

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Friday 4 May, 2018**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ130.** E a bwaka iaa mwakurian ana karikirake Tarawa leta ae te Cell and Prison Office are e a wene ni maan n tuai n tia?

**Translation/Rairana**

What is the latest development on the Cell and Prison Office project for Tarawa leta which has not been fully completed yet?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e Rine bwa au Botaki n Mwakuri e tauraoi ni katia te kairikirake aio n te tai are e reke iai manga mwanenakina.

**Translation/Rairana**

I am pleased to inform the Honorable Member that my Ministry is ready to complete the project once supplementary funding is secured.

**By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ114.** Tera ngkai rongorongon kakoroan aia mwengabuaka kabenta ake a mananga nako Tabuaeran ibukin te KERP Project?

**Translation/Rairana**

What is the latest on the outstanding claims for KERP carpenters who had travelled to Tabuaeran?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

Ti tauraoi n butimwaai ao n rinanoi ake a tia n kakoauaaki irovia ake a kaira te mwakuri.

***Translation/Rairana***

We are ready to receive and process claims that have been verified by supervisors.

**By Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua, MP (Abaiang)**

**OQ104.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena, tera aron tibwatibwan aia mwane Ekaretia?

***Translation/Rairana***

May I ask the Minister concerned how is the Church Fund share distribution is calculated for each congregation?

**Reply by Hon. Kourabi Nenem (Vice President & Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)**

Tibwatibwan aia mwane Ekaretia e boni karaoaki man te formula are bwainaki ngkai iaan te kainibaire.

***Translation/Rairana***

The distribution of the Church fund for each congregation is calculated by a formula under the existing policy.

**By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)**

**OQ87.** I kan rimwin au titiraki n te ririki ae e nako, bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai karekean booia Taan Mwakuria te kaibuke ae LC Tioti Kwong are e nikirii kaako n te Aono ni Mainiku n 05/07/2017, ao ni mwakuriana i Teraina e bon tuai man bwaka booia Taan Mwakuri iai. E kona te Tautaeaka are tabena n taraa riki te itera aio ao ni kawaekoa bwakan booia Taan Mwakuria te kaibuke?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to follow up my oral question raised last year on the payment status regarding stevedores' charges on Teraina during the voyage of LC Tioti Kwong made on 05/07/2017 in the Line Islands. Given this payment is still pending, could the Ministry concerned re-visit this claim and expedite this payment please?

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

Te Tia babaire, I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia ni karaoaki kabwakan booia Taan Mwakuri aikai.

***Translation/Rairana***

Speaker, I am pleased to state that labourers' wages have been made.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ127.** Tera mwin aia tutuo Intinia iaon Kamatekinaka Bridge imarenan Abaokoro ma Marenanuka i Tarawa leta?

***Translation/Rairana***

What is the result on the Engineers' survey on Kamatekinaka bridge between Abaokoro and Marenanuka in North Tarawa?

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

E taku ana ribooti te Intinia are e karaoa te tutuo iaon te buriiti ae Kamatekinaka bwa e riai ni karaoaki te onobwai. Aio are e tiku ngkai n tatanninga reken mwanena.

***Translation/Rairana***

The Engineer's survey report on Kamatekinaka Bridge recommends urgent repair. This now awaits the availability of funds.

**By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)**

**OQ131.** E kakoauaki bwa e rikirake te roro are man te kinder nakon te Class 3 iaon te kawa ae Norauaea ao Bainuna. Aia reirei ae Taiti Primary School e a bon rangi n raroa ririannakina irouia riki ngkana iai te kanganga n te bao ae te truck. Tararuakiia naba iaon te bao e matoatoa ao aki rangi n manoraoi iai ngkai bon te truck ae rietata. E kona te Minita are tabena n buoka katokan te kanganga aei ao n katea teuana te reirei ae tii ibukia te roro aei ibukin kaawa aika uoua aikai?

***Translation/Rairana***

In Bainuna and Norauea Marakei the number of children attending school from kindergarden to Class 3 is increasing and is becoming an issue. The Taiti primary school which they attended is very far for commuting especially if the transport is down. Further their safety on the transport is another issue since the truck is too high for them. Could the Minister responsible attend to this need by establishing one school just for this age groups for the two villages?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

Ti tauraoi n butimwaea te reta n kan buokaki iaon te itera aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

We are ready to receive a request letter on the matter.

**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 a Water Engineer is available to visit Banaba, can I ask the Minister concerned to send a team with his/her 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 miitin 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.

**By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)**

**OQ118.** A bon tiku naba ngkai kaain kuria ibukin mwanen aia takataka ake a riai n reke nakoia imwin kakoauaan mwakuri buakan aia kai ni katine ben are a

kabonganaa man Aokati ni karokoa Ritemba n te ririki ae e nako. E kona te Minita are tabena ni katerea bwa e na reke nningai aia mwane, taitaoka?

***Translation/Rairana***

The people in Kuria are still waiting for the funds for their copra which they should have received after confirming that the scale they had been using to weight their copra from August to December last year was defective. Could the Minister concerned state when their monies would be paid, please?

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

I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei mai Kuria ao riki nakoia naake a tia n rotaki, bwa au Botaki n Mwakuri ae mwakuria ngkai ni kabonganai beeba (CPRs) imwin tibwa rekeia ao ake ana ibuobuoki ibukini karekean raoi te mwaiti are e na kabwakaaki mwaneia nakoia ake a tia n rotaki te kanganga aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

I would like to inform MP from Kuria and especially those affected that My Ministry is currently working on those claims following recent receipt of source documents (CPRs) to work out actual total amount payable to those individuals affected.

**By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)**

**OQ122.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaotia bwa mwaitira ngkai ikotan ana Mwane n Tania Kiribati, Taitaoka?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Minister concerned disclose the total amount for Kiribati Reserve Funds, please?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Mwaitin ana mwane n tania (RERF) Kiribati n tokin Maati 2018 bon \$950,841,641.70 ke \$ 950.8 mirion.

Te ware aio are e a tibwauaki imarenaia Fund Managers n te ware ae \$502,874,131.63 (\$502.8m) ibukin BlackRock ao \$447,967,510.07 (\$448.0m) ibukin Northern Trust.

