

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Wednesday 29 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

**By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MM (South Tarawa)**

**OQ80.** E kona te Minita are tabena tararuaan aron aia tangitang aomata ni kabirimwaka riki ana tabo ni mwakuri bwa e na kibarii aia tangitang kaain Tarawa Teinainano ake a bon tiku naba ngkai n tataninga?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Minister responsible for public complaint to speed up the processing of South Tarawa people complaints cases that has been logged with this office?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka ni ibuobuoki nakon te kanganga aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government is ready to look into the matter.

**By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MM (Nikunau)**

**OQ102.** E kona te Tautaeka n mwanena booia uatiman ake a kateirakeaki bwa a na tararuai ni katoa bong Maneaban abamwakoro aika a kateaki n ana mwane ni buoka Taiwan?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Government finance the wages for watchmen recruited to keep a daily watch to island Maneaba built by Taiwan's donation?

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

N te kainibaire are e teimatoa ni kabonganaki ngkai iaon tararuan aia Maneaba abamakoro ake a kateaki n ana mwane n buoka Taiwan, e bon tiku iron te abamakoro teuana ma teuana. Ma e na kona te Tautaeka n rinanon te bubuti aio, ngkana e noraki riaina.

***Translation/Rairana***

The policy that still adopted on the management of the Island Maneaba built by Taiwan's donation, it is vested with each respective island. However, the Government may look into this request, if necessary.

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

**OQ124.** E korakora te nanobuaka irouia kaain Kiritimati n karaoan taben te PSC iaon ana raumea ibukia ake a tau ao ake aki. I kan bubuti bwa e kabwaataki ni ngai te kainibaire aio ao e a bwainaki man ni ngai?

***Translation/Rairana***

People of Kiritimati Island were disappointed with PSC regarding the screening process conducted for eligible and ineligible candidates. I want to ask when did this policy approve and come into effect?

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

Te Tibika, Te kainibaire aio e moa kabonganakina man 31 May 2018 imwiin kabwatana iroun te PSC.

***Translation/Rairana***

The policy came into effect from 31 May 2018 following approval by the PSC.

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

**OQ147.** N na bubutia te Tautaeaka bwa e kona n reke ana buoka nakon te Kauntira n Nonouti ni karekean taian portable GPS ma VHF radio ke bwaai ni borau ma bwaain taetae are a na kona iai kaain Nonouti riki bon Taan Akawa n tangoi ao ni manga kaoki n okiia n akawa.?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the responsible Minister consider providing portable GPS and VHF radios that could assist the people of Nonouti on their fishing trips?

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

E na karauaki n taraki angaraoin te bubuti aio iroun te Tautaeaka.

***Translation/Rairana***

The request will be carefully assessed by Government.

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

**OQ122.** Iai ana iango te Tautaeaka aio n katamaroa te bwakamwane iaon kabomwi ibukin kantokan kaako (freight levy)?

***Translation/Rairana***

Are there Government's plans to improve the payment of compensation on freight levy?

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

Mr Speaker, I kukurei n taekinna nakon te Tia Tei temanna ae e rine mai Kiritimati bwa iai ao e a tia ana iango te Tautaeaka ni katamaroa te bwakamwane iaon kabomwi ibukin kantokan kaako.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, I am pleased to inform one of Honorable MMs Kiritimati that this Government has already made plans to improve the payment for compensation of freight claims.

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

**OQ150.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e kanga raoi aron kabwakaan aia mwane ni motirawa Taan Reirei ake a tatangoaki, ao iraua mwaitina?

***Translation/Rairana***

I want to ask the Minister concerned what is the arrangement for payment of leave grant in respect of contract Teachers, and how much?

**Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister fo Education)**

Ni moa man te ririki aio ao aia mwane ni motirawa Taan Reirei ake a tangoaki e a bon bwaka ni bwanin. Ti Taan Reirei ake e aki bwanin te ririki aia tai ni mwakuri ae e aki bwanin aia mwane ni motirawa ni bwaka nakoia.

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

From this year, the leave grant of contract Teachers is paid in full. Only teachers whose contract is less than one year received their leave grant on a pro rata basis.

