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COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
28TH MAY TO 08TH JUNE 2007

Hon. Etera Teangana - Speaker of Parliament

Cabinet

H.E. Anote Tong MP - Beretienti and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration

Hon. Teima Onorio MP - Kauoman ni Beretienti and Minister of Environment and Agricultural Development

Hon. Bauro Tongai MP - Minister of Health and Medical Services

Hon. Ioteba Redfern MP - Minister of Labour and Human Resource Development

Hon. James Taom MP - Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

Hon. Martin Tofinga MP - Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa MP - Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Hon. Natan Teewe MP - Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development

Hon. Natanaera Kirata MP - Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Hon. Tawita Temoku MP - Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Hon. Tetabo Nakara MP - Minister of Education, Youth and Sport

Hon. Titabu Tabane - Attorney General (Ex-officio Member)

Private Members

Mr. Banuera Berina MP - South Tarawa

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP - Onotoa

Mr. Biribo Neemia MP - Beru

Mr. Emile Schutz MP - Abaiang

Dr. Harry Tong MP - South Tarawa

Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP - Nonouti

Mr. Jacob Teem MP - Kiritimati

Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP - Tamana

Mr. Kaneang Betero MP - Nikunau

Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP - North Tarawa

Mrs. Mary Tamwi - Betio

Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP - Marakei

Mr. Reete Bokai MP - Betio

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP - Nikunau

Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP	-	Marakei
Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP	-	Abaiang
Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP	-	TabSouth
Mr. Teburoro Tito MP	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie (<i>Nominated</i>)	-	Banaban Community in Rabi
Mr. Teiwaki Areieta MP	-	Maiana
Mr. Tetaake Eria MP	-	Teraina
Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP	-	TabNorth
Mr. Timon R Aneri MP	-	Banaba
Mr. Tinia Mariano MP	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Tinian Reiher MP	-	Butaritari
Mr. Taokai Koririntetaake MP	-	Butaritari
Mrs. Veronica Bakeua	-	Kuria
Mr. Waysang Kum Kee MP	-	Nonouti
Mr. Willie Tokataake MP	-	Abemama

Principal Officers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu

Hon. Etera Teangana	-	Speaker
Mr. Ioataake Timeon	-	Clerk
Mr. Eni Tekanene	-	Deputy Clerk
Mr. Kirata Komwenga	-	Parliamentary Counsel
Mrs. Maere Tekanene	-	Acting Secretary to Parliamentary Committees
Mr. Airata Teemeta	-	Hansard Editor

SCHEDULE OF PAPERS

Date of Presentation	Paper No.	Title of Paper
28 May 2007	1/07	Result of the Bye-election for Kuria
28 May 2007	2/07	Report of the Review on the numbers of Members of Parliament
28 May 2007	3/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Telecommunications Authority of Kiribati for the year ended 30 th June 2006
28 May 2007	4/07	Certificate of Urgency signed by Te Beretitenti certifying that the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007 as urgent
28 May 2007	5/07	Certificate of Urgency signed by Te Beretitenti certifying that the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007 as urgent
31 May 2007	6/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Television Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31 st December 2001 to 2005
6 June 2007	7/07	Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Bobotin Kiribati Limited for the year ended 31 st August 2004
8 June 2007	8/07	Report of the Public Account Committee on the account of Government owned Companies and Corporations

SCHEDULE OF BILLS

Mover	Short Title	First Reading	Committee Stage	Second Reading	Date Assent	Serial Number
Hon. Teima Onorio	Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006	27 November 2006	28 May 2007	28 May 2007	4/09/07	1/2007
H.E Te Beretitenti	Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneabani Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007	29 May 2007	5 May 2007	5 May 2007	4/09/07	4/2007
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa	Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007	29 May 2007	5 May 2007	5 May 2007	4/09/07	3/2007
Hon. Amberoti Nikora	Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006	28 November 2006	31 May 2007	31 May 2007	4/09/07	2/2007
H.E Te Beretitenti	Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006	30 November 2006	4 May 2007	4 May 2007	Not passed	
H.E Te Beretitenti	Leadership Code Bill 2006	30 November 2006	4 May 2007	4 May 2007	Withdrawn	
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Kiribati Reserve Fund Bill 2007	Ruled out				
Mr. Teburoro Tito	Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2007	Ruled out				

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Tenth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

for

Monday, 28th May 2007

1. Prior to the commencement of the 10th Meeting of the Eighth Parliament, a conch shell was blown in accordance with section 20(1) of the Rules of Procedure and the procession of the mace led by the Sergeant-at- Arms, the Hon. Speaker and the Clerk. At the conclusion of the procession in the Chamber, the Hon. Speaker proceeded to take his chair and read prayers.