### ***Translation/Rairana***

At the end of March, 2018 the value of RERF was \$950,841,641.70 or \$950.8 million. This amount is divided between Fund Managers BlackRock and Northern Trust at \$502,874,131.63 (\$502.8m) and \$447,967,510.07 (\$448.0m) respectively.

### **By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)**

**OQ138.** I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa iraman kain ana kuura n Neeti ake a tia n anga beebwa n te ririki 2016 ao 2017 ao tera aron tein te kamwakuri ae anganaki ngkai?

### ***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Minister responsible inform this House the number of students Nurses graduated in the year 2016 and 2017 and the type of appointment they are currently given?

### **Reply by Hon. Tauanei Marea (Minister of Health and Medical Services)**

Iai uoua titiraki inanon te titiraki aio ao aikai ngkanne kaekaaia:

- a) Mwaitia Neeti aika a angabeeba n te ririki:
  - n Ritembwa 2016 bon uangaun ma itiman (27)
  - n Ritembwa 2017 bon teningaun ma ruaman (39)
- b) Tein ngkai te kammwakuri ae anganaki n te tai aio bon iaon te kamwakuri ae e tuai raoi matoa ke te temporary appointment.

### ***Translation/Rairana***

There are two questions raised in this single question, and I will response to each accordingly:

- a) The total number of nurses graduated from the KIT/SONH:
  - in December 2016 was 27
  - in December 2017 was 39
- b) The current type of appointment given to the two lots is temporary appointment

### **By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)**

**OQ109.** Iai ana iango te Tautaeka aio ni kamwanemwaneana te botanaomata iaon Banaba ngkai a aki boo ma mwanen te takataka ngkai te karikirake ae te longline bon te karikirake ae e tabangaki?

***Translation/Rairana***

Is there Government plans to initiate cash activity project like longline to Banabans given copra activity has no yield on the island?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e karineaki mai Banaba bwa iai ana babaire te Tautaeaka ae e na waaki inanona ngkai n tobwaa kainanon Banaba n te itera aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Banaba that there is existing plan to assist Banaba in this regard.

**By Hon. David Christopher, MP (Rabi)**

**OQ132.** E kona te Minita are tabena n nora riain katean te ward i Tabiang iaon Banaba?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Hon. Minister concerned consider creating a ward at Tabiang on Banaba?

**Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)**

Te Tibika, e a tia n roko te bubuti aio ironun te Chief Electoral Officer ao e a reitaki ngkai ma te Kauntira ni Banaba ni kabwanina rongorongona.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr. Speaker, a request has been conveyed to the Chief Electoral Officer and she is now in contact with the Banaba Island Council to formalize it.

**By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)**

**OQ135.** E korakora kainanoan te tabo ni karao wii (dental clinic) irouia kain abau ae Betio ngkai e a bon nang raroanako ao ni kabanemane kaeon Nawerewere irouia. I kan butia te Minita bwa ningai te tai are e nang reke aia tabo ni karao wii kain Betio?

***Translation/Rairana***

There is a very high demand for the Dental Clinic service by my constituents as Nawerewere is very far to visit and very costly to them. I want to ask the Minister responsible when will this Dental services for Betio be provided?

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

Iai te babaire ibukin katiaan te onobwai iaon mwakurian te tabo n karaowii are i Betio inanon te ririki aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

Betio Dental Clinic is part of this year's plan for building renovation and construction.

**By Hon. Tangiriki Reete, MP (Betio)**

**OQ139.** Iai ana kataumwane te Tautaeaka n te mwaiti ae \$56, 000 are mena iaan MWYSSA ibukiiataaei ake aki bwaati aia bwii n te ukeuke nakon Koraki 4 ao 6 ao a kakoauaaki bwa a tia ni motirawa (mate) ke a mwauku aia karo. E kona te Minita ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa e bon teimatoa ni kabongana ana buoka aei nakoia ataei ke e a katokia?

***Translation/Rairana***

The Government provides a budget amounting \$56,000 under the MWYSSA which cater for those underprivileged children who do not pass their entrance exams to form 4 and 6 and whose parents are disabled or deceased? Can the Minister inform this House if they continue to use this budget for these students or not?

**Reply by Hon. Kourabi Nenem (Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)**

E teimatoa te Tautaeaka ni kabongana te kataumwane ae mwaitina \$56,000 ibukiiataaein te kauarinan ake a tia ni mate tamaia ke tinaia ke ni mwauku aia karo.

***Translation/Rairana***



Government still continues to use the allocated budget of \$56,000 for secondary school students whose parents are disabled or deceased.

**By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato MP (Onotoa)**

**OQ142.** I tangiria n titirakina te Minita ae e Rine ba n ningai ae na reke iai onean mwin te Neeti n te O-n-aoraki are i Tabuarorae?

**Translation/Rairana**

I want to ask the Honourable Minister when will the replacement for the Nursing Officer at Tabuarorae clinic be made available?

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

Ana neeti Tabuarorae e kantaningaki bwa e na waekoa n roko i Onotoa n te tai ae e aki maan.

**Translation/Rairana**

The nurse who is assigned for Tabuarorae clinic will return and resume duty very soon.

**By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ144.** Ni bowiin te Maneaba ae e nako ao e kamatoa n taekinna te Minita n te Fisheries bwa a tia n reke kambwana uoua ake ana tauraoi ni kaboa ara tiwita. Au titiraki bwa ngkai a tauraoi taani kabooa ara tiwita, iai ana kantaninga te Tautaeaka ni karikirakea boon te tiwita man 80 tianti nakon \$1.00?

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Minister of Fisheries confirmed in last sitting of maneaba that Government had secured two companies who are willing to buy our seaweed. My question is; has these two companies willing to buy our seaweed and does Government intend to raise seaweed price from 80 cent to \$1.00?

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

I nanokawaki ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e karineaki mai Tabuaeran bwa e tuai moa tauraoi ni karakaaki boon te tiwita nakon \$1.00/kg n te tai aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

I regret to inform the Honorable MP from Tabuaeran that at this stage there are no plans to increase the price of seaweed to \$1.00/kg.