### **By Hon.Emile Willie Schutz, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ168.** E kona te Minita are tabena te Otabwanin ni kabwarabwara nakon te Maneaba ni Maungatabu aio bwa e kanga ana Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kona n rangi ni kaakeaa bonganan ao ni katinanikua te Kauntira ni uotan nako Tarawa Teinaieta te karikirake teuana ae e irekereke ma kawakinan te otabwanin man ana Botaki ni Mwakuri nakon te abamwakoro aio?

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

Can the MELAD Minister explain to this Maneaba ni Maungatabu how his Ministry could have blatantly ignored and completely disregarded the island Council in bringing to North Tarawa one environmental and conservation-related project from his Ministry to the aforementioned island?

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

I kukurei n taekina bwa mwanangan au Botaki ni Mwakuri nako Tarawaieta man 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 e bon rinanon raoi kawaina.

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

The trip of My Ministry to North Tarawa on 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August 2018 was communicated through proper channel.

### **By Hon. England Iuta, MM (Beru)**

**OQ131.** Ni moan tein te Tautaeka aei n 2016, ao e taekinna te Beretitenti inanon te Maneaba aei bwa e na tuangia ana Minitita ake a bwaini uoua bwaraia, bwa ana riai ni kaaki bwaraia are teuana. E kona ni kamataata bwa ana Minitita aikanne a tia ngkai ni kaaki bwaraia are teuana?

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

During this Government's inception in 2016, Te Beretitenti informed this Maneaba to discourage his Minister form wearing two hats. Can HE clarify if the concerned Ministers have discarded their other hats?

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

Tiibika, I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai Minita aika a tia kaaki bwaraia ke ni kerikaaki man fibwangaia are irarikin nakoia ni Minita ao iai naba aika makuria naba kaakakin bwaraia teuana.

***Translation/Rairana***

Speaker, I am pleased to inform that there are Ministers that have discarded their other hats or roles/responsibilities and some are also still working on it.

**By Hon.Emile Willie Schutz, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ169.** I a tia ni manga butiaki riki kaua irouia kaain kaawa aika Tabiteuea, Abatao ao Buota iaon Tarawa Teinaieta bwa n na manga tabeka riki te titiraki nakon te Tautaeaka bwa kanga n ningai ae a na kantaningaa iai karaoan te rinerine ae e raka ibukin rineakia riki aia kauoman ni Kauntira kaawa akana uoua mai moa (Tabiteuea & Abatao) ao ana kateniman n Kauntira te kaawa ane mai imwina (Buota)?

***Translation/Rairana***

I have once again been asked by the peoples of Tabiteuea, Abatao and Buota villages in North Tarawa to raise to Government the question as to when they can expect to have by-elections held for the election of their 2<sup>nd</sup> councilors for the former two villages (Tabiteuea & Abatao) and their 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilor for the latter village (Buota)?

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

Karekean te kauoua ni Ward nakon Buota ao te kateniua ibukin Tabiteuea, ao Abatao ae a rinanoaki ngkai.

***Translation/Rairana***

A study is currently in progress for Buota request for its second Ward and the third Ward for Tabiteuea and Abatao.

**By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MM (Betio)**

**OQ171.** I kakaitau nakon te Tautaeaka ibukin ana babaire are e na reke riki tewaana te booti ma intinna nakon te tina n rabwata ibukin te akawa iaon Betio ni moan te ririki aio. I kan butiia te Tautaeaka ngkana e kona ni manga rinanon ana kainibaire aio ao n noora riain reken booti riki teniwaa nakon te rabwata aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

I thank Government for its decision to provide a boat and its outboard engine to the fishermen's cooperative on Betio earlier this year. I wish to ask if Government can revisit this policy and allow three additional boats to be provided to this cooperative?

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

Te Tibika ae e rine, Ni kaineti ma te Kai ni baire ibukin te tibwatibwa ibukin TUC ao BTC ao e bon kona ni karakaaki tibwan te boboti n akawa ngkana e raka mwaitin kaaina ao ngkana e kakoauaaki tamaroan ana waaki.