The proceedings of the Maneaba officially started at 10.00 am.

2. **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Veronica Bakeua, a new Member of Parliament from Kuria took her oath administered by the Hon. Speaker.

3. **STATEMENT BY H.E TE BERETITENTI**

H.E Te Beretitenti made a statement on the Order of Government Business.

4. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By the Chief Electoral Commissioner

Results of Bye-election for Kuria (Paper No.1/07)

Reports on the Review of the numbers of Members of Parliament (Paper No. 2/07)

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Telecommunication Authority of Kiribati for the year ended 30th June 2006. (Paper No.3/07)

By H.E Te Beretitenti

Certificate of urgency signed by H.E Te Beretitenti certifying that the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007as urgent. (Paper No. 4/07)

Certificate of urgency signed by H.E Te Beretitenti certifying that the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007 as urgent.

(Paper No. 5/07)

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

5.1 Q. 2 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (Tab/South)

Do Ministers and Attorney General pay house rents for houses they are now occupying?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Under Section 10(1) of the Salaries and Allowances of Members of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and Salaries Tribunal Act (Cap. 92A) provides that “[a] Minister shall be entitled to reside at a suitable dwelling house provided by the Government rent free.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

5.2 Q. 8 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Mr. Speaker Sir, with the completion of one telephone unit in Buariki, without connection to households etc, has there any plans in the pipeline by the Minister responsible to expand the communication network to all villages South of Buariki?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member from North Tarawa that there are indeed plans to expand the communication telephone network to all villages in North Tarawa.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

5.3 Q. 46 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi in his absence.

What plans Government has to increase the good standard of living in Kiribati since cost of food are very high and salaries are very low?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

There are currently programs being implemented and in the process of being implemented addressing the need to upgrade the quality of our labour market to enable them to access international labour markets which would guarantee

higher pay than what they would be getting locally and subsequently increase allotments coming into the country.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Tebuai Uai also raised supplementary questions.

5.4 Q. 1 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (TabSouth)

What is the main reason of why the plane did not fly to Tabiteuea South for the last two months?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communications, Transport & Tourism Development

The plane was down for technical reasons a few weeks back which caused the cancellation of flights to all outer islands, including TabSouth.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

5.5 Q. 42 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Noting with concern the frequent and sometimes prolonged fuel shortages on the outer islands, especially gasoline, does government have a plan to solve this persistent problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

There is already a system in place to tackle this fuel shortage problem on outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Tebuai Uai and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

5.6 Q. 6 by Mr. Tebuai Uai MP (Tabiteuea Maiaki)

Boutokan te Koaua stated in its campaign booklet that “the salaries for pre-school teachers shall be paid by Government “. Mr. Speaker, when will this promise be fulfilled?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretenti

During Government’s term, a lot of issues are reviewed in line with the limited resources on hand and those considered immediate priorities are address first.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Patrick Tatireta also raised a supplementary question.

5.7 Q. 78 by Ms. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)

Could the Minister concern explain to this House the date when they plan to do the permanent work on the road for Betio for the public interest & need.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my ministry would like to inform this House that the upgrading of Betio road will be implemented in the middle of this year with Japanese aid grant.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Kataotika Tekee and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

6. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

6.1 Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 4, 5, 6 and 7 stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Willie Tokataake sought clarifications and Hon. Minister for Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development provided clarifications.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 15 to 20 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 21 to 26 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 27 to 32 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.
Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 33 to 38 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 39 to 43 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 44 to 48 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 49 to 53 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 54 to 58 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 59 to 63 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 64 to 71 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 72 to 78 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Question put: Carried

Hon. Attorney General moved a minor amendment substituting “section 83” to “section 82”.

