

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Monday 27 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

**By Hon. Tekena Tiroa, MM (Abaiang)**

**OQ106.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka ia ngkai rongorongon onean aia kiriniki kain Tuarabu iaon Abaiang man te bwai ni I-Kiribati nakon te bwai ni I-matang?

***Translation/Rairana***

May I ask the Minister concerned what is the current status on the replacement of the locally built clinic on Tuarabu Abaiang to a permanent one?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai te kantaninga bwa a na bane n oneaki kiriniki man bwai n Kiribati nakon bwai n Imatang ao te mwakuri iaon anne ae waaki ngkai.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to say that there is a plan to convert all locally made clinics to permanent buildings and the related works are in progress now.

**By Hon. Uriam Tirae, MM (Teraina)**

**OQ130.** I kan bubuti katean raoi ana rabwata te kambwana ni kaibuke iaon Kiritimati ibukin te Aono n Raina ma Rawaki ngkai e a fia ni karekeaki kaibukena are e na tabeakina tobwakin aia kainnana ma aia kanganga kaain te aono aio. E kakoauaki bwa ngkai e kona ni baireaki mwamwanangan te kaibuke n te Aono n Raina ma Rawaki mai Betio ao n angin te babaire a bon aki nakoraoi ma aron tobwakin kainnanaoia kain te aono aio.

E kona n noora riain katean mwangan te Botaki ni Kaibuke te Tautaeaka aio iaon Kiritimati?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to request Government to establish a branch for the Shipping Line Company on Kiritimati for the Line Islands. The branch will oversee the full management of the vessels assigned to service the Line Islands because the current operations and management of the vessel assigned to the Line Island are done from Betio where most of the time the need for the vessel cannot be seen and ignored.

Could Government see the need of establishing a branch office with staff on Kiritimati for the operation of Shipping Services for the Line Islands?

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

Bon iai ngkai mangan te Kiribati National Shipping Line (KNSL) i Kiritimati.

***Trabslation/Rairana***

The Kiribati National Shipping Line (KSNL) has a branch in Kiritimati.

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

**OQ155.** E kona te Minita are tabena n taiaoka ni kaongoia kaain Kuria bwa e a tia ngkai ni kabwakaaki te kabomwi nakoia Taan Oroben ni kaineti ma koboonganaan te kai ni katine are aki raoiroi ao mani kabwarabwaraa naba bukin iremwen kabwakaan te kabomwi aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Minister concerned please inform this Maneaba and the people of Kuria whether or not the extra payment due to them arising out of the use of defective weighing scale has been paid to them and could he also explain why there has been a delay with this payment?

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

Te Tia babaire, I kukurei n taekinna nakon te Tia Tei bwa e a tia raoi ngkai rinanoan te kabomwi man ana itera te KCDL, ao e nang waaki te kabwakamwane. Te iremwe e bon riki man akean beba n tau i mwin kabwakamane n tain te katine bwa anaaki mai iroun te Copra Coordinator.

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

Speaker, I am pleased to inform the MM that the work for arranging the compensation is completed by the KCDL and the payment will be arranged. The delay is caused by unavailability of documents (CPRs) as they were taken from the Copra Coordinator.

### **By Hon. Kaure Babo, MM (Maiana)**

**OQ100.** Motirawaia ara kaimoa man aia kaibuke mai itinaniku bon tokin naba aia karekemwane. Ana waaki te SPMS ma raona ni kamwakuri nakoia ara kaimoa aikai ibukin kabouan aia beba ma uarokoan aia taneiai ao rabakauia, e bon manga fiaatiani iai te kaimoa temanna ma temanna. Aio I aki wareka aia kabanemwane ni iteran te kantoka nakon te reirei n te MTC, boon te katawanou, ao boon aia tutuo ao baikara riki iteran kabanemwane ake a kaitaraaki iai inanon te bong teuana ma teuana n tain te kataneiai.

