

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

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

By Hon. David Christopher, MM (Rabi)

OQ1. Iaan ana Motinnano te Tautaeka ngkai, ae a tia ni kariaiakaki ataei ake a bwaati aia koraki 7 bwa a na reke aia scholarship. I a tabeka te bubuti nakon te Minita are tabena ao bon nakon naba te Tautaeka ngkana e kona ni kaabwaka riki ana Motinnano ao ni mwaneia naba iai ataein Banaba aika a maeka ao n reirei ngkai iaon Biti?

Translation/Rairana

Under the current Government policy, students who had passed F7 examination are granted scholarships. I kindly request the Hon. Minister concerned and the Government if they could extend their policy to also include Banaban students who reside and attend schools in Fiji?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Tia Babaire, e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n kamatebwaia te bubuti aio ibukin rinanoana.

Translation/Rairana

Honourable Speaker, my Ministry stands ready to review the request for consideration.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ7. A mwaiti kaain Banaba ae a mate bwa aki oa te On-aoraki i Tarawa. N na butia te Tautaeka aio, e kona n nora riain karekean boon te marae ni wanikiba iaon Banaba man karinaki inanon te kataumwane ibukin 2019?

Translation/Rairana

A lots of Banaban people have died due to no emergency transport to Tarawa. I want to request the Government can it fund the air-field project and include such funding in the 2019 budget?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Te Tibiika ae ko rine, e na tauraoi n kakaea angan manenakinan te marae iaon Banaba, te Tautaeka.

Translation/Rairana

Honourable Speaker, the Government is ready to explore potential funding sources for the airport on Banaba.

By Hon. James Taom, MM (Makin)

OQ64. E kona te Minita are tabena n ibuobuoki ni karekean ana tabo ke ana kateitei teuana iaon Betio n uakaan ma te uaabu, are a na kona n tiaburiiti iai ke n tangoia botaki ni kaibuke aika waaki ngkai aika tiaki ana bwai te Tautaeka?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible assist to provide small plot of land or a suitable building complex close to the Betio port, that can be subleased or rented respectively by private shipping lines?

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

E na rinanoa te tabeka aio te Tautaeka n reitaki ma aron kabonganaan ao babairean aontano i Betio.

Translation/Rairana

Government will review the request raised in accordance with General land use plan in Betio.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MM (Tabiteuea Maiaki)

OQ48. E a tia n tabekaki nakon te Tautaeka n te Maneaba aei te fitiraki ibukin kani buokaia bangken Kaawa man te small grant. Te kaeka nako iai bwa e na taraaki anne. Ngkai e a rangi ni bati te bitaki nakon kabonganaan te small grant man te tai are e tararuaia te Tautaeka aei, e kona ngkanne ni kariaiakaki mwanenakin bangke ni Kaawa man te small grant?

Translation/Rairana

A question had previously been raised to this Government in this Maneaba for assisting village banks from the small grant. The reply was that it would be looked into. Now that there are a lot of changes to the use of the small grant under the watch of this Government, can the small grant be utilized to fund the village bank?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

E tauraoi au Tabo n Mwakuri n rinanoa te bubuti aio.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to consider the request.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ69. Ni bowin te Maneaba ae e nako ao e mwemwe au titiraki ibukin tangiran karakaan riki booti nakon kaawan nako Tarawa Teinainano. Ni kaekaan aio iroun te Minita are tabena ao e taku bwa e a toki moa te karikirake aio. Bon iai naba mwanewean katean taian boboti inanon kaawan Tarawa Teinainano. Ni karokoa te bong aio ao bon iai naba kaawan Tarawa Teinainano ae a bon tuai n reke te karikirake ae aron aio nakoia ao e tuai naba man tei aia boboti. E kona te Tautaeka ni karekei tibwan kaawan Tarawa Teinainano aika Bonriki Mainiku ao Bikenibeu Maeao kaka tewaana te booti bwa e aonga naba n tei aia boboti?

Translation/Rairana

In the past meetings, I was requesting for the increasing of boats share of all villages on South Tarawa, the responsible Minister mentioned that the funding for this project has stopped but some villages have not yet received this share. Could this Government provide share for some villages especially Bonriki East and Bikenibeu West?