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 79 to 86 (inclusive) stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Minister for Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development made a correction in clause 83(1)(e), to change Part V to Part VI.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question put: Carried

7. BILL – SECOND READING

7.1 Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006

Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister for Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development moved:

That the Environment (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the second time and do pass.

Question put: Carried

8. MOTIONS

8.1 Motion No. 15 by H.E Te Beretitenti was withdrawn.

8.2 Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

Motion No. 16

That this House approves the suspension of Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu in order to enable the first reading of the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007 to take place in this session of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

Question put: Carried

The House proceeds to the remaining Questions on the Order Paper.

9. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

9.1 Q. 56 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

As we approach the end of our term is the review of the salary of public employees will proceed as earlier advised by Government and if so, when do we expect it to be finalized and implemented?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Speaker, Government has no intention to review the salaries of its employees at this time.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

9.2 Q. 22 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) lapsed as the Member was absent.

9.3 Q. 35 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

There is an increase in the number of cars, motorbikes, boats and other equipment using fuel. Could the Honourable Minister responsible establish a KOIL Branch on Teeraina to alleviate the recurring shortage of fuel there?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

KOIL has plans to establish its fuel farm on Teeraina.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

9.4 Q. 23 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran) lapsed as the Member was absent.

9.5 Q. 113 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could Government inform this House when will road upgrading on Abemama be carried out?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

The upgrading work will commence when the transportation for heavy plants and other machineries required for this job are available (i.e. landing craft).

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Kaneang Betero, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

9.6 Q. 14 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

When should the garage in Nikunau (council priority built almost ten (10) years ago be equipped with tools so it can be officially opened and ready to meet or serve the need of the people of Nikunau?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the garage in Nikunau will be equipped with tools when the funds for the tools is secured.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Dr. Harry Tong also raised supplementary questions.

9.7 Q. 115 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

What are the Government plans in regard to a broken bridge at Kenna, Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government will carry out repair work on Kenna bridge when funds is available.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised a supplementary question.

After all Questions were covered on the Order Paper, Mr. Tinia Mariano enquired if his Questions could be reconsidered but the Hon. Speaker regrets that since he was absent when his Question were called, his Questions lapse.

As all items on the Paper Order had been dealt with, the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 5.30 pm and to resume on Tuesday, 29th May 2007 at 10.00 am.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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Minutes of Proceedings
for
Tuesday, 29th May 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Hon. Bauro Tongai, Mr. Teatao Teannaki, Mr. Teburoro Tito (all overseas) and Mr. Reete Bokai who is in hospital.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 59 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Since the Government has plans to purchase machines to purify coconut oil so that it could be used to replace diesel, could I request the Honorable Minister to have these purification plants and other necessary equipments set up on Teraina in line with what was raised and discussed in the meeting of Parliament on 21 June 2004?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, I agree that the Government has plans to acquire the purification plants to filter the copra oil so that it can be used as bio-diesel to alleviate the adverse impact on the fluctuated but usually inflated world fuel price. My Ministry together with other relevant ministries and Kiribati Copra Mill company are still working on finalizing the selection of the most appropriate bio-filtration machine to be acquired and used for this purpose. However, I regret that such machine could not be installed on Teraina given that we produce copra on South Tarawa, the location of the Copra Mill in Kiribati.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Timon R Aneri also raised a supplementary question.

