

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Friday 8 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Emil Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ138. E a bwaka iaa ngkai ana waaki te Ministry are tabena iaon karekean te tiim are e na keni rawa ni booti ao kaibuke inanon kaawan Tarawa Teinaieta ake I a tia n tabetabekia inanon Auti n Tei aika a nako?

Translation/Rairana

What is the latest on the team that will dredge up the boat and ship passages for villages in North Tarawa that I requested in previous sittings of the House?

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

Ae e kakaeaki ngkai te Kambana ni keniken ibukin kenakin rawan Kainaba ma Nabeina.

Translation/Rairana

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

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ155. E kona te Minita are tabena n anga ana kamataata teutana bwa e a bwaka iaara ngkai taekan te Pre School ibukin Makin?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned give brief update on the set up process of Makin Pre Schools?

Reply by Hon David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a waaki ngkai butimwaeen bubuti ibukin waakinan te Pre-School

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to say that applications are now open for those who are interested in providing ECCE or Pre-School services.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)

OQ123. Tera ana babaire te Beretitenti ibukin mwamwanagaia ana Minita n nako tinanikun Kiribati n tain ana boowi te Auti aei?

Translation/Rairana

What is Te Beretitenti guidelines for Ministers travelling overseas during the session of this House?

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

Te babaire ibukin mwanangaia Minita n nako tinaniku n tain ana bowi te Maneaba ni Maungatabu e karaoaki iroun Te Beretitenti ni kaineti ma te kainibaire ao norakin riain te mwananga ibukini Kiribati n te tai teuana ma teuana.

Translation/Rairana

Duty travels of Ministers during Parliament meetings are considered very carefully by Te Beretitenti on a case by case basis, taking into account the purpose and benefit or value of the travel to Kiribati in accordance with the External Travel Policy.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)

OQ120. Iai ana motinnano te Tautaeaka ibukin kaboakiia ke karakaan booia taan mwakuri n te Kauntira. E kona te Minita ni kabwarabwara bwa e na waakinaki karaoan aei n ningai?

Translation/Rairana

In the Government manifesto and its stated that employees or Island Councils will be paid by Government or that their salary will increase. Could the Minister explain when will this manifesto start for these employees?

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

Te Tibika, n te tai aio ao e tiku bairean rakan booia Taan Mwakuri n te Kauntira iroun te Kauntira teuana ma teuana.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, at this point in time, the increase of salaries of Councils staff is vested with each Council to decide.

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

OQ186. E kona te Tautaeaka n nora riain manga kaokan tauan mwin bao ni mwamwananga n te kawai iaan te tua nakon te Kauntira ibukin Tarawa Teinainano?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government reconsider giving back the control over Vehicle Registration to the south Tarawa Urban Council?

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

Norana n te tai aio, ao e bon tuai moa kona Te Tautaeaka ni kanakoa tauan mwin bao ni mwamwananga n te kawai nakon TUC.

Translation/Rairana

Currently, Government is not considering the handing over of vehicle registration management to TUC.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ36, Iai nanobuaka ao rotakin aia kareke mwane taan oroben n au abamakoro ae Aranuka iaon kamatoaan te Tua ae te Copra Marketing Ordinance. E kona te Minita ni kabwarabwara bwa e aera ngkai e a tiba kamatoa te Tua aei n te ririki aei?

Translation/Rairana

There is concern of copra cutters on Aranuka of the impact of the revival this year of the neglected Copra Marketing Ordinance on their weekly income. Can I ask the Minister why this Ordinance is just enforced this year?

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

I kan iraorao ma Te Tia Tei mai Aranuka bwa akea te kantaninga bwa e na rotaki aia karekemwane taan oroben i Aranuka ao iaon abamakoro nako iaon kamatoaan te Tua are te Copra Marketing Ordinance. E a kaman kamatoaaki te Tua aei ma a tibwa bon reke raoi mifiin ngkai aika a na kona ni kamatoaa raoi te kainibaire ibukin taraan tamaroan te takataka ibukin kateimatoan ana karekemwane te I-Kiribati.

Translation/Rairana

I want to cooperate with the Honourable MP from Aranuka on the fact that there is no intention to reduce the income of copra cutters on Aranuka, as in other islands, from the enforcement of the Copra Marketing Ordinance in 2017. The Ordinance has always been enforced but this year tools to ensure compliance to copra quality standards are used to maintain copra competitiveness for the sustainability of the income of I-Kiribati.

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)

OQ148. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e na roko n ningai te mwakuri ni katamaroa iaon te kawai ao te marae ni wanikiba n au abamwakoro ae Onotoa?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government inform this House when will the road and airport rehabilitation be carried out on Onotoa?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e Rine bwa ana karikirake te Tautaeaka ae Koorotanakin Kawai ma Marae ni Wanikiba iaon abamwakoro e na roko i Onotoa n te katenua n raun.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Onotoa that Government's Bitumen-sealed Road and Runway for Outer-islands Project will reach Onotoa in the third round.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)

OQ121. E rangi ni korakora kainanoan ana ibuobuoki te Bangke ni Karikirake (DBK) iaon Marakei. E kona te Minita are tabena n tobwa te kanganga aei ao ni karekea temanna ana Agent DBK iaon Marakei n aron are e reke naba nakon abamwakoron Kiribati ake tabeua?