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

Te Tibiika aio kaekan ana titiraki te Tia Tei temanna ae karineaki man TUC. Tibwan Bonriki Maeao ao Mainiku n te booti ao te intin aika 2 mwaitia a tia n reke iroun Bonriki. Tibwan Bikenibeu Maeao e tuai reke ngkai e taningaki bebana mai iroun te Kauntira are tabena.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker this is my response to the question raised by one of the MMs from TUC. Share for Bonriki East and West of 2 Chattels has been delivered, whereas the share for Bikenibeu West is pending, awaiting certification from Councilor responsible.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ89. E kona te Beretitenti ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa iraman ana Minitita aika a mwananga nako Kiritimati ni kaea kaukan ana Maungatabu KUC?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Beretitenti inform this Maneaba how many Cabinet Ministers traveled to Kiritimati to attend the KUC Maungatabu?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Te Tia Babaire ae rine, te Minita n te Aono n Raina are e tei ibukin te Tautaeaka ni kaeka ana kakao ana Maungatabu KUC kai e boni mena iaon Kiritimati n te tai anne.

Translation/Rairana

Honourable Speaker, the Minister of Line and Phoenix represented the Government at KUC's Assembly as he was already on Island.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)

OQ71. E na butiaki te Tautaeaka bwa e kona riki ni karaka boon taian baanni man \$2 ae bwainaki ngkai nakon \$30 n te baana ngkai e kakoauaaki bwa e bon rangi ni kainnanaoaki irouia Kaibuke n Akawa ae a kabongana te karaun?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Government consider increasing the charge for coconut leaves from \$2 to \$30 each as it is believed that this is a great need for Fishing Vessels using net fishing?

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

Ni kaekan aio man au Botaki ni Mwakuri are tabe ma te akawa, ao I karautaeka n taekinna bwa akea atakin te tiati ae bwainaki iaon baanni.

Translation/Rairana

In answering this question, I regret to inform that my Ministry has no knowledge on the charge imposed on tree leaves used by fishing vessels.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MM (Nikunau)

OQ55. E kona te Beretitenti n kawenea ke n tibwaia nakoia Taan Tei katoton ana rairai ana Aobiti te Tia Kaeti Tua, are e taku n Bowin te Maneaba ae e nako bwa e a tia Kaebineti ni karekea, iaon rairan Tua tabeua ake a tabekaki bwa kanoan te Onono nakon Tuan ara Marawa 2017, are e maroroakinaki n te Bowi ae e nako Eberi/Meei 2018?

Aio e na rang n ibuobuoki nakoia Taan Tei n ukoukoran ao karekean otaia iaon taekan Tua ake a maroroakinaki n te Biira.

Translation/Rairana

Can Te Beretitenti lay before the Maneaba or distribute to MMs a copy of the AG's interpretation, which he said Cabinet had received, regarding some sections of the Maritime (Amendment) Bill 2018 moved and discussed during the last Apr/May 2018 Maneaba meeting?

This will assist many MMs in their quest for seeking information to better understand those clauses discussed in the Bill.

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Te Tibika ae ko rine, bon akea te rairairi ae karaoia ana Aobiti te AG nakon tabeua kibun Tuan ara Marawa ma ti ana kamatata ke ana kabwarabwara nakon Kaebineti.

Translation/Rairana

Honourable Speaker, OAG did not translate any provisions of the Maritime Act but only provided a legal opinion to Cabinet

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)

OQ73. E kona te Minita are tabena ni katereterea nakon te Maneaba aio bwa e kanga n reke te babaire ni kaineti ma te weight unit limit (22.5t approx.) are a tianaki iai Importers n rawawatan aia konteina ni kaako?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible clarify to this Maneba how the weight unit limit (22.5t approx.) charged to Importers for their containers came about?

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

Te tiati bon \$20 iaon te Cubic Meter ma akea iaon te weight unit limit.