- 2.2 Q. 16 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)**

The responsible Minister is asked here to consider the payment to the construction of new buildings and maintenance work done to the teacher's living quarters and classrooms at Mwanrunga Primary School in Nikunau at the earliest opportunity if necessary. The reason in carrying out those works

is to avoid or prevent the closing down of this school as the ministry consent. Another reason, most of the buildings in this school are not suitable to accommodate the purpose of living and learning. It is for sure that we do not want our teachers to live in poor conditioned houses and also we do not want our children to take up their learning in very poor conditioned classrooms?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, for the maintenance of teacher's quarters and classrooms funds had already been warranted in March 2007 to Nikunau Island Council. With regard to funding for the construction of new buildings, the matter is currently being sorted out between MISA and MEYS.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

2.3 Q. 20 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Can this Government inform this House, what was the exact number of cases on outer islands that should be heard by the High Court?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, The High Court makes every effort to hear all cases during its visits to the outer islands.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.4 Q. 11 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (Tarawa Ieta)

Mr. Speaker Sir, could the Minister responsible provide fishing nets, eye masks sizes of 2 ½ inches, 3 inches and 5 inches, with 20 units each respective size to all "Boboti n Akawa" in all villages of North Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, fishing gears are provided as part of a package to establish fish centres on islands. The fishing gear package comprises only of fishing lines, hooks, swivel, sinker, lure head and splashing float. I regret that fishing nets is not included in the package.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 27 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The Government mentioned during its ministerial tour in 2006 that the public road would be mended since it is full of holes and mud caused by the rain and also the public road causes great damages to people's vehicles, motorbikes

and pushbikes from using this very rough public road. Could the government fulfill this issue as soon as possible so that it would be of great help to the public?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, the public road maintenance requirement as raised by the Honourable MP from Fanning will be carried as soon possible.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 79 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)

That this House ask Government to consider building houses in areas so closer to police line to meet the need of police officers who are now living with families because of shortage of houses.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Honourable Speaker, This has been referred to Housing Corporation for consideration.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa, and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 83 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

In the last House Government advised that arrangements had been revised for the transport of copra from the outer islands. Could the Minister explained why very little or no copra on Nonouti has still not been transported to Tarawa by the middle of May?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank one of the MPs from Nonouti for the question. I wish to stress that despite critical shortage of ships, I am informed that in mid May 2007 MV Mataburo had uplifted more than 100 metric tonnes from Nonouti.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 80 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Would the Minister concerned be kind enough to inform this House whether Special Constables are entitled to annual leave?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, As their status does not qualify them to the permanent establishment, I regret that at this time Special Constables are not entitled to annual leave.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Banuera Berina and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q. 117 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government liaise with Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd to collect all the copra on Abatiku, Abemama as soon as possible?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am pleased to inform one of the honourable MPs from Abemama that copra from Abatiku Islet will be uplifted by MV Matangare either on 31st May or early June 2007.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tetaake Eria and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m. Three questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

3. BILLS – FIRST READING

3.1 Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007

H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Banuera Berina
H.E Te Beretitenti then sum up.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried

3.2 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the first time.

Bill proposed; The following Members spoke on the Bill:

Mr. Banuera Berina
Dr. Tetaua Taitai

Dr. Harry Tong
HE Anote Tong
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.30 pm for lunch and resumed at 2.00 p.m.

The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina continue his discussion
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea. The House resumed at 4.30 pm and the discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mr. Timon R Aneri

Minister of Finance and Economic Development was then given the floor to sum up at 4.35 pm.

Question Put – First Reading of the Bill Carried

The House proceeds to deal with Questions not covered in the morning session.

4. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

4.1 Q. 88 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio) was ruled out as the issue has been fully answered earlier.

4.2 Q. 89 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)

Could the Minister concern consider the increase of MTC Trainees pocket allowance?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

My Ministry is currently looking into the matter.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Tebuai Uai also raised supplementary questions.

4.3 Q. 96 by Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

That Parliament requests this respectful Government to consider to compensate travel expenses as well as subsistence allowance for all outer

island residents traveling to Tarawa caused by the improper process of remitting their monies by civil servants to their respective island residence.

Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I regret that government does not, at this time, have a policy to address the request raised by the Honourable Member.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised two supplementary questions.

4.4 Q. 76 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi as the Member was still hospitalized.

Can Government find more employment on overseas ships for our seamen and sea women?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Government is presently seeking other possible overseas shipping companies that can employ our seafarers.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mrs. Veronica Bakeua also raised supplementary questions.