***Translation/Rairana***

Hon Speaker, In accordance to the policy on the distribution of boats and engines to Fishermen Cooperatives on South Tarawa and Betio, there is a potential to increase the share of boats based on the increase in the number of members of the Cooperation and its operation performance.

**By Hon. England Iuta, MM (Beru)**

**OQ127.** Iai te kanganga ae e bati ni karaoan te karaai mwane iron te Tautaeka ae \$108,900 mwaitina inanon te Botaki ni Mwakuri ae te Commerce (MCIC) n te ririki ae 2016. E karaaiaki te mwaiti anne man te Atu ni Kabanemwane (Sub-head) ae 202 ae e katauaki ibukin aia bwakabwai Taan Mwakuri bwa e na kaboaki iai bwain te aobiti n te Atu ni Kabanemwane ae 243. Tera bukina e aki kaboaki bwain te aobiti n te mwane ae e karaaiaki anne ma e kaboaki uowa te kaa te double-cab ao tewana te minibus?

***Translation/Rairana***

The relocation of expense by Government in the sum of \$108,900 within MCIC in 2016 has raised a profound concern. This relocation was made from Sub-Head 202 meant for salaries to Sub-Head 243 meant for purchase of office equipment. Why two double-cabs and one minibus vehicles were purchased by this relocation of expense instead of purchasing office equipment?

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

Te Tibiika, iai te kairua ae e uarereke ni irekereke ma te karaimwane aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, there was a clerical oversight with this virement.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ177.** Iai ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeaka n ana itera ni Kaneweaba n reitaki ao ni buoki auti ni iruwa aika waaki iaon Tarawaieta bwa e na bebeta aron te roroko iai ao katanoatakina rinanon ana ibuobuoki te Tourism?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Government through its Tourism office, assist to promote local guests house in North Tarawa to improve the number of visitors?

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

E na tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri n tara te bubuti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry is willing to look into this.

**By Hon. Teima Onorio, MM (Arorae)**

**OQ126.** Ni kaekaan au titiraki are e aki reke maroroakinana ni bowin te Maneaba ae e nako, iaon tangiran ana buoka te Tautaeaka nakon ana maneaba Arorae iaon Bairiki are e tuai man tia karaoan ana roki imwin uruakina n korakoran te ang ma naao n 2016 ao e taku te Tautaeaka bwa e a tia n reke buokana n 2016. I a tia ni kawara ana Aobiti te Beretitenti imwin te bowi ae e nako ni bubuti riki karekean te buoka nakon te kainnana aio ao I tuangaki ae e na karaoaki moa te tutuo iaon te uruaki aio.

I kan butia te Beretitenti ae e karineaki, e a tia ngkai ni karaoaki te tutuo ao e na tia ke e tuai ana babaire te Tautaeaka bwa e na tauraoi ni buoka katiaan ma katoamauan rokin ana maneaba Arorae iaon Bairiki nakon te sewerage system?

***Translation/Rairana***

In response to my Oral Question which appeared on the Order Paper last meeting but was not discussed, concerning the need for Government's assistance towards the completion of the ablution block at Arorae Maneaba on Bairiki, Government replied that support had already been given in 2016. I

followed this up by paying a visit to the Office of the Beretitenti further clarifying the need and requesting assistance as required. I was advised that the project would be reassessed.

I wish to ask HE Te Beretitenti, has the reassessment been carried out on the ablution block and has Government decided on the level of assistance required to complete and connect the toilet to the main sewerage system?

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

Tibika ae ko rine, I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia n karaoaki te tutuo iron te Botaki ni Mwakuri are tabena ao e a tia naba n roko mwin te tutuo inanon bain Au Botaki ni Mwakuri.

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to say that the reassessment work has been done by the concerned Ministry and delivered to my office.

**By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MM (Betio)**

**OQ175.** I kan titirakina te Tautaeaka e aera e aki butimwaeaki te ati ao te ingimea n te tabo n ika are i Bairiki?

**Translation/Rairana**

I want to ask Government why is it not accepting skipjack and yellow fin tuna at the fish center in Bairiki?

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

Te Tibika ae ko rine, CPPL n te tai aio e ti butimwaea te ingimea ma tiaki te ati ngkai akea moa ana mwakete n te ati.