**By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ147.** E tuai man waaki makurian bonotan te kawai iaon Kiritimati ake a koauaki bwa e a rang rotaki ngkai ao kariki kanganga nakoia taan bwaibwai n te motokaa. I kan titirakina are tabena, nakon ningai ae ena waaki iai buokan ara kanganga aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

The works on repairing the road of Kiritimati has yet to commence despite the roads being in great disrepair and affecting vehicles owners. I want to ask when will this matter be addressed?

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

Ae e makuriaki tobwan te kanganga aio man Au Tabo ni Mwakuri.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry is currently working on addressing the problem.

**By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)**

**OQ155.** E kona ni kabwarabwara te Tautaeaka ke te Minita are tabena ni kawenea i matan te Maneaba aio bwa ai irawa ngkai ana kaa ma ana bus riki tabeua aika a tia ni kaboaki man PVU?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could Government or the Minister concerned table to the House of Parliament the number of saloon cars, buses and other vehicle bought from Plant and Vehicle Unit (PVU)?

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

Ngkana e nanonaki naba n te titiraki aei mwaitin kaa ake a tangoaki irouia Botaki ni Mwakuri, ao I kukurei n taekinna bwa te mwaiti ae 115 te kaa, ma aekan baao ni mwamwananga riki tabeua, a tia n tangoaki ao/ke ni kabooaki mai iroun PVU man te ririki 2013 ni karokoa Eberi 2018.

***Translation/Rairana***

If the question also refers to vehicles rented by Ministries and other Government agencies under the 'permanent hire' scheme, I am glad to advise that from 2013 up to April 2018, a total of 115 vehicles have been leased and/or bought from PVU.

**By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MP (Betio)**

**OQ149.** I kan butiia te Tautaeaka, e kona n reke te tabo are a na kaawakinaki iai taian beeki ake a nang bane ni kamwawaaki ngkai mairoun te KHC ngkai e korakora kainanoan aio irouia Taan Manman n te beeki?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to ask Government if it can provide a place to keep the pigs that are being removed by the KHC, but are needed by those who domesticate pigs?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Ibukin noran korakoran kainanoan te tabo ni maeka irouia te botanaomata iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio, ao e karautaeaka te Tautaeaka nakoia taan maeka n ana auti te KHC bwa e na moanibwaiaki moa te tabo ibukiin te maeka nakon nneia beeki.

***Translantion/Rairana***

Given the high demand for land for residential purposes on South Tarawa and Betio, Government regrets to inform KHC tenants that demand for land for residential purposes will be accorded priority over the need for land to accommodate pigs

**By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)**

**OQ162.** Ti kaitau n rokon bwaai ni mwakuri iaon Nikunau ibukin te mwakuri ni katamaroa nakon ana marae ni wanikiba Nikunau. A bubuti kain Nikunau bwa ngkana e tia mwakuri ni katamaroa nakon te marae ao imwain kaokan bwaai ni mwakuri mai Nikunau, a kona ni kabonganaaki ni katamaroan taian kawai ao

ni karaoa teuana te marae n butiboro ibukia ataein te reirei, te roronikirake ao te Kauntira?

***Translation/Rairana***

We thank the efforts of those involved who have delivered heavy plant machinery to Nikunau to improve the airfield conditions. When work on the airfield is complete and before the equipment are sent back to Tarawa, is it possible that they be also used to rehabilitate Nikunau roads and construct a new soccer field for the schools and Island Council?

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

E na taraaki angaraoin te bubuti aei ma te Botaki ni Mwakuri ibukin Mwamwananga (MICTTD), are ana karikirake ae te Dash 8 Runway Project ngkai iai abamwakoro imwin Nikunau aika a na manga kakioaki iaan te karikirake aei. Nna reitaki ma te Tia Tei ae e rine iaon aei n te tai ae e riai.

***Translation/Rairana***

Consultation with MICTTD, being the proponent of the Dash 8 Runway project, on how the requests by Nikunau may be addressed is necessary given the schedule for other islands after Nikunau. I will personally liaise with the Hon. MP in due course.

**By Hon. David Christopher, MP (Rabi)**

**OQ133.** The boat harbor are i Banaba e a rangi n ora ngkai ao e a kanaki naba timantin rarikina. E kona te Tautaeka n ibuobuoki ni kananoa nanon te boat harbor ao ni manga karaoia ao ni kamatoaa riki oon rarikina?

***Translation/Rairana***

The boat harbor on Banaba is now very shallow and its concrete walls are in due need of repair. Could the Government assist by deepening the harbor itself and repair and reinforce its walls?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n rinanoa te bubuti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government is ready to consider this request.

**By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)**

**OQ140.** E kona te Minita are tabena n nora kainnanoan ana Intinia ba ena karaaa te kamatebai/kakaei iaon te kotiwei ae Kariawa ngkai e noraki ba a nang bane ni bono n te tano taian tunga ake iai?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could the Minister responsible see the need for an Engineer to carry out a study/survey on Kariawa causeway as the boat passages for such causeway were seen to be blocked with sand?

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

Bon iai ana babaire au Botaki ni Mwakuri ibukin tuoan taian kootiueei ma buriiti ni kabane iaon Kiribati bwa kanoan te Assets Register and Maintenance Information System are ti nang moana kateana. E na moanibwaiaki te tutuo iaon te kootiueei ae Kiriawa ngkai e a kaman tabetabekaki kainnanoana nakon te Auti aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

My Ministry has a plan to gather data on all causeways and bridges in Kiribati as part of the Assets Register and Maintenance Information System currently under development. Kiriawa causeway in Onotoa will be a priority given that the need has long been raised to this House.

**By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)**

**OQ143.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni Kaongoa te mwaneaba aei bwa:

- a) E kaboaki te makuri n onobwai n te kotiwei ke e a ki?
- b) Ngkana e kaboaki ao iraua te rate ae kabonganaki?
- c) Ngkana e aki ao tera bukina?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could the Minister responsible inform this Maneaba the following: -

- a) Is there labour cost for work maintenance of causeway?
- b) If yes what is the rate applied?
- c) If not what is the reason?

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

I kukurei n anga te kamataata iaon te mwakuri n onobwai nakon taian kotiueei n aron aei: -

- a) A kabooaki taani mwakuri ni kabane, ni ikotaki ma ake a kateirakeaki man te abamwakoro rinanon te Kauntira, man Mwanen te Disaster;
- b) E kabonganaaki te rate ae e taabangaki ae \$2.50 n te aoa.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to provide clarification on causeway repair-related matters, as follows: -

- a) All project personnel, including casual labourers from the island recruited through the Council, are paid from the Disaster Fund;
- b) The rate applied is \$2.50 per hour.