4.5 Q. 4 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Where will the copra shed for my island, Tabiteuea South be constructed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

The copra shed for Tabiteuea South will be constructed at Buariki village.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

At 5.56 pm, the Hon. Speaker then adjourned the House and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 30th May 2007.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Tenth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings
for
Wednesday, 30th May 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai who is still in hospital.

2. **STATEMENT**

Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa) made a statement on the following:

The national impact of the abolishment of the Lands Grievances Tribunal.

The following Members asked short questions:

H.E Anote Tong x 5
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern x 1
Dr. Tetaua Taitai x 1
Mr. Tebuai Uaai x 1
Mr. Patrick Tatireta x 1
Hon. Martin Tofinga x 1

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

3.1 Q. 87 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio) was withdrawn.

3.2 Q. 118 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government arrange for immediate recruitment of Special Constables for villages of Bangotan te Kabwaia, Karekean te kabwaia, Tanimainiku and Tebaintaake in Abemama?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the Kiribati Police Services has, at this time, recruited the approved number of special constables for the island of Abemama and the whole of Kiribati for 2007.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai, Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mrs. Veronica Bakeua also raised supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 85 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

There are still outstanding claims by individuals and village Maneaba on Nonouti for storing copra. When are these claims going to be settled?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, I was informed by the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society (KCCS) that all claims should be paid once they have been inspected and reconciled by one of the officers who is now in Nonouti.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

3.4 Q. 77 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)

That this House asks Government to consider the increase in the Dirt Allowance for mechanics in Government Ministries and Corporations.

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti

I am pleased to inform the Honourable member that a review of the National Conditions of Service is underway and that will include Section E which covers among others, dirt allowance.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake also raised supplementary questions.

3.5 Q. 66 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

There are certain areas on Abaiang which are badly damaged by strong wind and sea erosion that have been reported to the Government through the authority concerned. Could the Minister responsible be advised to supply the appropriate number of materials required as soon as possible?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti

Mr. Speaker, it is Government policy to provide material to assist repair damage from natural disasters.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta, Mr. Kataotika Tekee and Mr. Emile Schutz also raised supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 74 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

We kindly request the Government, could advise what the cost for Tar seal road in Marakei is as we need the tar seal road instead of mud road?

Replied by the Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker Sir, the estimate costing for a tar sealed road in Marakei Island is one million, two hundred and fifty seven thousand and six hundred dollars (\$1,257,600.00).

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

3.7 Q. 110 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Whilst always grateful for the support of skilled and experienced expatriate personnel in areas where I-Kiribati ability and experience is inadequate, will the Beretitenti inform this House how long more should we wait before the post of Chief Justice could be localized in line with the meaning of independence which we celebrate annually?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the position of Chief Justice will be localized as and when circumstances permit.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Thirteen questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) moved his Motion with some amendments as follows:

Motion No. 1

That this House is requesting Government to liaise with KSSL to consider the review of the policy for the voyages of the KSSL ships as there are some problems arising from the present policy.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Natan Teewe
Dr. Harry Tong

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm. Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Hon. Martin Tofinga
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa

Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Patrick Tatireta

House adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm. Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Mr. Patrick Tatireta continue his discussion
Mr. Tetaake Eria
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa
Mr. Timon R Aneri

Mover then sum up at 5.00 pm.

Question put – Carried.

5.2 Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana) moved:

Motion No. 2

That this House agrees that this Government should find another bank beside the present bank so that the problems being experienced by the people of Kiribati could be solved.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Teburoro Tito
H.E Anote Tong
Dr. Harry Tong
(Hon. Iotebwa Redfern interrupted at 6.00 pm).
Mr. Tinian Reiher

Mover of the Motion then sum up at 6.47 pm

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.53 p.m. and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 01st June 2007.

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI



MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

Tenth Meeting of the Eighth Parliament

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Hon. Bauro Tongai, Mr. Teatao Teannaki, Mr. Teburoro Tito (all overseas) and Mr. Reete Bokai who is in hospital.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Television Kiribati Limited (formerly the Telecommunication Kiribati Limited) for the year ended 31st December 2001 to 2005

Paper No. 06/07

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 95 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)**

Could the Government consider giving to Councils medium-sized construction projects so that the problem in having these projects completed is solved?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Government has been considering giving to Councils certain construction project depending on the capability of Islands Council.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Timon R Aneri also raised supplementary questions.