I a tabeka te titiraki aei ma te bubuti ao te kaoriori bwa e bia nora riaina te Minita are tabena bwa 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***

When our seafarers return home from their contracts, that is the end of their income. With the current practice by SPMS, where upon the renewal of their documentation, these seafarers who have contributed a large sum of money to the economy, through the remittances or allotments are now required to pay from their own pockets for such training and upgrading.

Will the responsible Minister consider offering these seafarers exemptions in recognition of what they have contributed?

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

I kaitaua te Tia Tei n ana titiraki ao I kukurei n taekinna bwa e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n karaoa moa ana kamatebwai ao n rinanoa moa aei.

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

I thank Parliament Member for raising this and I am pleased to state that My Ministry stands ready to consider and to firstly carry out a feasible study on it.

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

**OQ115.** Te karabwarabwa nakon te Tautaeaka ibukin kaekaan ana bubuti Marakei ni kainnanaan te Island Council Clerk. Aio te bubuti are e a tia ni kakoroaki nanona. N raonaki ma te bubuti anne ao bon iai naba ae I tabekia nakon te Minita are tabena kainanaan naba te Tia Mwane. Ningai ae e na kakoroaki ngkanne nanon aei ao e na roko ni ningai te Tia Mwane i Marakei?

***Translation/Rairana***

Marakei thanked Government for attending the need of its Council Clerk. Along with this request, I also raised the need for the Council Treasurer to the responsible Minister. When will the Council Treasurer be posted to Marakei?

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

The Treasurer for Marakei will be posted to his/her work station, once the living quarter is complete and ready to use.

***Translation/Rairana***

E na roko te Tia Mwane ibukin Marakei n ana Tabo ni Mwakuri ngkana e tia ao n tauraoi ana tabo ni maeka.

**By Hon. Kirata Temwamwaka, MM (Kiritimati & Kanton)**

**OQ140.** E a koro teuana te namwakaina ngkai ao a tuai man bwakabwai Taan Mwakuri n te karikirake ibukin karaoan tauran te Cassidy Airport. E kona te Tautaeaka aio n rinanoa aia tangtang naakai?

***Translation/Rairana***

It has been a month now since the work on Cassidy airport lights was carried out. Could the Minister concerned advise this Maneaba as when payment of wages for Labourers on the erection of Cassidy airport lights be carried out?

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

E tauraoi Au Tabo ni Mwakuri n reitaki ma rabwata ake a kabuta te karikirake aio ibukin buokaia te koraki ake a nanonaki n te fitiraki aio.

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

My Ministry is ready to liaise with organizations to solve issues for the people involved in this project.

### **By Hon. Kaure Babo, MM (Maiana)**

**OQ103.** N ana Ka-2 ni Maneaba aei n 2016 ao I bon tabeka te titiraki ni kaineti ma kaboaia Taan Reirei n te Pre-School n aron ae e oti n ana Motinnano te Tautaeaka ao n ana kaeka te Minita n te tai arei ao e kamatata nakon te Maneaba aei bwa e na kabwaataki te Tua iaon te itera aei ao e tauraoi te Botaki n Reirei ni kabwakabwaia Taan Reirei aikai.

I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena ngkana e kona ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e a bwaka iaa te waaki iaon te kabwakabwai nakoia Taan Reirei aikai?

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

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of this Maneaba in 2016, I raised a question concerning the pre-school teachers to be paid as promised in the Manifesto of the Government. The answerable Honourable Minister then explained to the Maneaba that ECCE Bill need to be passed first before considering paying the pre-school teachers.

I would like to ask the accountable Minister to explain to this Maneaba the latest up-date on this concern.

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

Te Tia Babaire, Au Botaki ni Mwakuri ae tabe ngkai n katia te kanoa n reirei ibukin te ririki teniua nakon nimaua (3-5) ao ni kabwaninaki naba raoi ngkai te kainibaire ibukin te tutuo nakon reirei ibukin kabwataia.

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

Mr Speaker, My Ministry is now developing the curriculum for pre-school and also finalizing the standard for inspection of schools for registration.

