

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Thursday 7 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)

OQ19. I kan bubuti karekean ana Agent te DBK ae e na mwakuri I Teraina n te aro bwa e aonga n reke naba tibwangan Teraina n te loan?

Translation/Rairana

I would like to make a request to employ one DBK Agent on Teraina so that the island will be included in the loan scheme?

Reply by Hon. Dr Teuea Toatu, MP (Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

Te Tia Babaire, eng e tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni maroro ma DBK n rinanoa te bubuti aio.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, yes, my Ministry is prepared to discuss with DBK consideration of this request.

By Hon. MP Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ41. Iai noran riaina iroun te Tautaeaka ni karaka aia ririki n ritaea ana Taan Mwakuri te Kauntira man 50 nakon 55 te ririki?

Translation/Rairana

Does Government see the need to increase the retirement age for Island Council employees from 50 to 55 years?

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

Te Tibika, bairean aio e na bon tiku irouia Kauntira.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, each Council will decide on this.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)

OQ119. Marakei bon teuana te abamwakoro iaon Kiribati ae e rangi korakora iai kainanoan ao kabonganaan ana service te Air Kiribati. E kona te Minita are tabena n karekea angan tobwaan te kainnana aei ni katamaroa riki te marae ni wanikiba bwa e aonga n kona n tiku naba te wanikiba are Dash 8?

Translation/Rairana

Marakei is one of the islands in Kiribati which greatly needs the service of Air Kiribati. Could the Minister responsible find means to remedy this need by upgrading its airfield so the new aircraft Dash 8 could service this island?

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

Ngkana a tia marae aika ngkai ao e na kona ni manga taraaki karaoan marae ake nikiraia.

Translation/Rairana

Airfield expansion work will be carried out after the completion of the current Dash 8 airfields.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)

OQ56. Iai ae tei ibukin Kiribati n te kabowi ibukia Minita iaon Bibitakin Kanoan Boong are e a kaoaki iai Tautaeakan aban Tebetebeke are e booaki i Biti n 17 ao 18 n Okitoba 2017?

Translation/Rairana

Was Kiribati represented at the Pre COP 23 Ministerial Meeting held on 17 and 18 October, 2017?

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

Eng, Kiribati e ira aia boowi Minita ae te Pre – Cop 23 are e boo n 17 nakon 18 n Okitobwa 2017.

Translation/Rairana

Kiribati was represented at the Pre – Cop 23 Ministerial Meeting held on 17th to 18 October 2017

By Hon. Capt. Bonteman Tabera, MP (Nonouti)

OQ131. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara bwa ea bwaka ia ngkai rongorongon ana bubuti Nonouti are I tabekiarake n te Auti i nanon April ni rekereke ma kenakin ana raawa Nonouti ibukin kaibuke ao riki ake a bwabwaka taboia i Taboiaki ao Temwanoku ibukin kabebetean kawaerakean kaako ao anakin takataka?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible give updates on the request from Nonouti that I presented in April Parliament meeting regarding digging of passages for vessels especially landing craft at Taboiaki and Temwanoku to assist with the offloading of cargoes and the loading of copra?

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

E tuai kona moa ni kamatoa te Tautaeka n te tai aio bwa e na waaki n ningai karaoan ana rawa Nonouti.

Translation/Rairana

Government cannot confirm the exact timing of the boat passage upgrading in Nonouti at this point in time.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ90. N namwakaina aika nako ao I a tia ni bubuti anganakiu rongorongon te oro ben ibukin te ririki ae 2016 ao 2017. Ni karokoa te bong aio ao e tuai man roko.

I kan titiraki bwa ai bon tera te kanganga ibukin karekean rongorongon te oro ben?

Translation/Rairana

In the last few months I have been asking the relevant Government bodies to provide the information on the copra production for the year 2016 and 2017. Up to now the information has not been forthcoming.

I want to ask why it is so difficult to provide the information on the copra?