Translation/Rairana

The need for the services of the Development Bank of Kiribati (DBK) in Marakei is required. Could the Minister responsible address this need and allow the appointment of DBK Agent in Marakei just like the other islands?

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

Eng, e tauraoi au Aobiti ni Mwakuri ma te DBK ibukin rinanoan te bubuti aio.

Translation/Rairana

Yes, my Office will work with DBK to consider this request.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ117. Nei Toua Kaitara bon te Tia Reirei ae e tangoaki bwa e na kakatoa te reirei ae Tebonnano Primary School i Tabuaeran are e tuai man reke boona man moan teirakena ni karokoa ngkai. E kona te Minita are tabena ni ibuobuoki nakon te kanganga aei?

Translation/Rairana

Nei Toua Kaitara is a teacher who was hired to assist in teaching at Bonnano Primary School in Tabuaeran, however she has not yet been paid since first recruited till to date. Can the Minister responsible assist in this matter?

Reply by Hon. David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

E a tia ni mwakuriaki aio man au Tabo ni Mwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry has cleared this outstanding payment.

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)

OQ149. E kona te Tautaeaka ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e bon riai tauakin te VAT iaon te Small Grant fund?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government inform this House if it is proper to charge the VAT on the Small Grant Fund?

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

Eng e bon riai tauan te VAT iaon te Small Grant ngkana te bobwai e karaoaki mai irouia bitiniti/kambwana ake a kabaekaki iaan Tuan te VAT (Value Added Tax Act 2013).

Translation/Rairana

Yes, it is proper to charge the VAT on the Small Grant funds if procurement is made through businesses/companies registered for imposition of tax in accordance to the VAT (Value Added Tax Act 2013).

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

OQ185. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa ea bwaka iaa ngkai te mwakuri iaon katean ana umwan reirei Sunrise Primary School are i Temaiku ao e katautauaki bwa ena tia ningai?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister Concerned inform this House the progress of the work on the building of Sunrise Primary School at Temaiku and when is it expected to be completed?

Reply by Hon. David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

I kukurei n kaongoa te Tia Tei mai Tarawa Teinainano ae e rine bwa a tabe ngkai n karaaiaki bwaai n kateitei ibukin karaoan ana umwanreirei Sunrise Primary. Te katautau bwa e na tia te umwanreirei inanon Maati 2018.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from TUC that construction materials are now being mobilized to the school site. Work is scheduled to complete in March 2018.

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ158. E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna bwa iai ana karikirake te Tautaeaka ae e tauraoi ni waaki ngkai iaon karekean taura aika maeu man otan taai ibukin aban nako Kiribati ke akea?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask the Minister concerned whether or not Government has a plan on solar lighting project for implementation throughout Kiribati in near future?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai ana karikirake te Tautaeaka iaon karekean taura aika a maeu man otan taai ibukin aban nako Kiribati are e tabe ngkai ni kamatebwaiaki iroun au Botaki ni Mwakuri n reitaki ma te Kambwana n Tiora (KSEC).

Translation/Rairana

I am glad to advise that a national solar lighting project is in the conceptual stages of development by my Ministry, in collaboration with the Kiribati Solar Energy Co. Ltd.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ38. N bowin te Auti ae e nako n Aokati 2017 ao ea tia te Tautaeaka n anganaki te mwaiti ae \$13.2m rinanon te Manga Kataumwane (No.3) 2016 iaan te Atu ni Kabanemwane ae 02 – Te Mwane ni Karikirake, bwa e na mwanena karaoan te kawai (KRRP) n te ririki 2016. E oti n te boki ni Manga Kataumwane (column 5) kabwarabwaran te Manga Kataumwane anne ae kangai;

“ Te mwaiti aio iai inanona \$12m te provisional advance (tangomwane) ae e na manga kaboaki mwina man ana ikota ni mwane te Tautaeaka bwa ena kaitarai bwakamwane nakon McDow n 2016 imwain kaboan mwina man ana mwane ADB n 2017. Mwane aikai a na kabonganaki n kaatia kanoan te Mwane ni

Karikirake ni karokoa e roko ana mwane ADB n 2017. N te tai are e reke iai mwanen ADB ao ea kaboaki naba mwin te mwane ae te Consolidated Fund.

Au Titiraki: Ea tia te Tautaeaka ni kaboaki mwin te mwane ae te Consolidated Fund ao ningai?

Translation/Rairana

During the August 2017 Parliament meeting Government through its Supplementary Appropriation (No.3) 2016 sought \$13.2m under Head 02 – Local Contribution to Development Fund to finance the Kiribati Road Rehabilitation Project (KRRP) in 2016. In the Notes that accompany the supplementary booklet (column 5) the following was mentioned;

“The amount includes \$12m provisional advance from GoK Reserves to cover the payments to McDow in 2016 prior to the ADB reimbursement in 2017. These funds will be used to top up the Development Fund until the receipt of monies from the ADB in 2017. Once the ADB money is received, the Consolidated Fund will be reimbursed.”