### **By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MM (Butaritari)**

**OQ141.** Te 'Kings Wharf' i Butaritari bon te uabu ae rangi n tamaroa bwa a bon kona n bae iai kaibuke ake a bon uaraoi buburaia ao man kabebetea aron karuoan ma katokaan kaako. Te kanganga ngkai bwa e a moanna n ora nanona n reitaki naba ma te rawa n roro nako iai. Te bubuti nakon te

Minita ae e Rine n te Botaki ni Mwamwananga bwa e kona n nora te kanganga aio ao n anga ana ibuobuoki n aron manga kenakin nanon te uabu aio n reitaki ma te rawa n roro nako iai?

***Translation/Rairana***

Kings Wharf in Butaritari is providing excellent berthing for both small and medium sized vessels for easy loading and unloading of cargoes. Unfortunately, the wharf's bed and access passage (mouth) is getting shallow with deposited sand and reef mud and which has made it rather redundant. Could the Honourable Minister responsible for the Ministry of Transport kindly assist in arranging for the dredging work needed to deepen the wharf's bed and mouth?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanoa ao ni kamatebwaia te bubuti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry is willing to analyze and assess this issue.

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

**OQ116.** E a maan aia tangitang kaain Marakei inanon bain te Kabowi ibukin tangiran aia Court Clerk are e bon uotia aia Tia Tei nako nanon bain te Kabowi. E a tia ni kaekaaki aia bubuti anne inanon tabeua te wiiki ma a manga kitanaki naba ao ni katukaki n akea aia Court Clerk inanon te tai ae e a maan. Te titiraki, bwa tera te babaire aei ao e na reke ningai aia Court Clerk kaain Marakei ae e nang bon tiku n aron ae kantaningaaki?

***Translation/Rairana***

It has been a while since the Court was informed by the MM for Marakei for the need of a Court Clerk on the island of Marakei. This need was addressed for a few weeks however the Court Clerk has left the island leaving Marakei again with no Court Clerk. The question is, when can Marakei expect to have a permanent Court Clerk posted on the Island?

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

E bon matoa te Court Kiraka i Marakei ma n te tai aio ao e karaoa moa te training i Tarawa ao e na okira Marakei ni banen te ririki aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

The Court Clerk for Marakei is on permanent posting but currently attending training here in Tarawa and will return to Marakei at the end of this year.

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

**OQ159.** A teimatoa kaain abau ae Kuria ni kainnanoi taura n aia rawa ao iaon te aba ibukin kairan kawaia n te tairiki ibukin ataakin te rawa ao ataakin te aba.

E kona te Minita are tabena n taitaoka ni butimwaaea te kainnano aio ao man karekea angan tobwaakina n te tai ae te kabanea n angaraoi?

***Translation/Rairana***

The people on my island Kuria continue to experience the need for beacon lights for the sea passages and on the land to guide them at night time to passage and the land. Could the Minister responsible please acknowledge this need and find ways to address it as soon as is most convenient?

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

E tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri n tobwa te kainnano aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

We will assist to solve this issue.

**By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)**

**OQ108.** E kona te Minita ae e rine ni kabwarabwara nakon te Maneba aio, bwa tera bukina ngkai akea mwin ana keiti temanna ataein Aranuka are e reirei i Tarawa ngkoa n 2016 ao e ikoaki imwin oreana iroun temanna ana Tia Mwakuri ngkoa te Kauntira n Aranuka n aia boki n taumwi n tangtang nake tabeia?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister explain why there is no record of a case concerning one of the students from Aranuka schooling here in Tarawa back in 2016 who was injured by one of the Aranuka Council's employees?

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

Te Tia Babaire, iai te tangitangi ae mwaneweaki n te titiraki aio inanon baiia Bureitiman.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, there is a record of the complaint referred to in this question with the Police.

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

**OQ151.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa tera bukina ae matoa riki te tutuo man Air Kiribati nakon kaako ao bwatintia mai Tarawa nako aonnaba ao akea man abamwakoro?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to ask the Minister concerned why a tight security check of goods and passengers was carried from Tarawa whereas there was none from outer islands?