**By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ145.** A teimatoa n tuai n bwaka claims iaon te karikirake ae te KERP iaon abau ae Tabuaeran. Au titiraki bwa ana bon bwaka claims aikai ke a na aki?

***Translation/Rairana***

Claims on the KERP project on my island Tabuaeran remain unresolve. My question is, will these claims be paid or not?

**Reply by Hon David Collins (Minister of Education)**

I kukurei n taekinna bwa ana bon nako ake a tia n kakoauaaki irovia taan kaira te mwakuri n te tai arei.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to say that the claims verified by the supervisors at that time will be paid out.

**By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ146.** Tera raoi bukin manangan te Beretitenti nako Kiritimati ao n manga oki naba n te bwakantaai anne ao irava te kabanemwane?

***Translation/Rairana***

What was the purpose of the trip by Te Beretitenti to Kiritimati and back in the afternoon and how much it cost?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Manangau nako Kiritimati inanon Maati 28 bon teniua bukina. Te moan ibukin kaukakin Aobitin tauan mwin kanoan te bong i Kiritimati, te Botaki ni Mwakuri are mena iaan au tararua. E mwanenaki n te karikirake. Te kauoua bon kaekan te kakao man SPC ao bon ibukin kaotan ana kaitau te Tautaeka ao bon kain Kiribati nakon te European Union are manena te karikirake ae te BSRP rinanon ana rabwata Tebetebeke ae te SPC (Secretariat for the Pacific community). Te kateniua bon au maroro iaon baika a kakawaki ma te Minita ae karineaki i Kiritimati.

Katean te aobiti aio e mwanenaki man te karikirake teuana are e mena naba iaan au aobiti ae BSRP Project (Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project). Maitiin te kabanemwane bon \$24,711.00 ibukiia onoman kain au delegation.

***Translation/Rairana***

There were three reasons for my trip to Kiritimati Island on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. First was to open the newly built Meteorological Branch Office funded under the BSRP Project (Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project) managed by my office. Secondly, was to acknowledge and respond to an invitation from project donor European Union through Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC). Thirdly, there were important and urgent matters to talk with Hon. Minister for Line & Phoenix. Total cost is \$24,711.00 for 6 member delegation.

**By Hon. Pinto Katia MP (Makin)**

**OQ156.** N te tai aio ao ai bon ti teuana ngkai ana mwaanga ANZ ae e waaki ngkai ni ibuobuoki, ma te kanganga e a bon aki tau te ibuobuoki. Nna bubutia te Tautaeka bwa iai ana angaa ke ana waaki ae e kona ni ibuobuoki nakon aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

At present, ANZ Bank has only one office operational causing inconvenience to the general public. Can Government provide some assistance to address this issue?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Te Tibiika, te bangke are i Bairiki ngaia ngkai ae e na kaitarai ao n tobwai kainanoia te botanaomata ni irekereke ma te bank ibukiia kain TUC ao BTC.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, the Bairiki branch will provide banking services for TUC and BTC.

**By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (Tab South)**

**OQ160.** Ngkai e a kan tia te auti ibukin te kambana n tareboon ae Ocean Link, ao iai te ingaingana nano irouia kaain Tabiteuea Maiaki ibukin kamanenaan te mobile tareboon. Nningai ngkanne ae e na koro bukin aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

Now that the building that will house the operation of the telephone company Ocean Link is almost completed, there is eagerness for those on Tabiteuea Maiaki for the use of the mobile telephone. When that will become a reality?

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

Ngkana a nakorai babaire iaon ana karikirake Bangken te Aonaba aei ao e kantaningaki ba e na roko te mobile tareboon imwain banen te ririki aei ke n moan te ririki ae e na roko.

***Translation/Rairana***

If all goes well with this World Bank project, deployment of mobile services is expected later this year or early next year.

**By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)**

**OQ161.** Akea moa ngkai ana Court Clerk Nikunau bwa e kaea te kataneiai iaon Tarawa inanon tabeua te namwakaina. I kan tabeka aia bubuti kain au abamakoro bwa ngkai e na maan teutana n akea aia Court Clerk, e kona ni karokoaki temanna mai Tarawa bwa ena ibuobuoki n reitanako taben te Court Clerk ao te Bowi iaon Nikunau ni karokoa e oki man ana kataneiai mai Tarawa?

***Translation/Rairana***



Nikunau Court Clerk is on Tarawa for some training that will last few months. Nothing that the Court Clerk will be away for some time, our people request if someone from Tarawa is sent to Nikunau to assist in performing the Court Clerks' duties and the magistrate's functions temporarily until her return from training in Tarawa?

**Reply by Hon Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)**

Te Tia Babaire, ana mwakuri ao taben te Kiraka n te Kabowi ngkai e mena i Tarawa e na boni karaoaki iroun te Mataniwi n Tia Moti.

Iai kawarakia abamakoro ake iai aia kanganga. Ma e tuai kawaraki Nikunau mai Tarawa ngkai e namakina te Rabwata ni Kabowi bwa akea moa ana kanganga Nikunau ae e a tia n roko inanon baina n te tai aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

Mr Speaker, the functions and duties of the Court Clerk while she is in Tarawa studying will be performed by the Presiding Magistrate.

Outer islands that have issues have been visited. However, a visit from Tarawa to Nikunau has not been carried out, since the Judiciary has not received any complaints or issues from Nikunau.

**By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)**

**OQ163.** A kan ongora kain te mwakoro ae Teirikabutimwainnano man KUC Nikunau iaon Nikunau taekan aia bubuti manenakin karaoan aia maneaba ae e uruaki man te ang maeao inanon rabanen 2015. A moan tabeka aia bubuti aio n rokon ana tiim te Tautaeaka i Nikunau ao n aia kawa n ririki 2016 ae e kairaki iroun te Minita Hon Atarake Natara. Ao te kauoua n tai n aia reta l anganaki bwa na karokoa n ana aobiti Te Beretitenti n wiikin tain te Runga n Tebetemba 2017. Ni kaekan aia bubuti ae l tabekia n te titiraki n te koroboki, ao e karautaeaka te OB ibukin te iremwe ni kaekaana. Ma imwin rinanoana ao iai riki rongorongon aika a kainanoaki mairouia Taan Bubuti ni kaineti ma ana kainibaire te buoka ae kananonaaki, ao iai te reta iaon aio ae na kanakoaki nakoia Taan Bubuti. Tera ngkai rongorongon te bubuti aio n te tai aei?