Translation/Rairana

There is a \$20 charge per cubic meter and none on the weight unit limit.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MM (Marakei)

QO94. Mai imwin te kanakinako nakon mataniwin te kawa ae Rawannawi Marakei are e reke man te bono are e a bongata aron tataekinan katiana ni bowin te Maneaba aei n taai aika a nako ao e kakoauaki iaon Marakei bwa a mwaiti auti ma mwenga aika a tia ni bwaka ke n ekakinako ao a mwaiti naba aomata aika rotaki ngkai n te mwengabuaka n te kanganga aei. E kona te Tautaeka rinanon are tabena ni karaoa te kabomwi nakon te mwenga ma auti ao mwengabuaka nakoia ana botanaomata aikai?

Translation/Rairana

As a consequence of coastal erosion of Rawannawi village which was caused by the seawall which has not been fixed for a long time and has been raised to this Maneaba several times, many houses and households have been severely damaged or destroyed and this has impacted on people's lives. Could the Government through the Minister responsible see that these people are compensated in terms of building their homes or other means of compensations?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

E karautaeka te Tautaeka bwa akea ngkai te babaire iaon te kabomwi ae e kona ni karaoaki ibukin aekakin kanganga aikai.

Translation/Rairana

Government regret to inform the MM that there are no plans to compensate issues such the one raised in this question.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ76. Ni kerikakin uaan te nii ma mwaitin te ben ao e rangi ni kerikaaki naba aia anga kaain abamwakoro ni kareke fianti n te aro ae a rotaki maeuia ni katoa bong. E kona te Tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa tera te anga ni buoka te kanganga aei?

Translation/Rairana

The drop in the number of nuts per tree which is reducing the number of coconuts available for copra reduces in turn the ability of people on the outer islands to make ends meet on a daily basis. Could Government inform this Maneaba whether it has plans to assist in this problem?

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

Te Tia Babaire, bon iai te kantaninga ibukin iokinibwaiian te uanikai, amwarake ake a preserved, ao marin marawa i Tarawa are e iangoaki ibukin buoka te kanganga aei.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, there is a plan for domestic trade on agricultural, fisheries and preserved and marines resources in Tarawa to assist in this problem.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MM (Arorae)

QO82. I a karimoa te kakaitau nakon te Tautaeka ao riki te Botaki n Akawa ma Karikirakean Marin Marawa ibukin ana waaki ni boutoka aika a mwaiti nakon ara Boboti n Akawa iaon Arorae ibukin kaungan ao karikirakean te akawa n au abamwakoro ae Arorae. Teuana ana karikirake ae ti kakoaua bwa e mwaiti tangirana mai iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio ao mai irouia I-Kiribati n aaba tabeua i tinanikun Kiribati bon te smoked fish are e “vacuum packed”.

I kani butia te Tautaeka e kona ni buoka ara Boboti n akawa iaon Arorae ni karikirakea aron karaoan ara smoked fish aio rinanon te kataneiai ma katamaroan riki ara auti ni kamwaitoro ao tabeua riki, n te aro bwa e na kona ara smoked fish ni kinaaki raoi n ana label ao man tau mani kona ni butimwaeaki ibukin te iokinibwai, riki nako finanikun Kiribati ni kaeineta ma tuan te iokinibwai?

Translation/Rairana

I wish to start by expressing gratitude to Government and especially the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development for its continuing support through our Arorae Fishermen Cooperative Society to the promotion and development of fisheries on Arorae. One such development project undertaken by the Fishermen Cooperative is the production of vacuum-packed smoked fish which enjoys a good market in South Tarawa and Betio and through I-Kiribati in some overseas countries.

I wish to ask Government, could it further support Arorae Fishermen CS through training and development of the Fish Centre, among others, so that the cooperative is better able to meet marketing requirements, including proper labeling, especially for exporting its smoked fish overseas?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni ibuobuoki iaon te anga reirei n aron are e mwaneweaki n te titiraki aio.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform that my Ministry is prepared to assist in providing training and development as requested in this question.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)

OQ74. Ni bowiin te Maneaba ae e nako ao I tabeka au titiraki nakon Te Minita are tabena bwa e na kaumaka te KPA ni manga review riki ana tariff ngkai e kakoauaaki iroun te botanaomata bwa iai irekerekena ma biriraken boon taian kaako n titoa?

