

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Monday 20 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. David Christopher, MM (Rabi)

OQ2. Kabanean te rongorongoa ae e reke man Bowiin te Maneaba n Ritembwa 2017 bwa aongkoa e na karaoaki te kataratara ao mwina te kataubo ibukin te karikirake are karaoan te marae ni wanikiba iaon Banaba. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoraea te Maneaba aei bwa e a toki iaa ngkai te karikirake aei?

Translation/Rairana

The last information gathered during the Maneaba meeting in December 2017 was that the land survey was to be completed and costing made out on the construction of the airport on Banaba. Could the Hon. Minister concerned kindly inform this Maneaba what is the latest development on this project?

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

E tabe ngkai ni kakaekaki mwanenakin te karikirake aio.

Translation/Rairana

We are seeking funding assistance for this project.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MM (Tabiteuea Maiaki)

OQ46. E a kaman tia te auti are e kateaki ibukin te mobile tareboon iaon Tabiteuea Maiaki. Tera ae e a tataningaaki ngkai ibukin kammwakuran te mobile tareboon are e a rangi ni maan tataningakina?

Translation/Rairana

The building to house the operations of the mobile telephone on Tabiteuea Maiaki had long been completed. What has caused the delay to connect Tabiteuea Maiaki with the much awaited mobile telephone?

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

The iremwe e irekereke ma aron babairean wakin ana karikirake te World Bank.

Translation/Rairana

The delay is caused by the World Bank bidding process in general.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)

OQ5. Ni maten temanna kaain te utu ao bon taben te Utu anne tabeakinan karinan taekan te mate anne, n aobitin tauan mwin bung, mare ao mate. Ni mateia ae kaniia te bubua te aomata ni kabuanibwain Butiraoi, antai tabena bwa e na karina taekan mateia te koraki akanne n te aobiti ni bung ao ni mate?

Translation/Rairana

When a family member dies, the family will normally take responsibility of registering the death in the Government registry. In the case of nearly hundred people who died in the Tebutiraoi accident, who is responsible for registering the deaths of those people?

Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe (Ministry of Justice)

Te Tua ibukin Tauan Mwiin Bung, Mate ao Maare e aki katerea aron tauani mwiiia maate aika a mwaiti n aron ane e reke n te MV Butiraoi, ma e katerea bwa bon taben te utu are iai aia mate bwa ana karina rongorongon aia mate.

Translation/Rairana

The Birth, Death and Marriage Registration Ordinance, does not provide for mass death registration, however, it is clear that registration of death is the responsibility of the deceased's family member.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ6. N na butia te Tautaeaka ae e karineaki, e kona ni kariaia ana kaibuke Long Line Banaba ngkana e roko bwa e na katekeraoaki ao man aranaki iaon Banaba?

I want to request the Government if it can approve the celebration and naming of Banaba Long Line vessel on Banaba?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n rinanon te bubuti aio ni kaineti ma te kainibaire ibukin kaibuke aikai. Ibukin te ara, e na riai n tauraoi imwain rokon te kaibuke.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to consider this request in line with Government's Policy on the three vessels. For the naming of the vessel, proposed names must be finalized prior to the delivery of the vessel.

By Hon Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)

OQ3. Teuana te bwai ae karaoia te Tautaeka aio ngke e roko, bon tiainakin boraraoi ibukin te kibakiba ma aba tabeua n Tebetebeke ao itinanikun Tebetebeke. I tangiria n titiraki, bwa antai aba akanne?

Translation/Rairana

One of the things this Government did when it came to office, it signed air service agreements with a number of countries in the region and beyond. I want to ask, what are those countries?

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

Aikai araia aba aika iai ara ASA ma ngaia:

1. Solomon
2. Australia
3. New Zealand
4. Papua New Guinea
5. Singapore
6. Dubai

Translation/Rairana

Countries that have ASA with Kiribati are as follow:

1. Solomon
2. Australia
3. New Zealand
4. Papua New Guinea

5. Singapore
6. Dubai

By Hon. England Iuta, MM (Beru)

OQ11. N te ririki ae e nako ao iai te tutuo ae e karaoaki i Beru irouia ataei iaon te buroo man te tiim teuana ae e kairaki iroun te Taokita temanna mai Tarawa. Ataei ake a kuneaki bwa iai aorakin buroia, n aron baireana ana mananga ni kaea te tiim n tutuo teuana mai itinaniku are e na karoko n te On-aoraki i Tabiteuea Meang inanon Maati te ririki aei, ni kamatoai mwin tutuo ao ni bwai n aorakiaki, ke tao ni koreaki. N rokon te tiim mai tinaniku aei inanon Maati n aron are kantaningaki, ao bon akea naba temanna mai ibuakoia ataei ake aoraki mai Beru ae nako ni kaea te tiim aei n rokona ikekei.

