

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Tuesday 24 April, 2018**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

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 is 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 kauoua n raau 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. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ34. Ngkai e kakoauaki bwa iai ana pre-school te Kauntira n Aranuka aika a tei i nanon Kaawa. Te bubuti ao te kan ongora bwa e kona ni kabwakai boon ritinakin tabo n reirei aikai?

Translation/Rairana

Since Aranuka Island Council has its pre-school in all the villages can the Government consider taking the responsibility of paying land lease where the pre-school located?

Reply by Hon David Collins (Minister of Education)

Te riiti ibukin taian pre-school e bon tiku inanon bain te tia bwaibwai n te reirei.

Translation/Rairana

Lease payment for the pre-schools will continue to remain with early childhood education provider.

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

OQ9. A teimatoa kaain Abaiang n akea te unga-n-nano irouia ibukin karaon te onobwai ke te bobou ni mwengaia ana Tia Mwakuri te Tautaeaka ni irekereke ma uarereken boon baai-ni-kateitei ao mwakuri. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena tera aron butimaeaan te aki-rau-n-nano aei?

Translation/Rairana

Abaiang community remains reluctant to repair and construct local buildings for Government employees claiming the unfair remuneration return on local building materials and labour cost. May I ask the Minister concerned of any plans to address this?

Reply by Hon Kobebe Taitai (Minister of Internal Affairs)

Tibika, e tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri n rinanoa aio.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, My Ministry is ready to look into this.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ1. N reitakiu ma kaekan au titiraki mai iroun te Beretitenti, bwa e na riai ni bane n taubobonga mwakurian te bono, te rawa n roro ma te auti n takataka are i Tebikeriki n te ririki ae e nako. I nanokawaki n taekinna bwa a tuai man tia.

Ngaia are nna manga titiraki riki bwa nningai raoi ae a na bane n tia mwakurian te matabaiawa ma te uman takataka are i Tebikeriki?

Translation/Rairana

In the responses given by Te Beretitenti, that works to rehabilitate the seawall, boat channel and copra shed of Tebikeriki will all be completed last year. I regret to say but that has not been the case.

May I ask Government again when exactly will the rehabilitation works at Tebikeriki wharf including the copra shed be completed?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

E tauraoi te Tautaeaka ni karokoa te ibuobuoki nakon ana kainano Tebikeriki rinanon te karikirake are manenaki n te Disaster Fund.

Translation/Rairana

Government is ready to assist Tebikirei village under Disaster Fund Project.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ51. Kabwakaan boon tangoakin bao n mwamwananga e bon karekea te kanganga ma te aki rau irouia aomata ake a tia n tangoaki aia kaa ke aia rebwerebwe irouia taan mwakuri ake a roko iaon te abamwakoro. E kona te Tautaeaka n waekoa n tobwa te kanganga aio?

Translation/Rairana

Prolonged payment of transport hire has caused unnecessary problems and inconveniences to the people whose truck and/or motorcycles were hired by officials and other government staffs who visited the outer islands on short work assignments. Could Government kindly attend to this problem?

Reply by Hon Kobebe Taitai (Minister of Internal Affairs)

Te Tiibika, e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n reitaki ma Kauntira ni kakai aanga ake a na kona ni katamaroa te itera aio.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, My Ministry is ready to jointly work with Councils to explore possible solutions to improve this issue.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ10. E raka ngkai iaon onoua namakaina n akea ana itabon KPF iaon au abamakoro ae Arorae.

I kan titirakina te Tautaeaka iai ana kantaninga bwa e na manga karekea mani kateirakea temanna te itabon ibukin te KPF n au abamakoro ae Arorae ibukin kaitaraan aia kainnano kain te abamakoro iaon ana service nako te KPF, ni kakoauaana bwa e raroa mani kanganga kaeana Tarawa mai Arorae ibukin te service aikai?

Translation/Rairana

It has been over six months that Arorae has had no KPF Agent on the island.

I wish to ask Government does it have plans to recruit a new KPF Agent on Arorae in order to provide and maintain KPF services much needed by people on the island, seeing the challenges of travelling to Tarawa from down south?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Eang, iai te kantaninga ba e na waekoa ni kateirakeaki te KPF Agent iaon te abamakoro ae Arorae ngkana a tia raoi babaire man ana itera KPF.