**Translation/Rairana**

Members of Teirikabutibwainnano community of KUC Nikunau on Nikunau wish to know the update on their request for financial assistance to construct and replace their maneaba which was damaged by strong westerly winds in late 2015. The request was first raised in a question during the visit to their village by

this Government's team led by Hon. Atarake Natara in 2016. And later in their letter I hand carried to OB in September 2017 during the weeks of Te Runga. Lastly as a follow-up, I raised the same in my written question, OB regret the delay in responding and said more information is required in relation to the policy of the fund to be used. May I ask for the update on this request at this time?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Ae e na waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri n katabwanina rongorongon ana maneaba Teriakabutibwainano (Nikumanu, Mwakoro Maiaki) aio inanon wiiki rake aikai ao ni manga waekoa n reitaki n oki nakoia kain te mwakoro ibukin babaire iaon aia maneaba.

**Translation/Rairana**

My office will run full investigation on the issue concerning Teriakabutibwainano maneaba (Nikumanu, Mwakoro Maiaki) in the upcoming weeks and to provide feedback accordingly.

**By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)**

**OQ164.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni kamataata nakon te Maneaba aio bwa ena manga waaki ningai tibwaan taura ake a maiu man taai nakoia kaain au abamakoro ae Betio ake a tuai man reke tibwaia?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could the responsible Minister explain to this Maneaba when will the next distribution of solar light be carried out on my constituency of Betio to those who were left out in the last distribution?

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

Ana ribooti te Komete are e katabeaki ibukin baarongaon tibwatibwaan taura aikai ae iaon kawaina n roko iroun Kaebineti.

**Translation/Rairana**

The Task Force spearheading the distribution of solar lights will submit its report to Cabinet very soon.

**By Hon. Kaure Babo, MP (Maiana)**

**OQ165.** I a kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa bukin tera ngkai e aki te roko ni kanakoaki n te press release man Radio Kiribati taekan te kabuanibwai n MV Tebutiraoi ngke e karokoaki iroun te BPA?

**Translation/Rairana**

I would like to ask the responsible Minister as to why was not the second press release of Boutokaan Te Koaua on the tragic accident of "MV Tebutiraoi" aired on the BPA?

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

Ti karautaeka ibukin aki nakon ana rongorongo Boutokaan Te Koaua iaon Bwanaan Kiribati ao aio e bon reke man te mangaongao n te reitaki bon inanon te BPA.

**Translation/Rairana**

We regret that the press release from Boutokaan Te Koaua was not aired on Radio Kiribati and this was due to miscommunications within the BPA.

**By Hon. Kaure Babo, MP (Maiana)**

**OQ166.** E a tia ranin maniban nako au abamakoro ae Maiana n tuoaki mai Tebikerai n nako Bubutei man teuana mwangan te On-n-Aoraki. Imwin te tutuo ao e oti bwa iai mwaniba aika aki tau nakon te kamanenaaki ibukin te moo ma te kuuka. Tao e bon tau ibukin te uaati ao tao te teboki aroka. I bukin aei ao I rangi karabwarabwa imwin karaoan te tutuo.

N irekereke ma te tutuo aio ao I kan butia ngkanne te Minita are katabeana bwa e a bia ibuobuoki ni karaoa mwin ana tutuo bwa tera ana katamaroa n totokoa te kainano iaon itera aei?

**Translation/Rairana**

Well-water from village wells of Maiana Atoll namely from Tekirai to Bubutei have been tested from the Ministry of Health. From the tests, it is clear that there are some well-water that are not potable even though it may be good for laundry and watering of gardens. I am so grateful for the test conducted.

In connection to this, I want to request the Minister responsible if he can ask his team from the Ministry to take another step after testing as to what measures they may take to ensure that the life-supporting water can be used for drinking and whatnot?

**Reply by Hon. Taunei Marea (Minister of Health & Medical Services)**

I kukurei n taekinna bwa ma imwin te tutuo ao ti tauraoi n ibuobuoki ma ake tabeia te itera aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

I am pleased to inform that after the survey, we stand ready to support and render assistance.

**By Hon. Kaure Babo, MP (Maiana)**

**OQ167.** Motirawaia ara kaimoa man aia kaibuke mai itinaniku bon tokin naba aia karekemanē. Ana waaki te SPMS ma raona ni kamakuri nakoia ara kaimoa aikai ibukin kabouan aia beba ma uarokoan aia taneiai ao rabakauia, e bon manga tiatinaki iai te kaimoa temana ma temanna. Aio i aki wareka aia kabanemwane ni iteran te kantoka nakon te reirei n te MTC, boon marike ma te mooī, ao bon boon aia tutuo ao baikara riki iteran kabanemwane ake a kaitarai iai i nanon te bong teuana ma teuana n tain te kataneiai.

I a tabeka te titiraki aei ma te bubuti ao tekaoriori bwa e bia nora riaina te Minita are tabena bwa ngkai naakai naba taan buoka rereken ana mwane te botanaomata n aia kaoki mwane bwa te allotment ke te remittance, e bia iangoa aei te Minita n karekea ana ibuobuoki iaon te karawawata aei nakon teuare e a tia n taraaki bwa te tia buoka te waaki ao ngkai e a manga riki bwa temanna te tia karawawataaki?

**Translation/Rairana**

The seaman upon his return has income stopped. His training, upgrading and refreshing courses added to his expenses. This does not include bus fares, lunch money, check-up and many other expenses.

I would like to ask the responsible Minister as to what Government has in its plan to help these fine seafarers. Can the Minister give assistance to these people who are now very much in need of?

**Reply by Hon. Ioteba Redfern (Minister of Employment and Human Resources)**

Te Tiibika ae ko Rine, I karabwa te Tia tei ae e Rine temanna mai Maiana n ana titiraki ni kaineti ma tangiran ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeka n buokiia kaimoa ake a oki n motirawa n kaitarai aia kabanemwane n irekereke ma aia kataneiai ao n reirei nte MTC.