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

Akea te kanganga ibukin anganakin te Tia Tei rongorongo aika kainnanoi iaon te oroben ao are e a tia n anganaki rongorongo ake a bwanin raoi taekaia ibukin 2016 ma ae iaon kawaina kabwaninan raoi rongorongo ibukin banen Okitobwa 2017 n aron ae e tangiria.

Translation/Rairana

There is no problem with provision of information on copra production to the Honourable MP and he has been provided with information for 2016 but information up to October 2017 is being verified before it is released.

By Hon. David Christopher MP (Rabi)

OQ125. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e na roko ningai te mobile iaon Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Hon. Minister concerned inform this House when will the mobile phone be operational on Banaba?

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

E tuai kona n kamatoa te Tautaeaka bwa e na roko ningai te mobile iaon Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

Government cannot confirm when the mobile service will be operational on Banaba.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ76. Iai ana kaongora te Solar Energy Co. Limited ae nanako n te rerio ibukin taekan taura ake a maeu man taai ake a tibwaaki ngkoa nakoia kain abamwakoro ba a kona ni manga karaoaki. N te bowi ae e nako ao I bon tabeka naba au titiraki iaon aio ngkana iai ana babaire te tautaeka n kanakoraoa raoi riki aron te karikirake aio. E kona te Tautaeka n reitaki ma te kambwana aio ni kaunga kawarakin abamwakoro are ana kona iai n buokiia ara bota-n-aomata ake a uruaki aia taura?

Translation/Rairana

The Solar Energy Co Limited runs a radio programme promoting their products and services one of which is the ability to repair the solar lights that were distributed to the people in outer islands. At the last meeting of Parliament, I also raised a similar question whether Government has a plan to improve the use of existing solar lights. Could the responsible Minister kindly liaise with the KSEC to make available this services to outer islands by organizing a mobile team to visit and repair the solar lights on site?

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

E tauraoi te Kambwana n Tiora ni kamwanangaa ana tiim nako Butaritari ibukin karaoan taura aika a uruaki, ma bon tabeia taan bwaibwai kabooan te mwakuri ma bwaai ake a oneaki. Aei are e na tieuataake nakon nikiran abamwakoro.

Translation/Rairana

The Kiribati Solar Energy Co. Ltd will send a team to Butaritari to carry out needed repair works on defective solar lights, but the owners will have to pay for the service and spare parts used. The same will be done nationally.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ118. E kona te Botaki ni Bureitiman ni kakoroa uoman Bureitiman ibukin Tabuaeran?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Police Service consider the possibility of having two police officers for Tabuaeran?

Reply by His Excellency Tanefi Maamau (Beretitenti)

E kona te Ikotaki ni bureitiman ni kakoroa uoman bureitiman ibukin Tabuaeran.

Translation/Rairana

The Kiribati Police Service (KPS) can increase police officers on Tabuaeran to two.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ96. Ni karokoa ngkai ao e teimatoa n tuai ni bobonga tangke n ran ake a karokoaki ibukin nimaia kaain au abamakoro ae Arorae ake a rotaki n Cyclone PAM. I kani butia te Tautaeaka e kona ni waekoa ni karokoa ana ibuobuoki iaon te kainnana ae e a bongata aio?

Translation/Rairana

To date, water tanks brought in to Arorae to help address the aftermath of Cyclone PAM are yet to be completed. I wish to ask, could Government quickly assist towards this long overdue need?

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

Tangke ni karau aika a nanonaki n te titiraki bon ana karikirake te Kiribati Climate Action Network (KiriCAN) ae tiaki ana rabwata te Tautaeaka ma e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kakaaea buokan te kainnana aei. Irarikin anne ao ana buoka te Tautaeaka nakon Arorae ni kaineti ma ana urubwai Cyclone Pam bon te mitiin ni karao-ran are e a tabe ngkai au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kataubobongaa kanimwana.

Translation/Rairana

The rainwater tanks referred to here were a donation by the Kiribati Climate Action Network (KiriCAN), an NGO, but my Ministry is willing to address the issue with the tanks. Besides, Government's assistance to Arorae in response to the aftermath of Cyclone Pam is a desalination plant which is currently being installed by my Ministry.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ164. Bwauranakin raawa n roro ni waa ni kaawa aika Eten ma Tereitannano e bon kainanoaki. E kona te Tautaeaka n tobwa te kainnana aei?