Akea te karautaeka, ke te kamataata man te onnaoraki, ae e roko nakoia aia karo ataei aikai iaon te bwai ae e a tia n riki, ngaia are e kona te Tautaeka ni kabwarabwara bwa ea kanga ni kona n reke te mwakuri ae e aki raoiroi aei?

Translation/Rairana

Last year, a pediatric clinic led by a Doctor from TCH was conducted on Beru to check on the heart conditions of children. Of the several cases that were diagnosed, arrangements were made for further referral to an overseas heart medical team that was supposed to visit the hospital in Tabiteuea North in March of this year. When this overseas medical team visited in March, not even one single patient from Beru was sent to meet the team for further checks.

No explanations have ever been provided by MHMS to the parents of these sick children on why this could have happened, so can Government please explain the blunder?

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

I rang karautaeka n te bwai ae e riki ma oin te kanganga bon aki kiban wanikiba ao ngke e a manga waaki te kiba ao ai bon aia tai n okirikaaki nako Tarawa kain te tiim ma I kakoaua bwa iai aia bwain n aoraki ae a toka iaona man te tai arei

Translation/Rairana

I truly apologise for what happened but the issue was due to cancellation of flights and when flights resumed it was the week for the team to return to

Tarawa but then I believe that they have been on medication since that time of diagnosis.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MM (Tabuaeran)

OQ13. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na nako n ningai te riiti ni kamaeka iaon Tabuaeran?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned inform this Maneaba when will the Resettlement Lease Scheme be carried out on Tabuaeran?

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

E katautauaki waakinan aio i Tabuaeran n tian raoi barongan aontano i Kiritimati.

Translation/Rairana

It's expected that resettlement scheme in Tabuaeran will start once the layout planning and surveying in Kiritimati Islands is completed.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ8. Nna rimoa ni kaitaua te Tautaeka ibukin karaoan te Miitin n ran ae e kakoauaki ngkai bwa ea maiu ngkai, e kona te Tautaeka ni karaoi tangke timanti aika a bubura bwa nnen te ran iaon Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I want to firstly thank the Government for repairing the desalination plant which is believed to be operated now. Can this Government start repairing big concrete water tanks as water reservoir for Banaba?

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

E a tia au Botaki ni Mwakuri, inanon Tuun n te ririki aei, ni karaoa ana tutuo nakon tangke timanti ake iaon Banaba ao e kuneaki ba a raran ao a kainnanao te buraatita. E katukaki te mwioko iron te Water Technician iaon te abamwakoro ba e na kabonganai nikiran timanti ake a roko mai Tarawa ao ni katiaa te katamaroa nakon tangke aikai. E tataningaki ngkai rokon ana ribooti te Water Technician iaon aei.

Translation/Rairana

In June 2018, my Ministry carried out a survey on the concrete water tanks on Banaba and found that they were leaking heavily. A re-plaster was recommended where the Island Water Technician would use the remaining cement sent from Tarawa to finish the work and report to his superiors at MISE.

By Hon. England Iuta, MM (Beru)

OQ23. E kona ni kamatoa te Tautaeaka bwa nakon ningai ae e na kantaningaki iai karokoan te tareboon iaon Beru ao te kambwana raa ae e a tia ni katebenakoaki bwa e na kamwakuria?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government confirm when is the mobile roll out expected in Beru and has an operator been selected?

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

E na waaki karokoan te mobile iaon Beru ngkana e tauraoi mwanen te karikirake aio. E bon tuai reke ngkai te operator.

Translation/Rairana

Mobile rollout to Beru will commence as soon as funding is available. The operator has not been identified.