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

Aikai taian kainibaire ibukin airport aika i Bonriki ao Kiritimati ni irekereke ma ana kai ni baire te ICAO ibukin international airports.

***Translation/Rairana***

These are the ICAO requirements for Bonriki and Kiritimati to meet the international airport's standards.

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

**OQ154.** E kakoauaaki bwa tokin ana tai te Tia Tei ni kona n taua te nakoa ni Beretitenti bon ti teniua te term. E kona te Minita are tabena ni katerea bwa iai tianakiia Kauntira n taua te nakoa ni Mayor n aron are e katereaki ibukiia Beretitenti?

***Translation/Rairana***

It is acknowledged that a Member of Maneaba can only hold the office of Beretitenti for a period of three terms only. Could the Minister responsible



please explain whether Councilors are also liable to the same limitation in respect of the Office of the Mayor?

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

N te tai aio, iaan te Tua ibukin Tautaeka n Abamwakoro ao bon akea tianakin aia tai Kauntira n taua te nakoa n Meea.

**Translation/Rairana**

In line with the current 'Local Government Act', there is no specified limit on the terms for Councilors to hold the Office of the Mayor.

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

**OQ114.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa e a toki ia ngkai te karikirake are kamwawaan te batua mai iaon Banaba?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could the Honourable Minister concerned kindly inform this Maneaba, what is the latest development on the removal of asbestos from Banaba?

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

Ae bon waaki naba Au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni mwakuriia aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

My Ministry is still progressing assistance on this.

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

**OQ157.** A kakaaitau kaain abau ae Kuria ni butimwaaean aia ika iaon ana waanikiba Air Kiribati. Te kaanganga bwa titebo baoia bwatintia mai Kuria ma baon naba iika mai Kuria n te aro are angiin te tai, e aki reke tokan aia tianaki kaain Kuria bwa e a koro te rawaawata iroun ana ika CPPL.

E kona te Minita are tabena n taiaoka ni ibuobuoki iaon aei ao mani kataua kabuburan riki te marae ni wanikiba iaon Kuria n te aro bwa e aonga ni kona n roko Dash 8 i Kuria are e na kona ni katokaia bwatintia mai Kuria ma aia tianaki ao man katokai naba iika nakon CPPL.

***Translation/Rairana***

The people on my island Kuria are grateful to CPPL for receiving their fish and for the arrangements made to allow for the said fish to be transported by aircrafts belonging to Air Kiribati. The problem is that the transport for the said fish is the same as the transport for passengers from Kuria so that most of the time the Kuria passengers' baggage could not all be carried on the aircraft as the fish for CPPL usually takes up all the weight that the aircrafts is able to carry.

Could the Minister responsible please assist with this and allow for the airfield in Kuria to be extended to allow for Dash 8 to land on Kuria which is able to carry passengers from Kuria with all their baggage as well as the fish for CPPL?

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

E tauraoi Au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanoa ma ni kamatebwaia te bubuti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry will look into and study this request.

**By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MM (Tabiteuea Maiaki)**

**OQ146.** Iai ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeaka ae e kona ni kataabangakaki n anganiia Taan Abaaba ao Taan Ununiki ibukin aia bwai ni mwakuria abaia ma aia Oo n aoroka, irarikin are tao a kona ni karekea man te small grant?

***Translation/Rairana***

Is there any assistance the Government can provide to all landowners and farmers to enable them to plant their lands and gardens, apart from the assistance they may get from the small grant?

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

Iai te ibuobuoki ae e kona te Tautaeaka n karekea nakoia Taan Ununiki.

***Translation/Rairana***

Yes, there is further assistance that the Government can provide to farmers.

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

**OQ105.** Mwanen Banaba bon te mwane ae riai n reke nakoia aomata ni kabane ake a tia ni mwakuri i Banaba n ana tai BPC. Aio tein tibwaan te mwane aei ae e ataaki ngkai. Te kananokawaki bwa a katukaki man te mwane aei mwauku ake a ikoaki inanon naba aia tai ni Mwakuri i Banaba.