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Speaker, CPPL at this time is only accepting yellowfin, but not skipjack as CPPL do not have a market for skipjack.

**By Hon.Emile Willie Schutz, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ166.** Iai ana babaire te Tautaeaka ke akea ni kateimatoa tamaroan te Bailey buriiti are e tomaa Tanaea ma Buota bwa e aonga n akea te kabuanibwai ae e na kona n reke mai iai ao n teimatoa ni kona ni kabonganaaki irouia kacain Tarawa Teinaieta nakon ririki aika a na roko?

***Translation/Rairana***

Does the Government have any plans at all to maintain the integrity of the Bailey bridge linking Tanaea and Buota to ensure it remains safe and usable for the people of North Tarawa in the years to come?

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

Iai ana iango te Tautaeaka n onea te buriiti ae Bailey Bridge.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government does have plans to replace Bailey Bridge.

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ179.** I kan butia te Tautaeaka bwa e na kamatata raoi nakon te Maneaba aio bwa tera te tower ae e boou ae e a fibwa waaki kateakina iaon Buota, Tarawaieta?

***Translation/Rairana***

May I request the Government to explain to the Maneaba, the purpose of the newly constructed Tower in Buota, Tarawaieta?

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

Te taua aio e bon kateia ATHKL ibukin ana tiwefi iaon te itoman.

***Translation/Rairana***

The tower is constructed by ATHKL for telecommunication services.

**By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)**

**OQ117.** A mwaiti aomata ao riki kaain Nonouti aika tatanninga ana riboti te rabata ni kakae iaon ana kabuanibwai Tebutiraoui are a mate iai, e kaniia te bubua te aomata aika angina bon mai Nonouti.

I kan titiraki bwa n ningai ae e na tia iai te riboti ao ni uotaki nakon te Maneaba aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

Many people and particularly the people of Nonouti are anxiously waiting for the report of the Commission of Enquiry on Tebutiraoi disaster that claimed the lives of nearly hundred people most of whom came from Nonouti.

I want to ask when can we expect the report to be completed and tabled in this Maneaba?

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

Te Tibika ae rine, e a tia te kakae ao ai ti Korean te riiboti ae makuriaki ngkai. E na tauraoi te riiboti imwain te Auti n Tei ae na roko.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, the investigation has been completed and report writing is in progress. This report should be ready before the next Parliament meeting.

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

**OQ138.** N na butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na karekea ana ibuobuoki nakoia ana Taan Mwakuri temanna ana Director te KPF bwa e tuai n te roko kabwakaan aia KPF naakai. E koaua aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

I would like to request the responsible Minister to look into the matter where a Director on the KPF Board does not pay his employees their KPF contribution. Is it correct?

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

Te Tia Babaire, iai te ukeuke ae e karaoaki iaon te keiti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, the investigation has been carried out on this case.

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

**OQ163.** A mwaiti kanganga aika karekea te ran ni mooi n te kawa ae Tekaawa iaon Onotoa. E kona te Tautaeaka ni buoka te kanganga aei n te tai ae e waekoa?

***Translation/Rairana***

Several issues have caused problems to the drinking water for Tekaawa village. Can Government address this problem with immediate effect?

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

E na waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni karaoa ana kakaae iaon te kanganga ae e tabekia te Tia Tei ae e rine.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry will soon investigate the issue raised by the Hon. MM

**By Hon. Boutu Bateriki, MM (North Tarawa)**

**OQ178.** E kona te Tautaeka ni karekea te ferry ae bon uaraoi ae e na kona ni buoka te kainano ibukin te mwamwananga ao are e kona naba ni katokai bao n mwamwananga ao bwai ni makuri ibukin au abamakoro ae Tarawaieta?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Government address the need of travelling by procuring a suitable Ferry that can carry passengers and any kinds of transports including heavy plants to serve the needs of the people in Tarawaieta?

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

N te tai aio ao e noria te Tautaeka bwa e bon tobwaaki te mwamwananga imarenan Tarawaieta ao South Tarawa irouia bitineti.

***Translation/Rairana***

Currently the small ferry travelling between South and North Tarawa is run by the private sector.