

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Wednesday 2 May, 2018**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ39. Tera bukina e kateirakea temanna mai tianiku ana Manatia n te Mwane KPA?

Translation/Rairana

Why did the Kiribati Port Authority recruit its new Finance Manager from overseas?

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

E karaoa aio KPA bwa e kan eutarake ana finance system nakon ae e tamaroa riki.

Translation/Rairana

KPA recruited an expatriate Finance Manager to improve its finance system to a better level.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MP (Nonouti)

OQ79. E kona te Tautaeka ni karekei mwane ni buoka mai itinaniku are ana kona iai ni kaitarai kaoakin ke karekean EPIRBS (Beacons ni kamaeu) man taabo are a karaoaki ma iai ao man fibwatibwaki nakoia Kauntira iaonnaba ibukin buokaia Taan Akawa.

Translation/Rairana

Can Government seek funding assistance from partners and use these funds to procure EPIRES (lifesaving beacons from suppliers and distribute them to Council of each island for the fisherman's use?

Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai ngkai ana buoka New Zealand rinanon te Kiribati Maritime Safety Education and Awareness Program iaon kabonakoan bwai ni kamaiu n aron te EPIRBs ke PLB n te boo ae materaoi.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform that there is a current assistance by New Zealand through the Maritime Safety Education and Awareness Program in which the EBPIRBs or PLC are sold at an affordable price.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ107. I kan butia te Beretitenti ae karineaki bwa ea bwaka iaa ngkai te kabomwi nakon te Abamwakoro ae Banaba imwin ae urubekeaki n te keniken?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request H.E Te Beretitenti the latest status of Banaba compensation due to damage on Banaba caused by mining?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Ae e bon teimatoa naba ngkai ni waaki te mwakuri ao te kakaee iaon te kabomwi ibukin Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

Work and research is ongoing on the compensation exercise for Banaba.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea North)

OQ94. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa iraua aia sitting allowance kometen te reirei ao e bwaka man nningai?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned inform this House the level of sitting allowance payable to school committee members and the commencement date?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Bon \$10 n temanna te komete ao ti 8 kain te komete ae katauaki ao ti 6 mwaitin te bowi n te ririki.

E moa bwakan aei man 2017 term 1.

Translation/Rairana

It is \$10 for each committee member and only 8 members are catered for and only 6 meetings in a year.

The payment on this started in term 1 2017

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ158. E rawata te fitiraki ao te tangin nano n ana “Copra Cutter Loan Scheme” te Bangke ni Karikirake, DBK bwa a rawata aomata aika aikoa reke buokaia bwa e a bane mwanena. Nna butia te Tautaeka bwa e kona n reitaanako te waaki ni katangomwane ao man kakaea angan buokan te kanganga aio?

Translation/Rairana

There are quite a lot of questions and discontent about the “Copra Cutter Loan Scheme” from DBK and a lot of people are still not yet served from this Scheme. Can the Government continues this Copra Cutter Loan Scheme and assist to the shortage of fund?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Te Tibiika, e tauraoi aobitin te mwane (Ministry of Finance) ni maroro ma te DBK iaon te tabeka aio.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, the Ministry of Finance will discuss the request with DBK.

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ92. N rimwian au fitiraki n taai aika a nako ao I kan manga fitirakina riki te Minita are tabena bwa e na waaki ningai onobwaian reirei aika Nakaa JSS ao Abaewewe Primary School iaon Makin?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned give update as to when the repair and improvement works on Nakaa JSS and Abaewewe Primary School in Makin be carried out?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

I kukurei n kaongoa te Tia Tei temanna mai Makin ae e karineaki bwa karaoan taian onobwai n reirei aika JSS Nakaa ao te Moan Rinan n reirei ae Abaewewe a katautauaki inanon te ririki aei 2018.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Makin that maintenance works on JSS Nakaa and Abaewewe are due for implementation this year 2018.