Translation/Rairana

Reef blasting for canoe passages in the village of Eten and Tereitannano is needed. Could Government entertain this request?

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

E na rinanon te bubuti aio au Tabo ni Mwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

MICTD will assess this request.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)

OQ84. E a tia n kariaia te Tautaeka bwa e na karekea aia kaibuke ni batintia kain Betio ae e na karekea te Tautaeka bwa kaekaan aia bubuti Unimwanen ao Unainen Betio. E Kona te Beretitenti ae karineaki ni kaongoraea te Auti aio bwa e a bwaka iaa mwakurian te bubuti aio?

Translation /Rairana

The Government have agreed to provide a passenger ship for Betio after being requested by the old men and women from Betio. Could HE the Beretitenti update this House on what has been done to this request?

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

I karautaeka nakon te Tia Tei ae e rine temanna mai Betio bwa e tuai roko rongorongon ana karikirake te Kauntira n Betio n au Botaki n Mwakuri ibukin karekean aia kaibuke ni bwatintia Unimwanen ao Unainen Betio.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to inform one of the Honourable Members from Betio that my Ministry has not received a project proposal from the Betio Town Council for a passenger ship for Betio Unimwane and Unaine.

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ129. E kona te Minita are tabena ni karekei angaia ataeinimwane ake a bane aia tai man FTC ao n tuai man kiba, ni kariniia n te kamwakuri ae e waaki ngkai iaon New Zealand ao Australia?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned consider taking in FTC outputs who are still waiting to be recruited, among those in the New Zealand and Australia work scheme?

Reply by Hon. Ioteba Redfern, MP (Minister of Employment & Human Resource)

Te Tia Babaire, I kan kamatata bwa te kiniuanikai I Nutiran ma Aotiteria e taketenia moa ngkai aomata ake a roko araia man Kauntira ni ikotaki ma ake a bon rineaki irouia Taan kamwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, I would like to clarify that the seasonal employment in New Zealand and Australia is now targeting people nominated by the Island Councils including those selected by the employers themselves.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ163. E kona ni kabwarabwara te Tautaeaka bwa iai ke akea ana kantaninga ni kateimatoa rokon bwaan te wanikiba iaon Arorae ibukin kateimatoan te kibakiba nakon au abamakoro ae Arorae ao aaba riki tabeua aika a kaan n te itera Maiaki.

Translation/Rairana

Could Government explain whether it has intentions to maintain the supply of jet A1 fuel for the continuation of flight to Arorae and other nearby islands in the South?

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

Karokoan bwaan te wanikiba i Arorae e na bon katarataraki inanon taina ngkana e a toma Kiribati ma Tuvalu.

Translation/Rairana

The supply of Jet A1 fuel to be stationed in Arorae will be examined once the flight to Tuvalu starts.

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)

OQ144. Ni bowin te Auti ae e nako ao I tabeka au titiraki bwa iai kainnanoan umunakin te ben ibukia taan oroben n tain te kakarau. Tera ngkai ae a tia ni karaoia te Minita are tabena n tobwa te kainnano aei?

Translation/Rairana

During the last session of Parliament I submit a question with regard to the need to bake copra in an effort to assist copra cutters in drying copra during rainy weather. What has been done by the Minister responsible in response to this need?

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

Eng n aron au kaeka n te Auti ae e nako ao e a tia ni butimwaeaki te umuum ni ben ake a ira nanon te kai-ni-baeire are e katereaki n Tuan Mwaketenan Takataka.

E ngae n anne ao au Botaki ni Mwakuri ae e bon waaki naba ngkai ni kamatebwaia ao ni baaronga raoi aron tobwaan te kainnano aio riki ni kaineti ma karaoakin te ai n umum ae e na kona ni kaotinakoa mwaun te ben n aron ae e oti n Tuan Mwaketenan Takataka.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform this house in relation to my response in the previous Parliament sitting that the oven-dried copra can be acceptable only to those that are in compliance to the guidelines and standard as stipulated in the Copra Marketing Ordinance.