Te Tibiika, I karautaeka nakon te Auti ao nakon te tia Tei bwa e tuai moa n tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n karekea kaitaraan aia kabanemwane kaimoa aika a na karaoa aia reirei n te MTC inanon aia tai ni motirawa.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honourable Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member from Maiana for his question in relation to Government's assistance to provide funds to meet returning seafarers' expenses when they undergo training, upgrading and refreshing courses at MTC.

Honourable Speaker, I regrets to advice this House that for now My Ministry is not ready to meet returning seafarers' expenses when undergo training, upgrading and refreshing courses at MTC.

**By Hon. Kirata Temamaka MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ169.** Tera ngkai ana babaire ara Tautaeka iaon ara Kiritimati Atoll JSS umanreirei ngkai e noraki bwa e a rang kainanoa te onobwai?

***Translation/Rairana***

What are the Government's plan on Kiritimati Atoll JSS's classrooms since there is an urgent need for maintenance work?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa e na karaoaki te onobwai nakon Kiritimati Atoll JSS imwin aika a karaoaki ngkai.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to inform this House that maintenance work for Xmas JSS will be done after completion of the current maintenance works.

**By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)**

**OQ170.** I kani butia te Tautaeaka e kona n nora riaina bwa e na karokoa te buoka ae e tawe nakon maneaban Arorae iaon Bairiki, Tarawa are e uruaki naba ana roki imwin naao aika korakora n 2016 ma e tuai man tia niua ngkai?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could Government see the need to facilitate urgent assistance to Arorae maneaba on Bairiki, Tarawa to facilitate completion of the bathroom block which also got destroyed by the strong and high tides in 2016 and remains incomplete to date?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretifenti)**

Tiibika, I kukurei n taekina ba au Botaki n Makuri ea tia n buoka ana kanganga Arorae n banen 2016.

**Translation/Rairana**

Speaker, I am pleased to inform that my Ministry has addressed Arorae's issue, late 2016.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ172.** Iai ana iango te Tautaeaka ibukin karaoan kawain Tarawaieta?

**Translation/Rairana**

Does Government have plans to carry out road rehabilitation for North Tarawa?

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

Eng, iai ana babaire au Botaki ni Mwakuri ibukin katamarooan kawain Tarawaieta imwain rokon te karikirake are te koorotaa.

**Translation/Rairana**

Yes, my Ministry has a plan for temporary road improvement in North Tarawa ahead of the tar-sealing road project.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ173.** I kan butia te Tautaeaka ae n aron ana rabwata ae te Ununiki n rinanon ana ibuobuoki Taiwan Technical Mission ni wakina te kataneiai ao te reirei iaon te ununiki iaon kain amarake n aekaia nako iaon ara abamakoro ae Tarawa ieta. E kona te Minita ni butimaea te bubuti ae?

***Translation/Rairana***

I would like to request the Ministry responsible through Taiwan's Technical Mission for its assistance to conduct a workshop/training on planting crops and vegetables in North Tarawa. Can the Minister responsible accept this request?

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

Bon iai te anga reirei n te ununiki ae e karaoaki n te ririki ae e nako ni karokoa Maati te ririki aio iaon Tarawa i Eta ma 8 taiani botaki n ununiki ao kaawa. Ni kaineti ma te bubuti ae tabekia te Tia Tei ae e karineaki n te tai aio ao e bon tauraoi naba au Aobiti ni butimwaeia koraki ake a kan ira ana training Taiwan Technical Mission are e kakaraoia i Temwaiku iaon te ununiki ao te maniman.

***Translation/Rairana***

There were agriculture training sessions carried out for 8 farming communities and villages on North Tarawa from 2017 to March this year. Furthermore, in response to the request being raised by the Honourable MP, my Office is ready to welcome those interested, to the ongoing training programme on agriculture and livestock being run by Taiwan Technical Mission at Temaiku.

**By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)**

**OQ174.** N taai aika a nako ao iai buokan rooia ataei ake iai aia kanganga ni mwengaia bwa tao e a tia ni mate tamaia ke tinaia ke iai ae e mwauku irouia aia karo. I kan titirakina te Tautaeaka e teimatoa te aeka ni buoka aio ibukia ataein kauarinan ake a kainnanao te buoka aio ke e aki?

***Translation/Rairana***

In the past years, there has been a welfare scheme whereby schools fees of students whose parents have either died or are disables, can be assisted.

I wish to ask Government has it maintained this support scheme for secondary student requiring this welfare package or not?

**Reply by Hon. Kourabi Nenem (Vice President & Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)**

I kukurei ni kaotia nakon te Auti aei bwa e teimatoa te buoka aio nakoia ataein kauarinan ake a tia ni mate tamaia ke tinaia ke iai ae mwauku irouia aia karo.

**Translation/Rairana**

I am pleased to inform this House that Government still maintains support scheme for secondary students whose parents are deceased or disabled.

**By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)**

**OQ175.** A mwaiti taai aika a roko iai kaibuke n au abamwakoro ae Arorae ma uotaia kaako aika a kani bane taiia? I kani butia te Tautaeaka e kona n ibuobuoki n taraia bwa kaako aika a kanakoaki nako aonnaba kaako aika a boou ma n tau ibukin te kabonganaki ao ni kiriaria ni bane taiia?

**Translation/Rairana**

Ships visiting my island Arorae have on many occasions brought to the island cargo many of which are nearing their expiry dates and close to being unfit for consumption. I wish to ask Government could they help ensure that cargo reaching outer islands including my island Arorae in future be fit for consumption and not nearing their expiry dates.

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

Te Tibiika ae ko rine, I kaitaua te Tia Tei ae e rine ma i Arorae n tabekan te titiraki aio ao I kukurei n taekinna bwa e rang tauraoi te Tautaeaka n mwakuria.

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Speaker, I acknowledge Honorable MP from Arorae for raising this question and am pleased to state that Government stands ready to assist.

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

**OQ176.** E kona te Minita ibukin Bitineti, Karaobwai ao Bobooti ni kabwarabwara bwa tera ana babaire ibukin katinean aia ben kaain Kiritimati?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives explain the guideline/policy for copra weighing in Kiritimati?



