

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Monday 23 April, 2018**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon MP (Tabiteuea North)

OQ15. E waekoa n tangira te mwakuri ae e bubura te marae ni wanikiba are i Takea, Tabiteuea Meang imwin kibakiban te Dash 8 n te tai ae uarereke. E kanakoaki te riburibu are mai mwaina ao ni manga oneaki mwina bon te riburibu naba are n te tai teuana e na manga tangira te ribu ae e boou.

E kona te Tautaeaka ni waekoa ni korotaana te marae ae nanonaki n titiraki bwa e aonga n aki okioki te mwakuri ae bubura iaona?

Translation/Rairana

The runway at Takea, Tabiteuea North needed a large improvement work following a relatively short period of usage by the Dash 8 aircraft. The old mud was removed and replaced yet again with new reef mud.

To avoid repetition of costly maintenance work could Government consider tar sealing the runway in question as early as possible?

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

E katautauaki rokon te karikirake ae koorotaanakin te kawai ma te marae ni wanikiba iaon abamwakoro inanon Turai ke Aokati n te ririki aei, ao Tabiteuea Meang teuana mai buakon aua abamwakoro ake e na moan waaki iai te karikirake aei.

Translation/Rairana

The upgrading of outer-island roads and runways using bitumen is expected to start in July or August 2018, with Tabiteuea North among the first four islands to be covered by the project.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ2. Iai au titiraki inanon Aokati te ririki ae e nako ae I koreia n kaineti ma uruakin te intanete iaon au abamakoro ao I bubuti naba buokan kabwaraan ana tarau te Kauntira nakon ATHKL ma iroun te Tautaeaka. Ni kaekaan au titiraki ao e ti kaekaki are e na kakaeaki angan buokan te uruaki ao akea

mwanewean are buokan kabwaraan te tarau. Ni karokoa ngkai ao e bon tuai man maiu te intanete iaon Beru.

N aron ae e ataaki ngkai ao iai ana waaki te Tautaeka rinanon te rabwata ae te Communications Commission of Kiribati (CCK) ni buoka katamaroan aia intanete kain abamwakoro aika Kuria ma Aranuka. Aio raoi oin au kantaninga naba ngke I mwemweka au titiraki, ma bakaea te aki nora aei te Tautaeka. Ngaia ae nna manga kava riki au titiraki nakon te Tautaeka ngkana e kona naba CCK ni buoka aron manga kamauan ao katamaroan te intanete nakon te Kauntira ni Beru?

Translation/Rairana

I moved a written question in the August 2017 session regarding internet connectivity on my island while at the same time requested Government if it could assist in repaying the outstanding dues with ATHKL. The response to the question emphasized more on the need to restore connectivity with no mention of any repaying the council's dues until now the internet connection still has not been restored.

Government is now understood to be undertaking actions, through the assistance of the Communications Commission of Kiribati (CCK) to restore and improve internet connectivity to the islands of Kuria and Aranuka respectively. This was exactly what I had in mind when I moved the question though Government appears to have been oblivious to the issue. However, I would like to ask Government again, if CCK would be able to render the same assistance of restoring and improving internet connectivity for the Beru island Councils?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n ibuobuoki ma te Kauntira n Beru iaon te kanganga aei.

Translation/Rairana

Government is prepared to work with the island council of Beru to address this issue.

By Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua MP (Abaiang)

OQ13. N na butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kawenea i matan te Auti aei kakoauaan kabwakaan aia mwane Aaro ma n te kataumwane 2018?

Translation/Rairana

May I ask the Minister concerned to provide this House the record of the Church fund already paid to Churches this 2018 financial year?

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

E tauraoi Te Tautaeaka ni kawenea imatan te Auti aei mwin kabwakaan aia mwane Aaro n te kataumwane 2018.

Translation/Rairana

Government is ready to furnish this House with records of the Church fund already paid to Churches for this 2018 financial year.

By Hon. David Christopher MP (Rabi)

QQ5. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e a toki iaa ngkai ana waaki te Tautaeaka ibukin karekean ana wanikiba bwa are e na onea mwin Fiji Airways?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Hon. Minister concerned inform this House the latest development on the purchase of the plane that will provide the service in place of Fiji Airways?

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

E bon teimatoa naba ngkai Air Kiribati n karaoa ana kamatebwai iaon te aeka n wanikiba are e na kabonganaki ibukin te kibakiba nako tinaninukin Kiribati.

Translation/Rairana

Air Kiribati is still analysing options on the type of aircraft to be used for international flights.

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

QQ7. A mwaiti kain Nuotaea i Abaiang aika rotaki n tarikan manibwan te kaawa are e a kariki kainnanaoia kaain te kaawa ibukin tangiran te ran ae e itiaki ibukin teimatoan te marurung. Tera ngkai ae e a tia ni karaoaia te Tautaeaka ni kaitara te kangangna aei?