By Hon. Shiufung Jong, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ24. Aio teuana naba mai ibuakon au titiraki are e aki reke mwemwe n bowin te Maneaba ae e nako n irekereke ma butiakin te Tautaeaka ngkana e kona n nora riain katamaroan aia contract Taan Mwakuri n ana tabo ni karikirake ae te Ecofarm ao n kaekaan au titiraki aio ao e kukurei n taekinna te Minitita are tabena bwa e tauraoi ana Tabo ni Mwakuri are e tararua te Ecofarm ni manga rinanon aia boraraoi Taan Mwakuri aikai ao ni katamaroai itera ake a kainnanao te katamaroa.

N na butia te Minitita are tabena ngkana e kona ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai mwakurian te katamaroa nakon aia boraraoi Taan Mwakuri aikai?

Translation/Rairana

This is one of my questions that was not raised in the last meeting of Maneaba Ni Maungatabu where Government was requested if it could see the need to review and improve the contract for its workers at Ecofarm and in response to this particular question the responsible Minister was pleased to inform this Maneaba that its Ministry was happy to review the current contract agreement used by Ecofarm staff with a view to improve areas that would need improvement.

May I request the Minister concerned to update this Maneaba on what has been done so far on the review of the Ecofarm Staffs' contract agreement?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te mwakuri ni katamaroa nakon aio ibukiia Taan Mwakuri n te Eco Farm inanon March n te ririki ae nako (2017)

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform this Maneaba that Government has reviewed and improved the contract of Eco Farm workers last year (2017) in March.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ10. N na butia te Tautaeaka aio, e kona n karina Banaba bwa teuana te Marine Protected Area n aiaron ae e karaoaki nakon Te PIPA?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Government, can it include Banaba as a Marine Protected Area as done to the PIPA?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeaka rinanon au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni ibuobuoki nakon te tabeka aio.

Translation/Rairana

Government through My Ministry is ready to assist with this request.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MM (Tabuaeran)

OQ15. I kona ni butia te Minita are mwiokoana aio bwa e na kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na waaki nningai kanakoraoan te Itoman ibukin abara ae Tabuaeran?

Translation/Rairana

May I request the responsible Minister to notify this Maneaba when Communication upgrading is to commence for Tabuaeran?

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

E tuai tia raoi babaire bwa e na waaki ningai te karikirake aio, bwa ae e tabe ngkai au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni kakaea mwanenakina.

Translation/Rairana

The project's starting date has not been finalized however, My Ministry is currently seeking funds for it.

By Hon. Shiufung Jong, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ26. Ni bowin te Maneaba ni Maungatabu ae e nako ao iai au titiraki are e aki reke mwemwena ae e kangai taekana;

Ni moan katean te Atinimarawa, ao iai otaia aomata ae bukin kateana bwa e na buokia kaain Temaiku ma Bonriki n onea mwiin aia karekemwane man kabonakoan te atama ma te tano are e a tia ni katokaki anaakina ibukin totokoan te kanakinako ao te urubwai nakon te aba. Tera bukina ngkai te Tautaeaka e aki kakoroa bukin te kantaninga aio ao e a manga taua te Atinimarawa bwa ana karikirake?

Ni kaekaan au titiraki anne iron Te Tautaeaka ao e taekinna ae te Atinimarawa e tauraoi ni waaki ma Taan anai tano ao atama i Temaiku ao Bonriki an te tai are e tauraoi iai te tabo ae e kariaiakaki bwa ana katukaki iai taano ma atama (stockpile).

E kona te Tautaeaka n kabwarabwara raoi bwa tera ae nanonna n ana kaeka aio?

Translation/Rairana

In the last meeting of Maneaba Ni Maungatabu I have a question that was not raised which reads as follows:

When the Atinimarawa projects was first established, it was the public 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?

In response to my question Government explained that the Atinimarawa is ready to engage with licensed aggregate of Temaiku and Bonriki once they identify an approved stockpile area?

Can Government explain what it meant in its response?