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

Aio kaekaan ana titiraki te Tia Tei temanna ae karineaki mai Kiritimati,

Bon ti te tikina/titebo babaire ni kabane ibukin katinean been n te Aono n Raina ma Kiribati aika a kabonganaaki ngkai.

***Translation/Rairana***

Guideline and Policy which are used for copra weighing is the same in all Kiribati Islands.

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

**OQ178.** Nna butia te Minita are tabena te reirei, e kona n taraia bwa te motirawa ibukiia ataein te reirei e na moantaai ni karaoaki babaire ibukin baomia bwa ana akea manga te ienikuri ao te rimwi nakon rokoia ao manga nakoia ataein te reirei iaon Kiritimati.?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could I ask the Minister of Education to look into school holidays, and consider well in advance preparations for transport in order to avoid late arrival and departure of students in Kiritimati?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

Bon anne te bwai ae e kakaraoaki ma iaan kanganga tabeua aika a riki inanon te tai ao a riki iremwe n aron are e noraki n tokin 2017 ao moan 2018.

***Translation/Rairana***

That is what we normally do but due to unforeseen circumstances that caused the delay in the process at end of 2017 and beginning of 2018.

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

**OQ179.** E kona te Minita ibukin itoman ni kabwarabwara bwa ningai ae ena toma Kiritimati ma te aonaba man te keboro are e biri iaan taari?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Minister of Communication explain when Kiritimati will be connected with the rest of the world through submarine cables?

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

E katautauaki bwa e na toma Kiritimati n te keboro i nukan te ririki ae 2020.

**Translation/Rairana**

The submarine cable for Kiritimati is expected to land by mid 2020.

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

**OQ180.** E kona te Tautaeaka ni karaoa ana ukeuke iaon bwaai aika kakoauaki bwa ana riai n aki tiute bwa aonga ni buoka maiun te I-Kiribati?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can Government conduct business survey on product or commodities which are believed to be vat exempted in order to improve the wellbeing of Kiribati people?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

E tauraoi aobitin te Botaki ni mwane n rinanon te bubuti aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

The Ministry of Finance is happy to consider this request.

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

**OQ181.** Iai ana iango te Tautaeaka ni manga rinanoi bwaai ake a tiatianaki booia?

**Translation/Rairana**

Does Government have plans to review price controlled commodities?

**Reply by Hon Atarake Nataara (Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives)**

Te Tia Babaire, Eng e bon kona ni karaoaki ngkana e riai ao iai kainanoana.

**Translation/Rairana**

Speaker, Yes it can be reviewed if it is necessary and needed.

**By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati)**

**OQ182.** E kona te Minita n te Aba ni kabwarabwara bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai te riiti ibukin te kamaeka ao bitineti iaon Kiritimati?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can the Minister of Lands explain the status of residential and business lease applications on Kiritimati Island?

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

Te riiti ibukin kamaeka ao bitineti iaon Kiritimati ane e bon waakinaki ao ea tabwanin kataratarakin nimabubua-tenibwi-ma-uoua taabo ni maeka iaon Tabwakea. Nakeke a bon bwaati aia bubuti ae a waakina ngkai karekean te kariaia ibukin aia kateitei ao bon iai 14 mai ibuakoia ake a waakina aia kateitei.

**Translation/Rairana**

Processing of business and residential lease is still ongoing for Kiritimati and survey for 532 plots has already been done for Tabakea. Successful applicants have started processing their building permits and 14 such applicants have started constructing their houses.

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

**OQ183.** Ni moan katean te Atinimarawa, ao iai otaia aomata ae bukin kateana bwa ena buokia kain Temaiku ma Bonriki n onea mwin aia karekemane man kabonakoan te atama ma te tano are e a tia n katokaki anakina ibukin totokoan te kanakinako ao te urubwai nakon te aba. Tera bukina ngkai te Tautaeka eaki kakoroa bukin te kantaninga aio ao e a manga taua te Atinimarawa bwa bon ana karikirake?

**Translation/Rairana**

When the Atinimarawa projects was first established, it was the publics understanding that its purpose was to assist the people of Temaiku and Bonriki to replace their income earned from the selling of gravels and sand that have been banned from collection by government to prevent land erosion. Could

government explain why it did not fulfill the purpose of the project but rather operate it?

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

E tauraoi te Atinimarawa ni waaki ma taan anai tano ao atama i Temaiku ao Bonriki n te tai are e tauraoi iai te tabo ae e kariaiakaki bwa ana katukaki iai taano ma atama (stockpile area).

***Translation/Rairana***

The Atinimarawa is ready to engage with licensed aggregate miners of Temaiku and Bonriki once they identify an approved stockpile area.

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

**OQ184.** E kona te Tautaeaka n rinanoa ana kainibaire ibukin tatauakin te vat iaon tenan small grant?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can Government review its policy on the deduction of vats from small grants?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)**

Te tiati n te VAT e bon kaineti ma te tua ae VAT Act 2013.

***Translation/Rairana***

The VAT charge imposition is in line with the VAT Act 2013.

**By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)**

**OQ185.** Tera ae a tia ni karaoia te Tautaeaka bwa ena kakoaua raoi bwa a bon kamanoaki raoi ara observers inanon karaoan tibwangaia?

***Translation/Rairana***

What has the Government done to ensure the safety of observers when on board the vessel carrying out their duties?

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

Kamanoaia observers inanon karaoan fibwangaia iaon kaibuke n akawa e moanibwaiakaki iroun au Tabo ni Mwakuri ao ane ae kamatoaki rinanon boraraoi ma kaibuke n akawa ake a toka iai ana observers Kiribati.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry attaches great importance to the safety of observers when working on foreign fishing vessels and always take firm measures to ensure their safety through agreements with these vessels.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ186.** Tera ngkai ana babaire te Tautaeka ibukin ana tabo ni karikirake ae Biketawa i Tarawa leta?

***Translation/Rairana***

What is the Government plan on Biketawa Resort in North Tarawa?

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

Babaire ibukin Biketawa a bon tiku ngkai n tatanninga reken te kambwana are e na wakina karikirakean te Otintaai Hotel.

***Translation/Rairana***

Plans for Biketawa are currently awaiting the engagement of the developer of Otintaai Hotel.