However, I am glad to say that my Ministry is still exploring ways to addressing this issue by looking for an appropriate and affordable oven design that can produce an oven dried copra that is within the acceptable standard as in the Ordinance.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ112. N na butia te Minita ae tabena bwa nakon ningai ae e na waaki iai te katamaroa nakon ana Ramp Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I request the Minister concerned when will the Ministry improve the Ramp on Banaba?

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

Ae mwakuriakaki ngkai mwin te kamatebwai are e karaoaki iaon ana Ramp Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

The report from the inspection conducted for Banaba Boat Ramp is currently implemented.

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)

OQ143. E teimatoa n namakinaki te kanganga ni kabonganakin te tareboon iaon kawan Onotoa tabeua. E kona te Minita are tabena ni buoka te kanganga aei n te tai ae e waekoa?

Translation/Rairana

It has been experienced that the problem in using the mobile phone remained unsolved in some villages on Onotoa. Can the Minister responsible attend to this problem at the earliest opportunity?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki n Mwakuri n reitaki ma te kambana ae ATHKL n kakaea buokan te kanganga aio.

Translation/Rainana

My Ministry is prepared to liaise with ATHKL to find a solution for this issue.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)

OQ83. A kakoaua kain au Abamakoro ae Betio bwa e bon nang rotongitong ana o te onaoraki are Betio ni kabuta. Aio are a karika te mwengabuaka ao te maroa irouia aoraki ake a rin ao ake a kawaria ibukin kan buokaia nte tairiki.

E kona te Minita n katoka te kanganga aio?

Translation /Rairana

My Constituents from Betio believe that the whole compound of Betio Hospital is so dark at night. That is why admitted patients and those who want to seek help from the hospital at night time feel uncomfortable and unsecure.

Could the responsible Minister address this problem?

Reply by Hon. Tauanei Marea, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

Te Tibika, akea au kona n katoka te kanganga aei n ti ngai ma I kukurei n taekinna bwa ana rabwata te Tautaeaka ake a irekereke ma tobwan aio a tia n moana wakinan aia kakamwakuri iaon aei.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, I do not have the capacity to address this issue alone, but I am pleased to inform that collaboration between Government ministries and PUB have already begun to consider more lights for the Betio hospital compound.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ55. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa tera ana babaire iaon kabonganakin te iti ibukin tuoan mwaun te takataka?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister responsible inform this House what are the guidelines/policies for the usage of the Moisture Content meter?

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

Babaire iaon kabonganakin te iti ibukin tuoan mwaun te takataka e bon irekereke ma te Tua Ibukin Mwaketenakin te Takataka bwa e na taraaki ara takataka bwa a na kabanea n tikiraoi ibukin te iokinibwai ao ana riai n 6.5 te

katebubua tinebun ao mwaimwaina. Aei are e bon rang n etiruru riki mwina nakon are e tuoaki n te mata ke ni karebweaki n te bai.

Translation/Rairana

Policies and guidelines for the usage of the Moisture Content Meter is based on the Copra Marketing Ordinance to ensure that copra conforms to standards of quality prescribed by the Ordinance which should contain less than 6.5% by weight of moisture. This is a much more reliable measurement of the % moisture content of copra than a simple test of visual inspection and of cracking copra.

By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ177. I kan butia te Minita are tabena, e a bwaka ia ngkai ana kakamwakuri ibukin aia kainano kaawa aika Nabeina ao Kainaba are e bon teimatoa naba ngkai kainanoana ibukin kenakin aia rawa n rororake?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister responsible inform this House the latest progress on the work for the repetitive need of the two villages which are Kainaba and Nabeina on the dredging of their passage?

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

Ae e kakaekaki ngkai te kambwana ni keniken ibukin kenakin rawan Kainaba ma Nabeina.

Translation/Rairana

The process of seeking dredging companies for Kainaba and Nabeina is underway.