My Question is: Has Government reimbursed the Consolidated Fund with the ADB monies and when?

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

I kukurei n taekinna nakon te Auti aei bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te karaaimwane man ana mwane ADB are e roko nakon te No. 4 nakon te Consolidated Fund n 4 n Ritembwa 2017.

Translation/Rairana

I am happy to advise this House that the reimbursement was made on the 4th December 2017 from the Development Fund to the Consolidated Fund with the ADB monies.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ172. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwaraa bwa tera ana babaaire ibukiia Kauntira ake boni iai naba aia mwakuri are e bwakabwai naba iai?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned explain the government policy in respect of Councillors who are in receipt of wages from another employment?

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

Kauntira ake a tia n rineaki ao ake a mwakuri n ana Kambwana ao ana Botaki ni Mwakuri te Tautaeka a bon aki bwaka nakoioa aia bwakabwai man te Kauntira.

Translation/Rairana

Elected Councilors who work for State Owned Enterprises or Government Ministries and agencies do not receive salaries from the Council.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ53. E kona te Tautaeka n angaa ana ibuobuoki ni karekea temanna ana tia mwakuri te DBK iaon Makin?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government assist in establishing a staff of DBK on the island of Makin?

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

Eng, e tauraoi au Aobiti ni mwakuri ma te DBK ibukin rinanoan te bubuti aio.

Translation/Rairana

Yes, my office will work with DBK to consider this request.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati)

OQ192. Ningai ae katautauaki iai bwa e na tia te Auti ibukin marae ni wanikiba i Kiritimati?

Translation/Rairana

When will airport terminal in Kiritimati be ready for use?

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

Te katautau bwa e na tia inanon Tebetembwa n 2018

Translation/Rairana

The construction is expected to complete in September 2018

By Hon. Emile Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ137. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te kakae ae e tabwanin raoi riki iaon mwaitia ataein Tarawa Teinaieta Maiaki ake a tangira katean te JSS ibukiia?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask the Minister responsible has the research been completed on how many students are required on North Tarawa before a JSS is established there?

Reply by Hon. David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

E kona n manga karaoaki riki ngkana iai kainanoana

Translation/Rairana

It can be done again if there is a need.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (MP Kuria)

OQ175. E maan ni mate te tareboon ao te internet iaon abau ae Kuria. Ni karokoa te tai aei, e tuai naba mani maiu te internet. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara bwa tera ae e riki ao man taraia bwa e na aki manga riki te kaanganga aei, taitaoka?

Translation/Rairana

The internet and telephone connections to my island Kuria had been non-operational for sometime. Up to now the internet connection is still not working. Could the Minister concerned please explain what happened and ensure that the problem does not happen again?

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

E teimatoa n rereke te kanganga n te itoman iaon Kuria man kanganga aika a irekereke ma te iti (power), te toma ma Abemama ao Aranuka, bwain nako te tareboon ao tabeua riki. E na teimatoa au Botaki n Mwakuri n rereitaki ma ATHKL n kataia n katoki kanganga aikai.

Translation/Rairana

The problem with telephone and internet on Kuria is related to a number of factors such as power, microwave link to Abemama and Aranuka, PSTN equipments and others. My Ministry continues to work with ATHKL to ensure that issues are continuously resolved.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati)

OQ196. E nang uarereke te katamaroa nakon te onobwai iaon ana jetty te KPA i Kiritimati, e aera e aki taraki aio?

Translation/Rairana

There was minimal work done on preventive maintenance to KPA jetty in Kiritimati, why was this not properly looked into?

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

E a tia n taraaki mwakuri ni katamaroa aika a kainanoaki n te jetty I Kiritimati ao e na kawaekoaki karaoaia inanon 2018.

Translation/Rairana

Required maintenance has been observed for jetty in Kiritimati and work will be undertaken soon in 2018.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (MP Kuria)

OQ171. E a tia ni kakoauaaki bwa ana kainikatine ben Kuria e aki mwakuri raoi n te aro are e kaan 8 te kilo te rawaawata ae e bua man aia ben taani katine ben n taai nako ngkana a katine. E kona te Minita are tabena n taitaoka noora riain kabooan mwin aia mwane kaain Kuria ake a tia n aonikaiakaki n aia kainikatine are anganaki?

Translation/Rairana

It had been proven that the weighing machine for copra in Kuria is faulty to the extent that those copra cutters who use it to weigh their copra lose almost 8 kilos every time they weigh their copra. Could the Minister concerned please see it fitting for those in Kuria who have been cheated by the weighing machine given to them to be compensated for the money they have lost?

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

I nanokawaki n ongo aei ao ae e waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni karaoa raoi katabwaninan te kakae iaon te rongorongo aio ibukin karaoan babaire iaona.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to learn of this issue and my Ministry is undertaking its investigation into the matter for appropriate decision and action.