N na butia te Tautaeka bwa e na taraa riki ana babaire iaon aei ao mani kairia mwauku n te mwane aei, mwauku ake a bon kakoauaki naba bwa Taan Mwakuri i Banaba ao n aki warekaki te kabomwi ibukin ikoakiia ngkai anne bon okoroia ke rakaia ma raoia ni mwakuri i Banaba ma ana riai ni kaboraoaki n te mwanen Banaba bwa bon Taan Mwakuri naba ngaia i Banaba.

E kona te Tautaeka ni butimwaea te bubuti aei ao n tara riki te kakaokoroaki aei nakoia mwauku aikai?

***Translation/Rairana***

The funds for Banaba is for all people who have been working on Banaba during the BPC time. This is how this fund is distributed now. It is sad to know that people with disability caused whilst working for the BPC are left out in this allocation of funds. Could I ask the Government to reconsider its decision and to include those BPC disabled people or workers on this fund who are also believed to be part of the working force in Banaba and not counting the compensation paid to them since this is different or this differentiates them from the workers who were not injured and therefore should get a portion as well from the funds of Banaba as they are also part of the working force who get this fund.

Could I ask the Government to accept this request and put an end to discrimination against disabled people or workers?

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

Ni kaekaan aio ao I kukurei ni kamatata bwa te bwakamwane aei bon te mwane n kabomwi ibukia ke nakoia te koraki ake a kakoauaaki bwa iai ikoakiia ke mwaukuia ke kabuanibwain maiuia ae e riki ma imwin mwakuriia i Banaba ao bon akea te kakaokoroaki iaon aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

In response I would like to clarify that the BPC fund is a compensation mean only for BPC workers who got injured or handicapped or even unfortunate circumstances (deaths) during the course of employment with BPC, Banaba and there has not been discrimination whatsoever.

**By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)**

**OQ148.** N tain aia Boowi teuana Taan Moti iaon Tarawa n taai aika a nako ao iai te babaire ae nang keerake aia *allowance* ma e aki bwainin ni kabwakaki bwa rongorongona e na karaoaki te refund. E kona te Tautaeaka ni kabwarabwara nakon te Maneaba aio bwa e a tia ngkai ni karaoaki te bwakamwane are nikiran kakoroan aia *allowance* Taan Moti akanne?

**Translation/Rairana**

In one of the last Magistrate workshops here on Tarawa, there was mentioning of the increase of their allowance which was partly paid indicating that there will be a refund to be made later. Can this Government explain to this Maneaba the update on this payment and has refund to the Magistrates been made?

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

E tuai karaoaki te bwakamwane anne, ma e ataia te Tia Tei bwa e rin anne n te manga Kataumwane No. 2/2018 are e na kabwataki n te Bowi aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

Refund on this payment has not been made, but the Honorable Member is aware that budget is in the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2/2018 that will be approved during this Maneaba sitting.

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

**OQ156.** I kona ni butiia riki te Minita are tabena bwa e na taitaoka n anga ana katautau ni kaineti ma te tai are a na kona iai kaain Kuria ni mabiao mani kabonganaakin te tareboon ae te mobile?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could I again ask the Minister responsible to state his expectation as to when the people of Kuria may enjoy the benefits that come with the use of a mobile telephone system, please?

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

I karautaeaka nakon te Tia Tei ae rine bwa I tuai kona ni kamatoa te tai ae e na waaki iai te karikirake aio bwa ae tabe ngkai ni kakaeaki mwanenakina.

***Translation/Rairana***

The timing of the project cannot be confirmed yet, however funding process is currently progressing.

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

**OQ133.** I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa e nang waaki n ningai te mwakuri ni katamaroa nakon te oo n aoraki are i Betio n arona e a tia n taekinna n kaekaan au titiraki n te Maneaba n taai aika nako?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to ask the responsible Minister when will upgrading and maintenance work be done to the Hospital in Betio?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai te waaki n katamaroa ae e na karaoaki nakon te oo n aoraki I Betio n te tai ae waekoa.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to say that there will be maintenance work to be done to the Betio hospital soon.

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