Translation/Rairana

Brackish to salty well water in most parts of Nuotae village, Abaiang creates shortage of potable water vital for the community's good health. What steps has the Government taken to alleviate this long standing problem?

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

E a kaman waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kaoi mai tinaniku bwain te solar pump are i Nuotaea ao e katautauaki rokon bwaai aikai ni kauouan wiikin Meei n te ririki aei.

Translation/Rairana

Spare parts and materials for the solar water pump at Nuotaea were ordered last year and are expected to arrive in the second week of May 2018.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ23. E na kaokaki n ningai nako Tabuaeran ara reiirei ae MTSS?

Translation/Rairana

When will MTSS be returned to Tabuaeran?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

N te tai aei ao e tuai n tia taekan MTSS bwa e bon waaki naba te mwakuri iaona

Translation/Rairana

The decision on MTSS is not yet final and inspection work is still in progress

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ3. Ni kaekaan au titiraki n te ririki ae e nako iroun te Beretitenti ao e taekinna bwa ana waaki ni karaoaki mwakuri ni mataniwiin te aba ake a konaki i nukan te ririki 2017, riki ni boona n te nei n taoro are Aotukia ao te nei ni bokaboka are i Taboiaki. Akea mwakuri aika a tia ni karaoaki ni karokoa ngkai, ngaia are, tia manga kan ongora riki bwa niningai raoi ae ana waaki kamwakuri aikai?

Translation/Rairana

In response to an oral question last year, Te Beretitenti affirmed that remedial works to patch the eroded coasts of the islands would start by mid 2017, especially on the retaining seawalls of the sea water salt pond at Aotukia and the algae pond at Taboiaki. No works have ever been undertaken, so I would like to ask again when exactly will such works be undertaken?

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

Mwakuri aika a mwaneweaki iroun te Tia Tei ae e Rine a na waakinaki n reken mwaneia.

Translation/Rairana

The works identified by the Honourable MP would be carried out upon availability of funds.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane MP (Tabiteuea South)

OQ25. E ngaara ngkai intinin te kaibuke are kabaaki ngkoa bwa kaibuken kauntiran Tabiteuea Maiaki iaan te karikirake are Kaibuken Abamakoro are e a toki wakinana ngkai?

Translation/Rairana

What had happened to the engine that was initially ordered for the Tabiteuea South Council landing craft vessel made under the outer island vessel project?

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

I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e Rine mai Tabiteuea Maiaki bwa intinin ana kaibuke Tabiteuea Maiaki e a tia ni kabonganaki ibukin MV Butiraoi.

Translation:/Rairana

I would like to inform the Honorable Member from Tab-South that the engines for Tabiteuea South landing craft have been installed on MV Butiraoi.

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

OQ8. E teimatoa n tuai man tia kawain Abaiang ao e bon tuai naba ni moanaki karaoan te marae-ni-wanikiba. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena n ningai ae e na tia iai te kawai ao te marae-ni-wanikiba iaon Abaiang?

Translation/Rairana

The road rehabilitation in incomplete and the airfield repair work is yet to start. May I ask the Minister concerned when will the rehabilitation work on the road and airfield be completed?

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

N aron au kaeka n te Auti ae e nako ao Abaiang e rin inanon te kavoua n raaun n te karikirake ae koorotaanakin kawai ma marae ni wanikiba are e katautauaki ba e na roko i Abaiang n 2019 nakon 2020.

Translation/Rairana

As I had responded to a similar question in the last Parliament, Abaiang is in round 2 of the Bitumen Sealed Road and Runway Project expected in 2019-2020.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon MP (Tabiteuea North)

OQ16. E a tia ni kaota nanoia kaain Tabiteuea Meang te Kauntira bwa kaain te abwamakoro a kainanoa te booti are te fibre glass ma intinna ma tiaki te kaibuke ibukin te Long Line. Iai booti aika a tia n reke nakoia kurubu tabeua ma iai akana a tatanninga kaekaan aia bubuti man te Botaki n Akawa.

I butia ngkanne te Minita are tabena aei n taekinna bwa e konaa te Tautaeka ni kakoroa bukin te bubuti aei?

Translation/Rairana

The Island Council had conveyed the people of Tabiteuea North's preference for fiber glass boats and engine rather than a Long Line vessel. Some groups had indeed been allocated their requests of the boats but there are those still waiting the final decision from the Ministry of Fisheries.

Could the Minister responsible confirm whether Government accepts this request?