By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ129. Tera ngkai ana babaire te Tautaeka ibukin tangiran karekean riki temanna aia kauntira kain te kaawa ae Tabiteuea i Tarawaieta?

Translation/Rairana

What is the Government's plan for the need of having one more Councilor for the village of Tabiteuea, Tarawaieta?

Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)

Te speaker, iai te bubuti ae e a tia n roko inanon bain te Chief Electoral Officer ao ae a reitaki ngkai ma te Kauntira n Tarawaieta iaon aei ni kabanina rongorongona imwain ae e wakinaki te kamatebwai iaona.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, a request has been conveyed to the Chief Electoral Officer and they are now in touch with the Eutan Tarawa Council to formalize it before a study is carried out.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ124. Te titiraki ni kan ota bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai ana karikirake te Kauntira n Tabuaeran iaon te Auti ni Irua man nikiran mwanen aia Kaibuke?

Translation/Rairana

I would like to seek clarification on the status of Tabuaeran Guest House project in relation to the remaining funds for its ship?

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

Ae a kabirimwaka mwakurian te karikirake aio au Botaki n Mwakuri ao Botaki ni Mwakuri ake a irekereke ma te itera aio.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry and other relevant Ministries are fast-tracking the implementation of this project.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)

OQ136. N 29th May, 2017 ao a kamwanangaki ana kaimoa te KSSL nako Indonesia bwa ana anaa te kaibuke ae LC Aratobwa. A kakaitau bwa a tobwaaki raoi man moan manangaia ni karokoa rokoa i Indonesia ike a tokara iai MV Aratobwa.

I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa e kona n reitaki nakon ana kambana aio bwa e na tobwa kainanoia Kaimoa aikai n kabwakaan nikiran aia mwane ae e riai n reke irouia ibukin nikiran aia bong ake a tiku iai Indonesia?

Translation/Rairana

On the 29th May, 2017 KSSL Crew left for Indonesia to man and sail LC Aratobwa from Indonesia back to Kiribati. They were very thankful as they were well treated since the day they departed here until they reached Indonesia where they board LC Aratobwa.

I want to ask the Minister responsible if he can liaise with KSSL to assist these Crews to pay their remaining perdiem that the company still owed them for their remaining days in Indonesia?

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

E kakoaua KSSL bwa a bane n tia n bwaka aia mwane kaimoa ibukin tikuia iaon Indonesia.

Translation/Rairana

KSSL confirms that perdiems for Indonesia for the crew have all been paid out.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ119. E korakora tangiran bwai ni mwakuri irouia kaaini Kuria ibukin kaitiakan buakonikai ao kamarauan aontano. E kona te Tautaeka ni ibuobuoki ibukin karekean bwai ni mwakuri aika a nanonaki ikai?

Translation/Rairana

The need for tools to clear bushes and plough the soil is affecting the people in Kuria? Could the Government please assist by providing the tools referred to herein?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo (Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development)

I kukurei n taekinna bwa bon iai ana karikirake te Tautaeka iaon bwai ni mwakuri n ununiki ae iaoni kawaina ni waaki ao are e na kona ni katoamaua te ununiki iaon Kuria ao aban Kiribati ni kabane.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to say that the project for agricultural tools that will soon start will assist with farming needs for the people of Kuria and the rest of the islands.

By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MP (Betio)

OQ153. I kan titirakina te Tautaeka bwa e kanga aron kakoroan bukin reken te booti ao te intin nakoia boboti n akawa ake a tia n tei rabwataia ao ni kinaaki iroun te Tautaeka?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask Government how it plans to achieve the distribution of boats and engines to Fishing Cooperative bodies established and recognised by Government?

Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te tiba iaon te booti ao te intin nakoia kain Betio. Te babaire iaon te tiba e karaoaki nakon mwaitin te uotii (wards), ma tiaki nakon mwaitin te boboti n akawa n aron are e mwaneweaki iroun te Tia Tei ae karineaki mai Betio.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform that the distribution of boat and engine in Betio has been concluded. The distribution policy is based on the number of wards, but not on the number of Fishing Cooperatives bodies as mentioned by the Honorable MP from Betio.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MP (Nonouti)

OQ80. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaumaka te KPA bwa e na waekoa n rinanon riki ana tiati ao man karekea te tiati ae ti tetikina iaon boon karaaian kaako man te kaibuke nakon te uaabu ake a roko mai abatera nako Tarawa?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible urge KPA to review its charges and put in place a uniform charge against the offloading to the port for cargoes shipped from abroad to Tarawa?

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

E tauraoui te Tautaeka n mwakuri ma te KPA iaon te tabeka aio.

Translation/Rairana

Government is prepared to work with KPA on this matter.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ66. A kainanaoaki katean umwantakataka aika a bubura riki iaon abau ae Tabuaeran bwa e na totokoa tokitokin te katine ben man onraken umwantakataka aika ngkai. E kona te Tautaeka n tobwa te kainnano aei?

Translation/Rairana

Construction of bigger copra sheds on my island Tabuaeran is needed to avoid constant interruptions of copra weighing currently experienced due to insufficiency of copra storage. Can Government entertain this need?

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

Aio kaekaan ana titiraki temanna te Tia Tei ae e karineaki mai Tabuaeran. Iai ana babaire te Tautaeaka n kateakin ana auti n takataka Tabuaeran.

Translation/Rairana

This is response to the question by one of the Honourable MP from Tabuaeran. Government has a plan to build a copra shed in Tabuaeran.

By Hon. Emil Willie Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ168. E kona te Tautaeaka aio ni katea te tabo ni kamwaitoro teuana i Abaokoro ibukin nnen aia ika taan akawa ake a mena ni iteran te aba nako aiaki ao n taraia bwa e na kateimatoaki te tabo ni kamwaitoro are i Buariki ibukia kaain te itera are i meang?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned kindly consider installing an ice plant in Abaokoro village in North Tarawa for the needs of the fishermen in the southern part of the island and consider rehabilitating the ice plant located in Buariki village for the use of fishermen in the northern part of the island?

Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

I karautaeaka n taekinna bwa akea moa te babaire ao te kataumwane ibukin katean te auti ni kamaitoro i Abaokoro, ngkai bon iai te auti ni kamaitoro ae tia ni kateaki i Buariki ibukiia taan akawa i Tarawaieta.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to inform that there are no plans and funds available for the installation and construction of a new ice plant in Abaokoro, given there is an operational ice plant in Buariki for the use of fishermen in North Tarawa.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ121. E bon rangi n tabwara karokoan te ran ni mwaneaban Kuria are a maeka iai aoraki i Temwaiku. E kona te Minita are tabena ni katerea bwa tera raoi te kanganga, ao man katerei mwakuri ae karaoi ngkai PUB ibukin buokan te kanganga aei, taitaoka?

Translation/Rairana

The delivery of water to Kuria maneaba in Temwaiku which is being occupied by the hospital patients is a very slow process. Could the Minister responsible explain what the problem is and to state what steps PUB is taking to alleviate this problem?

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

Bon iai kanganga tabeua ake e aitara ma ngaai PUB ni wiiki aika a nako, n aron uaataon te bobwai n te ran ao uruakin taian kaa n ran. Ma, I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia n okira arona ngkai te tiweti aei, ao ni moanibwaiaki taabo ake a rang ni kainnanao te ran, n aron mwaneaban Kuria i Temwaiku.

Translation/Rairana

Lately PUB faced issues, which disrupted its water delivery service, including a spike in demand for the service and the breakdown of water tankers. Things are back to normal now, with communities in dire need of water, such as Kuria maneaba at Temwaiku, being priority.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ105. Na butia te Minita ae tabena bwa e na tei nakon ningai ana Guest House Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Minister concerned, when will the Guest House for Banaba proceed?