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

Ni kaekaan ana titiraki te Tia Tei ae e karineaki temanna man TUC, ao I kani kaeta te ota ke oin te kantaninga ibukin kateakin te Atinimarawa. E kateaki te Atinimarawa bwa e na tabeakina anakin te tano ao atama n te aro ae e na aki urubwai nakon tein te aba ma te otanibwanin, ma tiaki ibukin kakaean onean mwiin te karekemwane n aron ae taekinna te Tia Tei ae e karineaki man TUC.

Translation/Rairana

In responding to the question raised by one of the Members from TUC, I am inclined to correct the understanding on the purpose of establishing the Atinimarawa. The primary purpose is for the Atinimarawa to carry out beach and gravel mining in an environmentally friendly and sustainable manner that is not destructive to land and the environment, but not to provide alternate income generation options as mentioned by the MP from TUC.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MM (Butaritari)

OQ31. E kona te Tautaeka n nora riain karekean te bao ae e bon tau tamaroana ibukin taian Medical HQs iaon abamwakoro ibukin baoia aoraki?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government see the need to provide all Medical HQs on outer islands with suitable three-wheeled motorized vehicle transport for admitted patients?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki n Mwakuri n rinanoa te bubuti aei.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to consider this request.

By Hon. Teimwa Onorio, MM (Arorae)

OQ35. A ingainga nanoia kaain Arorae n tatanninga katomaan te tareboon te mobile nako Arorae. Ni kaekaan au titiraki n Ritembwa 2017 bwa e na toma n ningai te mobile ao e kaeka te Tautaeaka bwa e katautauaki n te ririki aio.

I kan titiraki bwa e a bwaka ia ngkai ana waaki te Tautaeaka iaon karokoan te mobile nakon au abamwakoro ae Arorae?

Translation/Rairana

The people of Arorae are anxiously waiting for the connection of mobile to their island. In reply to my question in December 2017 on this matter, Government in their reply stated that they expect mobile connection to my island some time this year.

I want to ask, what is the update from Government on mobile connection to my island Arorae?

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

E a tia ngkai n tiainaaki te boraraoi ma ATHKL are e na waakina te karikirake aio ao te kantanninga bwa e nang waaki ngkai n otani bwain te mobile ibukia abamakoro ake a reke ian te karikirake aei.

Translation/Rairana

The contract with ATHKL for this project has been signed and this selected operator is now expected to start placing its order of equipments for the mobile rollout.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MM (Tabuaeran)

OQ14. E rangi ni kainnаноaki te karao kawai iaon Tabuaeran. I kona ni butia te Minita are tabena bwa na kaongoa te Maneaba aio be na waaki nningai?

Translation/Rairana

Road maintenance on Tabuaeran is badly needed. May I request the responsible Minister to notify this Maneaba when will it start?

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

E na waaki te Karikirake ae Koorotaanakin Kawai ma Marae ni Wanikiba iaon Abamwakoro man ra-banen te ririki aei, ao e katautauaki rokona i Tabuaeran n 2023.

Translation/Rairana

The tar-sealing of roads and airstrips in the outer-islands will start towards the end of this year and expected to reach Fanning Island by 2023.

By Hon. Shiufung Jong, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ44. E kona te Tautaeka n nora riain katean speed bumps riki tabeua i marenan Banraeaba ma Teoraereke?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government see the need to build more speed bumps between Banraeaba and Teoraereke?

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

E bon tiku naba ngkai te Highway n tatanninga ana kaeka TUC iaon aio.

Translation/Rairana

The Highway is still waiting TUC's reply on this proposal.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ9. N na butia te Tautaeka aio, iai ana iango ni kamwanemwaneia ana botannaomata Banaba ae aki boo ma mwanen te ben?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Government, if it has plans to generate cash inflow to the Banaban people that do not benefit from coconut?

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

Iai ana iango te Tautaeaka ni ibuobuoki ibukin karekean aia anga ni karekemwane kain Banaba.

Translation/Rairana

Government has plans to assist people in Banaba with income generating activities.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MM (Makin)

OQ28. E kona te Tautaeaka aio ni kakaea angan katamaroan riki te reitaki ma Air Kiribati limited imwin te tai ao n te weekend taiaoka?

Translation/Rairana

Can this Government find ways of addressing better communication with Air Kiribati Limited after working hours and weekends as well?

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

E na kakaeaki angan katamaroan te itera aio.

Translation/Rairana

Work towards improving this will be explored.
