoki ni katoka te waaki aei?

Translation/Rairana

It is evident on Arorae that whenever some ships without winches call at Arorae, they urge stevedores to jump off the ship and tie fuel drums and if they don't the ship would leave without offloading such fuel.

Does Government agree that this is wrong practice and what can it do to stop such malpractice?

Reply by Hon. Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information, Communication, Transport & Tourism Development)

E kakoaua te Tautaeka bwa e aki raoiroi te mwakuri ae e karaoaki irouia kaibuke ao e na tauraoi ngkai au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni katoka te aeka ni mwakuri aio.

Translation/Rairana

This malpractice is not acceptable by Government and my Ministry will work on addressing this issue.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ108. Nna butia te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka iaa ana “internet” Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Minister concerned the status of Banaba “internet”?

Reply by Hon. Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information, Communication, Transport & Tourism Development)

E na waaki karaoan te intanete iaon Banaba n te tai ae e waekoa

Translation/Rairana

Work on the Banaba internet will be carried out very soon.

By David Christopher, MP (Rabi)

OQ124. E korakora ana itoman te Tautaeka ma ana Tautaeka Taiwan iaon itera ni karikirake aika a mwaiti.

E kona te Tautaeka ni maroro ma te Tautaeka n Taiwan n anga naba ana ibuobuoki iaon itera ni karikirake tabeua nakoia kain Banaba aika a maeka ngkai iaon Rabi i Biti?

Translation/Rairana

The Government has a strong and close relationship with the Government of Taiwan as assistance for socio and economic developments. Can Government also influence the Government of Taiwan to extend its assistance to the Banaban Community now residing in Rabi Island in Fiji?

Reply His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Beretifenti)

E na kanganga ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeka iaon aei ma e na teimatoa n ibuobuoki iaon itera ni karikirake aika a kakaokoro ibukia kaain Banaba aika a maeka i Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

It would be difficult for Government to assist with the request but it will continue to mobilize support on various socio-economic developments for the people of Banaba living on Banaba.

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ127. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai te karikirake iaon karokoan te Mobile tareboon iaon aba, ao e na roko ningai i Makin?

Translation/Rairana

My question to the Minister concerned is; when will the outer islands mobile installation projects commence, and when is Makin's turn?

Reply by Hon Willie Tokataake, MP (Minister of Information Communication Transport and Tourism Development)

E waaki ngkai mwakurian karokoan te mobile iaon Abamakoro ake akea iai te mobile tareboon ma e tuai kona n kamatoaaki ba e na roko ningai iaon Makin.

Translation/Rairana

Mobile rollout to the outer islands has commenced but at this stage the schedule to Makin cannot be confirmed.