Translation/Rairana

Yes, KPF Agent Arorae will be recruited soon when plans are completed.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ33. Te bubuti nakon Te Tautaeaka bwa e kona n noora riain katamaroan te rawa iaan te kaawa ae Baurua ae e ataki n arana ae Rawan Aua ibukin kabebetean otinakoia ao okiia n akawa kain te kawa aei?

Translation/Rairana

Can this Government see the urgent need to improve the sea passage at Baurua Village known as Rawan Aua to ease exit and entry access of fishermen from Baurua Village?

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

E na rinanoaki te bubuti aei iroun au Botaki ni Mwakuri ma rabwata ake a katabeaki ma te karikirake ae te rawa ni booti.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will consider this request in consultation with other 'maritime infrastructure' stakeholders.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (Tabiteuea South)

OQ27. Tera bukin aki kariaiakakiaa n tiku i Kiribati taan kareke rongorongo ake a roko ikai mai tinanikun Kiribati bwa ana kareke rongorongo iaon kabuanibwain "Butiraai" n Tianuare 2018.

Translation/Rairana

What was the reason for not issuing permits in January 2018 to allow overseas news reporters to stay and do their reports on the tragic accident of "Butiraai"?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Aaki anganaki te kariaiakaki ibukina bwa akea beebaia ni kariaiakaki are a na riai ni karekea imwaain riniia i Kiribati.

Translation/Rairana

The permits were not issued as the visitors breached requirements by not applying for a proper permit prior entry into Kiribati.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ50. A kaman tia n roko i Butaritari bwain te karikirake iaon te tareboon are e na waakinaki iroun te kambwana ae te Ocean Link ao te titiraki nakon te Minita ae karineaki ba e na waaki ningai te mwakuri iaon te karikirake aio?

Translation/Rairana

All materials for the Ocean Link mobile telephone project have long arrived in Butaritari and the question now to the Hon Minister responsible is when will the work start on this project?

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

Te kantaninga bwa e na waaki te mwakuri n te namakaina ae e na roko.

Translation/Rairana

Work is anticipated to commence by next month.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ36. E a tia ni karaoaki ao n tauraoi iaon Nikunau te tabo are na kateaki iaona te taua (tower) ao autin bwain te mobile tarebon. N te tai aei ao a rangi ni kainnana n ingainga nanoia kain au abamakoro ae Nikunau n tatanninga rokon te mobile tarebon iaon abaia. E kona te Minita n taekinna bwa e na bon roko bwain te mobile tarebon iaon Nikunau ke e na aki. Ngkana e na bon roko, tera bukina ngkai ea tine ni maan iangoan karokoana bwa ai uoua ngkai te ririki mai imwin rokon te Tautaeaka aio?

Translation/Rairana

A site on Nikunau has already been prepared and ready to accommodate the building and tower for the installation of mobile phone equipment. The people of Nikunau have anxiously but irritably waited so long for the installation of mobile phone on their island. Could Minister responsible state whether mobile phone would ever be installed on Nikunau. If so, why the long delay of more than 2 years now?

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

Ana bon roko bwain te mobile tareboon iaon Nikunau ma iai te iremwe teutana man ana babaire te World Bank.

Translation/Rairana

Mobile phone will be installed in Nikunau even though there are observed delays associated with World Bank processes.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ56. I kona ni butia te Tautaeaka bwa e na anga ana kamataata bwa a bwaka ia ana buoka nakon maneaban Tabuaeran ake a urubeke ao mani bwaka n tain karen te ang ae korakora n ratokin 2015?

Translation/Rairana

May I request Government to give status on assistance offered to Tabuaeran Maneabas, those damaged and destroyed completely by the striking of a very strong wind towards end of 2015?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretifenti)

E na waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri inanon te namakaina aio n reitaki ma te MIA ao te MLPID ibukin wakinan te karikirake aio.

Translation/Rairana

My office initiates discussions with the MIA and MLPID to implementation of the project this month.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (Tabiteuea South)

OQ28. Bonoakin mataniwin te aba ibukin te kanaki ae rangi ni korakora are e a rota ngkai te reirei ae Tebaukie Primary School boni ngaia ana moani karikirake te Kauntira n Tabiteuea Maiaki. Tera bukina ngkai e a rangi ni baenikai karaoakina imwin tian rokon ana tiim te Tautaeka n te reirei aei.