Translation/Rairana

In the last Maneaba meeting, I asked the Minister responsible if KPA can again revise its tariff to address the public concern that it causes the increase in the cost of goods?

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

E a tia n rinanon ana tariff te KPA ao n kakoaua bwa e rang ni uarereke rekerekena ma biriraken boon kaako.

Translation/Rairana

KPA has reviewed its tariff and found that it has minimal effect on the increasing price of goods.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ84. E a maan n tare baeki n takataka iaon Teraina ao ngkai a bon kakabooi aia baeki n takataka kaain Teraina n store ao n te kaibuke mai Honolulu ae SV KWAI ma booia ae e bon riinga ke n roota te karekemwane. Au titiraki bwa e a toki ngkai kakarokoan te baeki n takataka man te tina ni boboti n takataka ke tera rongorongona?

Translation/Rairana

It is been awhile now since copra bags run out on the island of Teraina. Copra cutters are now buying their copra bags from stores and from SV KWAI from Honolulu which costs something to make an expense. My question is what happen to copra bags being issued out from copra Cooperative Society? Has this arrangement stopped?

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

Te Tia babaire, e bon aki toki kakarokoan baeki n takataka man te KCDL ma te kanganga boni ibukin onraken kaibuke mai Tarawa nako n te aono n mainiku.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, the KCDL continues providing jute bags for copra but they could not transport them on fully loaded vessels traveled for the Line Islands.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MM (Marakei)

OQ95. I kani butia te Tautaeka rinanon te Minitita are e tabena n rinanoa riki mwaitia ana Special Constables Marakei ao ni karekeia riki teniman, bwa uoman nakon te kaawa ae Rawannawi ao temanna nakon te kawa ae Norauea ngkai e kakoauaki rikiraken aia botanaomata kaain kaawa aikai ao aio e a tia naba ni kakoauaki ngke a karekeaki riki aia Kauntira bwa uoman i Rawannawi ao temanna i Norauea. E bia noora riain te bubuti aio te Tautaeka?

Translation/Rairana

The Government through the responsible Minister is requested to consider appointing more Special Constables for Marakei and is asked to appoint 2 more for Rawannawi village and one for Norauea village since the population for these villages has increased as can be seen by the recent appointment of two councilors for Rawannawi and one for Noraues. Could the Government consider this request?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

Te Tia Babaire, e bon tau moa ana Special Constable Marakei n kaineti ma te mwakuri ao te tararua.

Translation/Rairana

Honourable Speaker, the present number of Special Constables for Marakei is quite sufficient to meet the load of work and security.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)

QQ96. Teuana te karikirake ae I tabekia n taai aika nako bon katamaroan ana Nei ni Baneawa te Kauntira n Nonouti. I kan titiraki bwa ngkai e a tia n reke mwanena n aron otau, ao e na moanaki ni ngai te mwakuri?

Translation/Rairana

One project I raised before relates to the improvement of the Nonouti Council milk fish pond. I want to ask when will the project be implemented given my understanding that the funding has been secured?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e karineaki temanna mai Nonouti bwa e nang waaki te mwakuri ni katamaroa nakon te Nei ni Baneawa i Nonouti, inanon Tebetembwa ngkana a bane n tauraoi bwaai ni mwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MM from Nonouti that the implementation of improvement work to Nonouti fish pond is planned to commence in September when all necessary tools and materials are ready.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)

QQ98. A kaota tangin nanaoia kaain atimwakoron Tabiteuea Meang ibukin aki kakairakiia n taian workshops ake a karaoaki iaon te abamwakoro are e ireiti ibukina ae a maeka ni kaawa aika a tionako ke ngkana iai kawaran taian kaawa irouia tiim aika a roko mai Tarawa aki kawaraki bwa bukina bwa akea te kataumwane ibukin te bao ni mwananga i taari.

E kona te Tautaeka ni katoka te waaki ni kakaokoroaki aei?