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

E tauraoi au Tabo ni Makuri n kakoroa nanon te bubuti aio imwiin tian te karikirake ae e waaki i nanona ngkai te Tautaeaka ae karekean kaibuke n long line aika a tau katuia.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to address this request after the completion of the ongoing medium sized long liners fisheries project.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

OQ31. Te Tia Mwakuri ibukin te karikirake (IPO) ibukin Nonouti e kamwaingaki n te ririki ae e nako ao e tuai man roko onean mwina ni karokoa ngkai.

I kan titiraki bwa bukin tera e karaoaki te kamaing ao akea onean mwina ae karekeaki n te tai ae e waekoa?

Translation/Rairana

The IPO for Nonouti Council was transferred last year to another posting and a replacement has still not been provided until now.

I want to ask why the transfer was made without a replacement being provided shortly after?

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

I karautaeaka n te iremwe are e a tia n riki n aki rokon onean mwiin te IDO ibukin Nonouti n te tai ae e waekoa. Ma e ngae n anne ao I kukurei ni kaongoa Te Tia Tei ae e rine temanna mai Nonouti bwa ae nang roko ana IDO n 21 n Eberi 2018.

Translation/Rairana

I regret for the delay being caused in providing the IDO replacement for Nonouti. However, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Nonouti that the replacement of the IDO will arrive on Nonouti on 21 April 2018.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ32. Ni ngai ae e na roko te karao kawai ao te katamaroa nakon te marae ni wanikiba iaon au abamakoro ae Aranuka?

Translation/Rairana

When will the road upgrading and airfield refurbishing commence on Aranuka?

Reply by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, Minister of Infrastructure & Sustainable Energy

E mena Aranuka n te kaaua n raun ni butin te karikirake ae koorotaanakin kawai ma marae ni wanikiba are e katautauaki inanon 2021 nakon 2022. E kona ni waekoa ke ni waeremwe riki man birimwakan te mwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

Aranuka is in the fourth round of the road and runway tar-sealing project scheduled for 2021 or 2022, maybe earlier or later depending on the implementation pace.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ4. E butimaeaki ao e kariaiakaki au kaoti are I tabekia n Aokati te ririki ae nako bwa e na manga rinanoaki ao ni karakaaki boon te tabe, te uraki kaako, mai aon, ao nako aon, kaibuke ao nnoraki riana ngkana e kona ni mwanenaki man te freight levy fund. I tii kan rimwin te kaoti aei n ongora bwa e a bwaka i a te Tautaeka ma ana kamatebwai ao n ningai ae e na moa iai bwainakin te bitaki aei?

Translation/Rairana

A motion I moved in the August 2017 session was accepted, where the stevedoring rates for the loading and unloading of vessels will be increased and to explore the possibility of funding the increase from the freight levy fund. I just want to follow up by asking Government the latest development on the issue and when is it likely to be implemented.

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

Ae tabe ngkai ni karaoaki te aantua are e na kona n buoka te kanganga are e tabekia te Tia Tei ae e karineaki.

Translation/Rairana

Work is underway on the regulation that will address the issues raised by the Honourable member.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ29. Ni bowin te Auti aei n Tebetemba 2017 ni kaekan te titiraki ni irekereke ma managana nako Tonga iroun te Kauoman ni Beretitenti ao e taku nakon te Auti aio bwa 13,000 mwaitin tangke n ran ae \$2.5m e na karekeaki nakon Kiribati man te kambana mai New Caledonia.

I kan titiraki bwa a na roko ningai tangke aikai i-Kiribati?

Translation/Rairana

In September 2016 meeting of this House te Kauoman ni Beretitenti in answering the question relating to his trip to Tonga said that 13000 water tanks worth \$2.5m will be provided to Kiribati by a company from New Caledonia.

I want to ask, when can we expect these tanks to arrive in Kiribati?

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

Imwin kunean taian kanganga n tangke n ran ake e na bwaintangirai ngkoa te kambwana ae VALE Nouvelle Calédonie ao e a tia te Tautaeaka n aki butimwaaea te anganano aei ao ni bonota mwiina n te mwane ni karikirake ae \$3,500,000.

Translation/Rairana

Government has turned down VALE Nouvelle Calédonie's donation of water tanks after issues with the tanks were discovered, and has since substituted a \$3.5 million tanks procurement development project.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ17. Ni kaekaan au titiraki ni boowin te Auti n te ririki ae e nako, ao e taekinna te Minita Mwamwananga bwa iai kariaikan kaibuken Tuvalu ae "MV Nivanga II" ni uotia batintia rinanon Kiribati n aron are e uotia iai taan takakaro n te runga man abamakoro tabeua ni kaokia nako abaia. E kona ni kaweneaki ngkai imatan te Auti aei beeban kariaikan te kaibuke aei ni uotia batintia rinanon Kiribati?