- 3.2 **Q. 63 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

The handicraft and local produce is another source of income especially for the people on outer islands. Could the Government allocate more funds in order to meet the company's commitment?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, the answer to the question raised by one of the distinguished MP from Abaiang is Yes, Government will assist KHLF to improve and expand its activities.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

3.3 Q. 12 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

At the time of advertising the names of those students passed to enter Form IV at various secondary schools, it was noticed or experienced that those students were categorised into two categories: (i) supported schools fee and (ii) unsupported school fee. I would like to ask the Minister responsible to give clear explanation based on this newly policy laid and implemented.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker I would like to explain to the honourable member the policy of subsidizing the school fees of some students who get selected to enter Form IV at various secondary schools. This is not new, however, in the past years, government only announced names of those who met Government's selection criteria and are entitled to receive school subsidies. Church schools announced the names of those they selected outside approved Government criteria and not entitled to Government subsidy.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question.

3.4 Q. 21 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Could Government provide another company to provide for a passenger cruise that could replace NCL services that is currently not servicing the Tabuaeran sector for the duration of 6 months starting from April to October this year, 2007?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, under the current Agreement NCL has the exclusive right to visit Fanning and other islands in the Northern Line Islands. However, other cruise vessels can also call but subject to approval from both the Government and NCL. Another Cruise Line called the *Princess Cruise* has been approached and follow up actions on this are still on-going.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Jacob Teem raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria raised one supplementary question.

3.5 Q. 47 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio) as the Member was still in hospital

There are a lot of the Housing Corporation houses which need big maintenance work including electricity wiring to be done. Has the Corporation plan to do this maintenance?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, maintenance of housing is still ongoing. Maintenance on electrical fault is an urgent matter that the Kiribati Housing Corporation addresses immediately once reported as it considers a safety hazard.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 53 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

In reply to my question raised at the 17th Meeting of the Parliament in December 2005 regarding the prawn farming pilot project, the then Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development confirmed that the scope of project will be expanded to cover the outer islands if proven of its viability. Could the Minister now responsible advise this Maneaba the progress of the project to date?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to report that the first successful trail harvest of imported prawns for farming was conducted in early May of this year after 6 months of post larvae grow out at the Ambo research farm. However, the intention was to attempt at spawning adult prawns at the research farm before they are distributed to ponds in the outer islands including the Line Islands to supplement food supply and income opportunities to island communities.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Jacob Teem, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

3.7 Q. 67 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Government through the Ministry concern explore with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) the possibility of employing our I-Kiribati people in various sectors that may include agriculture, manufacturing and shipping companies in that country knowing that we may have the excessive workforce with appropriate skills?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Negotiations with Taiwan had already begun on this and the next process would be the signing of an MOU that would open the way for the employment of our nationals in the various industry sectors in Taiwan.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Kataotika Teekei also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 a.m.

4. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill –

4.1 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 4 and 5 stand part of the Bill.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 6 and 7 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Rimeta Beniamina asked question for clarification.

Hon. Attorney General provided clarifications.

Question Put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question Put: Carried

House resumed.

5. BILL – SECOND READING

5.1 Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006

Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:

That the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Amendment) Bill 2006 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried

The House proceeds to deal with Questions not covered in the morning session.

6. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

6.1 Q. 123 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

The problem with lack of and insufficient supplies of basic cargoes on outer islands still persist in spite of the present Government's campaign promises to solve this problem once it comes to power. Would the Minister concerned

inform this House what it has done over the last four years of its term to help solve this persistent problem?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, the present Government had developed many new systems which were not in existence when it came to power and which has assisted to alleviate cargo shortages.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Willie Tokataake also raised supplementary questions.

6.2 Q. 55 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari) lapsed as the Mover was absent when his Question was called.