Translation/Rairana

People on the islets of Tabiteuea Meang expressed their displeasure for being excluded from a number of workshops conducted on the island because they live on the islets separate from the mainland or for not being included on the itinerary of visiting teams from Tarawa for the reason that there is no provision team's budget for sea transport.

Could the Government put an end to this practice?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

E tauraoi Te Tautaeka n rinanoa te tangitang aio bwa e aonga n aki manga riki.

Translation/Rairana

Government is ready to address this issue so that it does not happen again in future.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)

QQ99. E kateaki Kieia Ataei Hospital are i Tabiteuea Meang ibukin Kiribati Maiaki ma ni karokoa ngkai e tuai man kabonganaki raoi nakon te kantaninga anne. A moanna n uruaki autina bwa are akea kaiaa ao a riki bwa aia tabo ataei n takakaro. Ao ngkana e teimatoa n akea te kakamwakuri nakon te tabo aei ao e na waekoa ni kabuanibwai. Iai ana babaire te Tautaeka ni kabongana raoi te Onaoraki aei n are kantaningaki n te tai ae waekoa?

Translation/Rairana

Kieia Ataei Hospital was built on Tabiteuea North for the Southern islands in the Gilberts Group, however until now it has not been fully used as expected. Its buildings are beginning to show signs of wear and tear because of long periods of non-occupancy where they become children's playground. If this continues without anything done to this place it will be in real trouble. Does Government have plans to change this around by using this Hospital as originally envisaged?

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

Te kanganga are e karika aki rang kabonganaan Kieia Ataei bon aki taun mwaitia Taokita ake a na katoamauaa te mwakuri ni ibuobuoki ikekei. Bon iai te kantaninga ae e na kakerakeaki riki mwaitia taokita i Kieia Ataei n karaka ao n katamaroa riki te waaki n ibuobuoki.

Translation/Rairana

The root problem of under-utilizing Kieia Ataei or SKH is the limited number of doctors working there. There is a plan to increase the number of doctors to Southern Kiribati Hospital to provide more and better service deliveries.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)

OQ70. E kona te Tautaeka ni kabwarabwara nakon te Maneaba aio bwa ana nnaa ni Kaibuke n akawa KFL aika Longliners bon:

1. Kaibuken Kiribati?
2. Bon oin ana Kaibuke KFL (Assets of KFL)?

Translation/Rairana

Can this Government explain to this Maneaba its the Longlines Fishing Fleet of KFL are:

1. Owned by Kiribati?
2. Owned by KFL?

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

Ian te Tua ae kinaki n arana ae te Domestic Fishing Regulation 2015, ao Kaibuke n akawa aika longliners ake akawa iaan KFL, a kona n aranaki ba kaibuken Kiribati, ngkai kaibuke aikai a kabonganaaki ke ni kamakuraki iron KFL are e bon bwaibwai iai te Tautaeaka ni Kiribati.

Translation/Rairana

In accordance to the Domestic Fishing Regulation 2015, longline vessels currently operated by KFL are considered as Kiribati Domestic Fishing Vessels as a shareholder in KFL.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)

OQ75. N 29th Ritemba 2017, uabong imwain tokin te ririki, ao te Minita n te Mwane e tiaina kabonganaan te mwane ae \$2, 429,526 ibukin buokan boon te takataka. I kan titiraki bwa e kangara ni kabonganaki te mwaiti ni mwane anne ngkai te bong are e tiainaki iai bon te Kanimabong uabong imwain tokin te ririki?

Translation/Rairana

On the 29th December 2017, two days before the end of the year the Minister of Finance signed the contingency warrant in the amount of \$2, 429,526 for the copra subsidy. I want to ask how the money was used given that the warrant was signed on Friday two days before the end of the year?

Reply by Hon. Dr Teuea Toatu (Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

Mr Speaker, e kamanenaaki te Contingency Warrant (CW) ae bonginaki n 29 December 2017 ibukin kabwakaan boon takataka ake a tuai man bwaka iaon abamakoro.

Translation/Rairana

Mr. Speaker, the CW for Copra Fund issued to outer islands on the 29 December 2017 was used for settlement of outstanding claims for copra payment.