Translation/Rairana

It was stated in an answer to a question in a session last year by the Hon. Minister of Transport that Tuvalu vessel “ MV Nivanga II” had a valid certificate to carry passengers within Kiribati, as it aid in transporting back some contingents of ‘te runga’ to their home islands. Can that certificate be laid now before this House?

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

E tauraoi n kaweneaki beebwan te kaibuke ae MV Nivanga II n aron are e mwemwe n te tabeka aio.

Translation/Rairana

The certificate can be produced as requested in this question.

By Hon. Teima Onorio MP (Arorae)

OQ11. I kan butia te Tautaeaka e kona ni ibuobuoki ni karekea mani kabwaka onean mwin te boera n akawa iaan te kaawa ae Tamaroa i Arorae are e a bon tibwa bwara nako mani bua rabwatana imwin te ang ma te buaka bon imwin bowin te Maneaba ni Maungatabu ae e nako?

Translation/Rairana

I wish to ask Government could they help provide and deploy a new fad off Tamaroa village, Arorae to replace the FAD that recently got lost during the strong winds and storm shortly after the last Parliament meeting?

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

E tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri n karekea onean mwin te boera n akawa i Tamaroa i Arorae, ao n reitaki ma Arorae n katamaroaa aron te tararua iaon boera aikai.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to help provide and replace the lost fad off Tamaroa village Arorae, and work with Arorae in finding solutions to better maintain these fads.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ19. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa ibukin tera ngkai e a bon rangi ni kanganga aron te kabae ara ma te mwamwananga n Air Kiribati, riki nakon te itera maiaki ao tera ngkai ae e karaoia te Tautaeka ni katoka te kanganga aei?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible inform this House why is it now so difficult to book a flight on Air Kiribati especially to the southern islands, and has Government done to rectify this problem?

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

Te kanganga n irekereke ma te kabae ara e bon reke man aki kiban uowa ana wanikiba Air Kiribati ibukin te mwakuri n tutuo iaoia. Iai te wanikiba are e tangoaki ae ena roko n ibuobuoki iaon te kanganga aio.

Translation/Rairana

The problem related to flight bookings is due to heavy checks currently carried out on two Air Kiribati aircrafts. Air Kiribati is leasing one aircraft to address this issue.

By Hon. Kaure Babo MP (Maiana)

OQ21. I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa e kona ni katereterea nakon te Auti aei te kantaninga ibukiia neetin kaawa iaon abamakoro bwa iai ana baire te Tautaeka aei n karekea aia bwakabwai Taan Tia ibuobuoki aikai?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Honorable Minister responsible explain to this House as to what is the stand of this Government when it comes to having these hard-working medical personnel getting paid?

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

Government stands ready to consider this request as appropriate.

Translation/Rairana

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n rinanoa te tabeka aei nakon riaina.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ18. N reitaki ma babaire ma te moan kamaeka ake a tia ni kariaiakaki, ao imwain ae e a manga rinanoi riki bubuti ibukin te kamaeka iaon Kiritimati, e kona te Tautaeka n rinanoa riki ana babaire bwa ana bon riai n aki kariaiakaki aia bubuti taan mwakuri, bon man te Tautaeka ma ana kambwana nako, ma tabeman riki ake a mwiokoaki bwa ana nako Kiritimati kioina ngke bon ti oin mwanangaia ana nako ni mwakuri inanon te tai ae kimototo ao e bon kabwakaki kantokaia ibukin mwanangaia anne man ana mwane te botannaomata?

Translation/Rairana

Before approving any further land lease applications on Kiritimati and in relation to the applications that have already been approved, can Government review the process to exclude Government, SOE and other officials since their visits are for official purposes only, and that their airfares are paid for from public fund?

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

E na bon teimatoa n uki te kabaeara ibukin te maeka i Kiritimati nakoia kain Kiribati ni kabane, e ngae ngke a mwakuri n te Tautaeka ke aki.

Translation/Rairana

Application for lease in Kiritimati is open to all I-Kiribati, regardless of whether they are public servants or not.

By Hon. David Christopher MP (Rabi)

OQ6. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e na toma n ningai te kawai Biti/Tarawa n ana kaibuke KSSL?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Hon. Minister concerned inform this House when would KSSL service the Fiji/Kiribati shipping route?

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

Te iango ibukin karababan ana tieweti KSSL nakon aban nako Tebebeteke n aron Biti bon teuana mai buakon ana kataratara te kambana. Aei are e na kona n waaki ngkana e taubobonga aron te kambana aio ao n reken naba ana kaibuke ae e na tau ibukin te tieweti aei.

Translation/Rairana

The plan to serve the regional Pacific Islands including Fiji is part of the company's strategic objectives. This will be implemented once the company is in a more financially healthy state and with the appropriate ship in place with the support of Government.