Translation/Rairana

Reclaiming lands at Tebaukie Primary School to try to prevent erosion now occurring at alarming rate has been approved as Tabiteuea Maiaki Council first priority project. What is the reason for the delay of reclaiming work there long after the Government team had visited the said school?

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

E na waaki karaoan bonon te reirei aei n tauraoin mwanena.

Translation/Rairana

Seawall construction for the school awaits funding availability.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ35. Matematen te tareboon ae kabonganaaki ngkai iaon au abamakoro ae Aranuka e a bon tia ni karika te aki raunano. Te titiraki ngkanne bwa ena roko ni ngai i Aranuka te karikirake ae te mobile?

Translation/Rairana

Phone disconnection on Aranuka has been a recurring problem causing a lot of dissatisfaction and frustration to my people. When will the mobile project commence on Aranuka?

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

E na roko te mobile tareboon i Aranuka n te tai are a tia iai karikirake aika a waaki ngkai.

Translation/Rairana

Mobile service will be deployed to Aranuka when current mobile deployment projects are completed.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ30. E a bwaka iaa ana mwakuri te Rabata ni Kakae are e katabeaki iai iaon te kabuanibwai are e riki nakon MV Butiraoi?

Translation/Rairana

How far has the Commission of Enquiry relating to the tragic accident of MV Butiraoi gone into discharging its terms of reference?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Beretitenti)

Te Speaker ae e Rine,

Aikai tabeua rongorongon ana mwakuri te Commission of Inquiry are e katabeaki ma te kanganga are riki nakon MV Butiraoi

- 1) E a tia te Commission ni katabwanina ana bebwa iaon ana approach (kawaina) and strategies (ana aanga) ni kona kakoroa nanon are kantaningaaki iaon mwiokoana n te kanganga ae riki nakon MV Butiraoi.
- 2) Kawai ma aanga aikai ana bon bane ni mwakuriaki inanon teniua (3) te namakaina manna,
- 3) E a tia ngkai rinanoaki ao ni kabwataki ana kataumwane ibukin mwakurian ana work plan mai iroun Cabinet, ibukin wakinan ana mwakuri ni kakae.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker

The Commission's work progress so far and summarized as follows:

- 1) the Commission has already devised its approach and strategies on how best it may accomplish its terms of reference (TOR);
- 2) these approach and strategies have also been translated into a workable, 3 month work-plan; and
- 3) the budget to support the work-plan has also been approved and released for the use of the Commission.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ41. N au tai n tiku iaon au abamakoro i nanon Tianuare n te ririki aio 2018, ao a roko unimwanen Boboti n Takataka man kaawan Aranuka aika Takaeang, Baurua, Buariki Meang ao Maiaki ni kaota nanokawakiiia ngkai e katokaki moa katineakin aia ben ma a tuangaki bwa ana riai moa ni karaoa te kaboware iaon aia takataka. A taekinna naba bwa e bon rawawata mwakurian te takataka n aron katineana ao manga nneakina ao ai barongana inanon te auti n takataka. E kona te Minita are tabena aio n kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e na reke te kanuanga nakoia Boboti iaon Aranuka aika a tia ni karaoa te mwakuri ae e rawawata?

Translation/Rairana

In January 2018 while on my constituency visit a group of old men from all Cooperatives (Copra Agents) on Aranuka raised their concerns when they were told to stop weighing/selling copra as they should do the copra stocking first. I am also told that working with copra is not an easy task especially when it comes to the unpacking and re-packing of copra sacks plus moving them around for piling inside copra shed. Will the Minister responsible inform this House if these copra agent/cooperation can be provided with some form of reward or payment?

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

Te Tia babaire, I kukurei n taekinna bwa bon iai kanuangaia iaon aekakin makuri aikai man te Kiribati Cooperative Development Limited (KCDL).

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, I am pleased to state that there is reward on such type of work provided by the Kiribati Copra Development Limited (KCDL).