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

I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine mai Banaba bwa e na kona n waaki katean ana Auti n Iruwa Banaba ngkana e tauraoi mwanena.

Transaltion/Rairana

I would like to inform the Honorable Member from Banaba that the implementation of Banaba Guest House will start once funding is made available.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ177. E kona te Tautaeka ni karaoa ana kakae iaon Kiritimati bwa tera ana aanga aika ana riai ni karaoaki bwa ana kona n teimatoa ao man aki bua marin taari?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government conduct a research/survey on marine resources in Kiritimati Island in order to provide ways that will sustain its marine resources?

Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Te Tibiika, I kukurei n kaongoa te Auti aei bwa te iango iaon kateimatoan marin taari i Kiritimati ao Kiribati ae tabangaki bon te kantaninga ae e rangi ni kaungaki iroun te Tautaeka, ao anne taben au Tabo ni Mwakuri ae e waaki inanona ngkai.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House that a policy to foster sustainability of the fishery in Kiribati including Kiritimati is encouraged by this Government, and that is the responsibility of my Ministry which already commenced and ongoing.

By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MP (Betio)

OQ154. I kan butiia te Tautaeka, e kona n reke nnen kawaerakean aia booti taan akawa n te aono ae Tetabuki ao Temanoku n uakaan ma te o-n-aoraki?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask Government, can it provide a boat ramp for boats belonging to fishermen at Tetabuki and Temanoku close to the hospital?

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

N taabo ake e tei iai te bono i mataniwiin te aba, riki iaon Betio ma Tarawa Teinainano, ao e kakoauaaki kangangan karuoan ma kaaerakean taian waa ma booti irouia taan bwaibwai. Ibukin aei ao au Botaki ni Mwakuri e butimwaaea te bubuti, ao n tauraoi ni manga rinanon ana tamnei ibukin te bono are e iangoia ibukin aonon Betio aikai ni karina iai te ramp.

Translation/Rairana

Walled coastal areas pose an inconvenience for owners to launch and lift out their canoes and/or boats out of water, especially in South Tarawa. In view of this, my Ministry accepts the request and will improve the seawall design in place for these parts of Betio by incorporating a ramp.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (Tabiteuea South)

OQ159. E taekinna ni bowiin te Maneaba n taai aika a nako te Minita ibukin te Akawa bwa ana Tabo ni Mwakuri e na kakaea moa ma irouia kauntiran abamakoron Kiribati bwa ngkana aaki tangira te kaibuke ae e uarereke ibukin te akawa ao e na rinanoaki ngkanne aia bubuti are a kaman tabetabekakirakei n te Auti aei ibukin tanigran booti ake fibreglass ibukia aia botanaomata. E a tia ni kakaeaki nanon au kauntira i Tabiteuea Maiaki iaon aei?

Translation/Rairana

It was stated in the previous meetings of this Maneaba by the Minister responsible for Fisheries that his Ministry will first find out from the councils that if they do not want the small scale long line fishing vessels project, then their request for fibreglass out board motors for their population which had been constantly raised in this House will be considered. Has my council on Tabiteuea Maiaki been consulted on this?

Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

I kukurei n kaotia bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te maroro iaon aei i Tabiteuea Maiaki.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform that Tabiteuea Maiaki has been consulted.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ111. Nna butia te Minita are tabena bwa ngkana e a tauraoi ana Tia Rabakau ibukin karaoan ana miitin n ran Banaba e kona ni kairia ma ana tiim ae na kataratarai tangke timanti ake a bubura?

Translation/Rairana

If Water Engineer is available to visit Banaba, can I ask the Minister concerned to send a team with his/her expert to conduct a survey on water tanks on the island?

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

Te tiim man au Botaki ni Mwakuri are e na mwananga nako Banaba ni karaoi mitiin ni karao ran, e na tuoi naba tangke ni kawai ake iaon Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

The team that will call at Banaba in the near future to repair the desalination machines will also carry out a survey on the old tanks.