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

**OQ187.** N bowin te Maneaba ae e nako ao te Minita ibukin te reirei ni kaekan te titiraki are e tabekaki ibukin katean ana umwanreirei Sunrise Primary School i Temaiku ao e kamatoa n taekinna bwa ena waaki te mwakuri n kateitei ni moan te ririki aio. I kona n butia te Minita are tabena bwa ena kabwarabwara nakon te Auti aei bwa ea bwaka iaa ngkai te mwakuri ni katean te reirei aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

In the last meeting of Parliament the Minister of education in response to a question raised on the building of Sunrise primary school at Temaiku, confirmed that the work on the school would be carried beginning of this year. May I ask the Minister concerned to update this house on the progress of the building of this particular school?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

I kukurei n kaongoa te Auti aei n reitaki ma te Tia Tei temanna ae e rine mai Tarawa Teinainano bwa karaoan ana umwanreirei Sunrise Temwaiku e a waaki ngkai karaoana.

**Translation/Rairana**

I am pleased to inform this House along with the Honourable MP from TUC that the construction of Sunrise Temwanoku new classroom is commencing.

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

**OQ188.** E kona te Tautaeka ni buoka karokoan te iti ibukia Taan Maeka iaon Banraeaba i marenan te aro are te Koaua ao Betty Trading?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can government assist with the installation of electricity for residences residing at Banraeaba between Jehovah Witnesses and Betty Trading?

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

Eng, e tauraoi te Tautaeka, rinanon ana kambwana ae PUB, ni karaoa nanon te bubuti aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

Yes, Government, through its company PUB, is willing to fulfill this request.

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

**OQ189.** E kona n kabwarabwara te Tautaeka ke te Minita are tabena bwa tera ana kainibaire ibukia aoraki ake a kamwanangaki nako tinaniku ibukin aorakia?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could Government or the Minister responsible explain to this House its policy for patients sent on referrals for treatment overseas?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n kabwarabwara te kai ni baire ibukia aoraki ake a kamwanangaaki nako tinaniku ibukin aorakia.

**Translation/Rairana**

Government stands ready to explain the Overseas Referral Policy in regards to patients referred for further treatment overseas.

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

**OQ190.** Ni kaineti ma ana kibunikora te Tautaeka ae akea ae e na katukaki (ke no one left behind), ao I kan butia te Tautaeka aio bwa e kona nora riain katamaroan aia contract Taan Mwakuri n ana tabo ni karikirake ae te Ecofarm are e mena iaan ana tararua ana tabo ni mwakuri ae te Fisherise and Natural Resources?

**Translation/Rairana**

In line with Government's motto to leave no one behind, I would like to request this Government if it could see the need to improve the contract for its workers working at the Ecofarm currently managed by its Ministry of Fisheries and Natural Resources?

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

Te Tibiika, I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei temanna ae e Rine man TUC bwa e tauraoi Au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni manga rinanon aia boraraoi (contract) taan mwakuri n te Eco Farm ao ni katamaroai itera ake a kainanoa te katamaroa nako iai.

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform one of the Honorable MPs from TUC that My Ministry is happy to review the current contract agreement used by Eco-Farms staff with a view to improve areas that needs improvement.

**By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)**

**OQ191.** E kona te Tautaeka ni katiki ana bwaibu n ran ibukin nimaia kain te kawai ae e boou ao bwaibu ni kainako tinaniku ibukin aia kainako tinaniku kain te kawai ae e boou?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can the Government connect the PUB Water pipe to residents of "te Kawai ae e Boou" and also the sewer pipes to residents of the same village?

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

E waaki ngkai te Tautaeka ni babaire ibukin karokoan te ran ni moo i aon Tarawa Teinainano ni kabutaa, ao te "Kawai ae e Boou" e na bon rin inanon te waaki anne. Ibukin katokan te kanganga moa n te tai aei ao iai ana babaire PUB ibukin te Kawai ae e Boou aika iaon kawaia ni waaki. Katikan bwaibun te kainako tinaniku nakon te aono aei e bon tangira moa te kamatebwai ae tabwanin iron PUB, ma botaki riki tabeua ake tabeia aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

Government is planning to improve and extend the water network for full coverage of South Tarawa, with "Te Kawai ae e Boou" community included. PUB is now working on temporary relief measures for the community. A feasibility study is required on the proposed extension of the public sewer to this community.

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

**OQ192.** E kona te Tautaeka aei n nora riain manga rinanoan te Tua iaon kamaunakin am bure ni kakeru ake a tei bwa baerekam n te aobiti ni Bureitiman ibukin buokaia ake a tangiria bwa ana itiaki aia record?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could Government review the Law on the criminal records being kept by the Police to be expunged to assist those who wish to have their records cleared?



**Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)**

Te Tibiika, e tauraoui te Tautaeaka n rinanoi taian Tua, ni ikotaki ma kai ni baire ake a irekereke ma tauan mwiin rekoti ao riki mwiin kaburebure ake a bongata ke ni maan taia.

**Translation/Rairana**

Mr. Speaker, Government is ready to review and modernize our laws and legal policies regarding outdated criminal records.

**By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)**

**OQ193.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa tera ae karika te iremwe nakon karaoan aia bakabwai contract Teachers are a tia n rota aron maiuia Taan Mwakuri aikai ma aia utu?

**Translation/Rairana**

I want to seek the Hon. Minister what has been the cause of the delay in processing the salaries of some of the contract Teachers which has impacted seriously on the livelihood of the staff and their families?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)**

I rang karautaeaka n te bwai ae e riki ma bon iai kawain bwaai ae ngaia ae e kona n karika iremwen reken te bwakabwai.

**Translation/Rairana**

I also feel for those who got affected but there are processes to be followed that may cause the delay in the payments.

**By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ194.** Nakon ningai ae e nang waaki iai katian ara uma n takataka n te KPA yard are e tuai man tia?

**Translation/Rairana**

When will the copra sheds at KPA yards be completed?

**Reply by Hon Atarake Nataara (Minister of Commerce Industry and Cooperative)**

E katautauaki bwa te Auti n takataka n te KPA yard i Kiritimati e na tia imwain Turai te ririki aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

The construction of the copra shed at KPA yard is expected to be completed before July this year.

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