6.3 Q. 13 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

In the development budget, there are two priority projects for Nikunau Island Council appeared and already funded, why these two projects changed to such one project only; and what is the reason for the delay in carrying out the work on this projects. Could the Minister responsible be so kind to tell the exact date for the commencement of the work on the project mentioned?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, my ministry confirmed that there were two priority projects for Nikunau Island Council for different years that were being funded and appeared in the development budget. The two priority projects had never been changed into one project.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

6.4 Q. 19 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

The ruling party stated in its campaign booklet that when elected to power the price of rice, flour, sugar and fuel will be reduced or custom duty on such goods be abolished. The prices of such commodities are now increasing. Mr. Speaker, can Government fulfil its campaign promises to reducing the prices of the rice, sugar, flour and fuel?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, I thank the distinguished MP from TabSouth for his question and the answer is this. Despite the efforts of this Government to reduce the price of basic commodities such as rice, flour, sugar and fuel through the price control and custom duty mechanism – one good example was the reduction of custom duty of benzene from 12 cents to 7 cents per litre (w.e.f. 21st August, 2003), there were other external factors which forced the increase in prices that are beyond the control of this Government as all of the said goods are imported from overseas.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House for lunch at 12.30 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm. The House proceeded with deliberation on remaining Questions on the Order Paper.

6.5 Q. 61 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House on first priority projects and their costs for all the Councils covered under the programme for the year 2007?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is still compiling all Councils priority projects for 2007 with their cost and it is expected to be completed at the beginning of June 2007.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Rutiano Benetito raised one supplementary question.

6.6 Q. 82 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister concerned speed up efforts to transport copra from Kuria to Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am pleased to inform the distinguished MP from Kuria that the Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd. (KSSL) had finalized its plans to uplift copra from the outer islands. Kuria's copra will be uplifted by MV Matangare on 2 occasions – Voyage No. 143 and 144 of this year which is scheduled to arrive Kuria on 7th and 14th June, 2007 respectively.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Tetaake Eria also raised supplementary questions.

6.7 Q. 75 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi

Why is the local renewal of employment on contract taking long time to complete?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, under normal circumstances renewal of contract should not be unduly delayed unless the proper procedures are followed.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question.

6.8 Q. 100 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

We kindly request this Government what are the plans to avoid further shortage of cargo and fuel on the Island of Marakei?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, Government has developed measures to address cargo and fuel shortages on Marakei. For cargo, that includes developing with BKL a monthly volume for basic cargo that BKL will try to meet every month, establishing a reorder level of two weeks supply for the island branch, and arranging for regular monthly vessel trips to the island.

For Fuel, this includes arrangements with KOIL to ensure that its systems are adhered to.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Kaneang Betero also raised supplementary questions.

6.9 Q. 128 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

I would like to ask Government why the responsible minister let the JSS classrooms in Onotoa still in a very sad state?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker Sir, I do not want to let the JSS classrooms in Onotoa remain in a very sad state.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

6.10 Q. 136 by Mr. Biribo Neemia MP (Beru)

Could this Government assist in providing Beru with seaweed cultivation project?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Yes, the Government can assist to redevelop seaweed cultivation on Beru if there is interest by the community to do so.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

6.11 Q. 119 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with the Copra Board to arrange for the payment of labour cost for the construction of a copra shed at Tanimainiku (Abemama) which has been outstanding for a very long time?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

The payment for the copra shed at Tanimainiku (Abemama) will be arranged as soon as possible.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised supplementary questions.

6.12 Q. 126 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)

Would the Minister responsible clarify what are the basic requirements are of new clinics before they could be staffed by nurses?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, the basic requirements for new clinics before they can be staffed by Nurses are:

- i) a valid certificate, between the Land Owner and the Council certifying the agreement that a specified land can be use to build a clinic
- ii) one house to be used as a clinic
- iii) one sleeping house
- iv) one eating house or kitchen
- v) one bathroom with toilet
- vi) one well
- vii) five houses to be used as patient wards

The principal Nursing Officer for the district in which the clinic has been built will inspect and certify that houses are completed to the standard before the Ministry of Health and Medical Services assign a Nurse to staff that clinic.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teiwaki Areieta and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

6.13 Q. 51 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

What is Government plan (Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development) for the fisheries assistant trainees who started their course on 23 February, 2004?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, the plan for the FA Trainees recruited during 2004 was to place those Fisheries Assistants that have retired or promoted to take other responsibilities within the Fisheries Units and to assist in implementing fisheries program on Outer Islands.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

6.14 Q. 69 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Government is requested to inform this House on what are the selection guidelines for the construction of Clinics by the EU (European Union) on the outer islands.