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MP (Nikunau)

OQ37. E a bwaka iaa ngkai te kakamwakuri iaon iangoan karokoan te ran ae e mam ni kaawa ao taabo ake a rangi ni kainnanaoaki iaon au abamakoro ae Nikunau ake a tia n tabekaki taekaia n taai aika a nako?

Translation/Rairana

What is the progress and update on the preliminary works carried out on Nikunau to assess the availability of potable water lens for those villages and places that have been raised in the past?

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

Te karikirake ae KIRIWATSAN Mwakoro II e nang waaki iaon Nikunau ni kaawa ao taabo ake a kainnanao te ibuobuoki n te itera aei.

Translation/Rairana

KIRIWATSAN Phase II will soon be implemented in Nikunau to address the need for potable water in vulnerable communities.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MP (Aranuka)

OQ42. E a bongata tabetabekan te rawa ni kaibuke ibukin au abamakoro ae Aranuka. Te titiraki iai noran aio iroun te Tautaeaka ao ningai ae e na waakinna iai ngkai e a ora nanon te rawa ni kaibuke aio?

Translation/Rairana

The need for the boat passage on Aranuka had been repeated raised in this House. When still this boat passage be dredged?

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

Te rawa i Aranuka bon teuana mai buakon karikirake ake a katarataraaki bwa ana mwanenaki man te kataumwane are 70 te mirion. Iaon kawaina ngkai n roko te Tia Rabakau are e na ibuobuoki iaon te karikirake aei.

Translation/Rairana

The boat passage in Aranuka is one of the projects earmarked for the \$70 million Government funding. A technical expert is expected soon, to assist with this project.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (Tabiteuea South)

OQ26. Tera bukin katokakiaa buure ake a kawakinaki n te karabuti bwa a nang aki karaobwai ao ni kabonakoi man te karabuti ibukin buokan maeuia aia utu inanon aia tai ni kabureaki?

Translation/Rairana

What is the reason for denying prisoners the only means of supporting their families of selling things they made by hands while being incarcerated?

Reply by Hon Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)

Aio are e kaineti ma te katamaroa nakon aron kawakinaia Taani Kaetaki, ngkai a bon karinaki bwa iai aia bure ma aki kantaningaki bwa ana katei bitineti.

Translation/Rairana

This is part of Correctional Services reform to the way In-mates are confined, as they are in custody to serve their sentence but not to set up private business.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea North)

OQ14. E ribotinaki bwa e mwakoroua rabwatan "MV Butiraoi" n te Kaabong 18 Tianuare, 2018 ike a kabuanibwai maiuia bwatintia ma kaimoa n te aro ae e kananokawaki. E mwaiti ibuakoia bwatintia Aine ma Ataei. Akea rabwatan te Minita ibukin te mwamwananga n te tai anne bwa e kibakiba i finanikun Kiribati.

E kona ni kabwarabwaraa te Minita ae karineaki, bwa bukin tera e aki kakimototoa mwanangana anne ngkai e a reke te kabuanibwai ma iai?

Translation/Rairana

It was reported that "MV Butiraoi" broke in half on Thursday 18 January, 2018 in a tragic accident which caused the loss of lives of most of the crew and passengers amongst whom were many Women and Children. The Minister responsible for Communication was away on overseas travel at the time.

Could the Honourable Minister explain why he failed to cut short his trip because of this tragic accident?

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

I aki noora riain okiu ngkai a bon kona n karaoa tabeia kain au aobiti iaan ana kairiri te Beretitenti.

Translation/Rairana

I did not see any reason why I needed to cut short my trip as officers from my Ministry are fully capable of carrying out their respective duties under the leadership of Te Beretitenti.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ12. E kona n nora riaina te Tautaeaka bwa e na karaka riki boon te rau are e kabonganaki ibukin te mwakuri n onobwai n ana auti te Tautaeaka iaon abamakoro nako, man ae kaboaki iai ngkai ae \$1 n tebana te rau?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government see the need to increase the cost of thatch used for the maintenance of Government quarters on the outer islands from its current price of \$1 per thatch?

Reply by Hon Kobebe Taitai (Minister of Internal Affairs)

Te Tibiika, e tauraoi Au Tabo ni Mwakuri n nora aio.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, My Ministry is ready to look into this.