Replied by Hon. Minister for Health & Medical Services

Speaker, basically, the population size and where the EU Project will make the greatest impact in improving the delivery of health services in the outer islands are the two main guidelines that have been used in selecting islands where the improvement or construction of clinics and health centers will be carried out in the outer islands.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa and Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised supplementary questions.

6.15 Q. 29 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

There is a need of providing 30 computers for MTSS since there had not been any since the establishment of this school till this day. Could the Minister responsible give assistance to this need to upgrade the school and especially the learning since the Government schools is in great need of the support?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Education, Youth and Sports.

Mr. Speaker, yes may Ministry can work with MTSS to identify the exact needs of the school on this issue.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions while Mr. Tetaake Eria raised one supplementary question.

6.16 Q. 40 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

When will a technical person visit Nikunau to do a survey in preparation for the integrated milkfish farming project at Nein Riki.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker.

The FAO Consultant is planning to visit the Southern Islands including Nikunau during 2007 and will do the survey at Nein Riki and offer technical advice on integrated milkfish farming.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

The House adjourned for afternoon break at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

6.17 Q. 31 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

A request for clarification from the Honorable Minister responsible, what is the rent for using religious maneaba and houses for copra storage on Teraina?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives

The rate applied for the rental of maneaba and houses is as follows:

Maneaba:	1 mt to 49 mt:	\$2.50 per day
	50 mt to 100 mt:	\$5.00 per day
	101 mt to 200 mt:	\$7.50 per day
	201 mt over:	\$10.00 per day

Permanent House: \$80.00 per month

Local House: \$30.00 per month

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mrs. Veronika Bakeua also raised supplementary questions.

6.18 Q. 9 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Could the Minister responsible, Mr. Speaker Sir, provide aid funds from whatever sources available for the construction of public toilets in community areas such as village maneabas, primary schools and one in every household on North Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, I wish to inform one of the Honorable MPs from North Tarawa that aid funds have already been secured from the EU, in connections with the "Improvement in the delivery of Health Services in the Outer Gilbert Group" development project, under which the project meant by the MP's question may be entertained. These aid funds are managed and administered by KANGO, so we urge the MP to see this body about his project in question for his constituency, North Tarawa.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa also raised supplementary questions.

6.19 Q. 17 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP Nikunau

The way of contacting outer islands by using the TSKL telephone system seems to be far worse than it has been experienced. Could the responsible Minister give update on the problems and to assist to it?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

With the completion of telephone on 8 Outer Islands, communication to Outer Islands should have been improved. Outer Islands still using HF Radio Communications have increased their communication time from one hour to three hours per day. However, sometimes back Codan Network 1 & 4 were down resulting in the reduction of the communication time. The problem has been fixed and HF Communication is back to normal.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa also raised supplementary questions.

6.20 Q. 28 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The Government mentioned in the last meeting that a Form 6 and 7 Art and Science should be established at MTSS at this stage to help the number of students selected to KGV/EBS and in addition to the problems concerning the guardians care. Could the Government fulfill this issue that is very helpful to the parents and students from the Line and Phoenix Islands in a reasonable time?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Speaker, Government still wants to establish Form 6 and Form 7 at MTSS, however there are problems that prevent this from being done as soon as possible.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Dr. Tetaua Taitai raised one supplementary question.

6.21 Q. 26 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The radio and telephone services are still unavailable on Fanning. The year 2006 has gone and passed and may be 2007 as well. Could the Government see that the establishment of these services mentioned could proceed as soon as possible?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Government accepts the need to have radio and telephone accessibility on Fanning as soon as possible.

The Mover raised one supplementary question while Mr. Tetaake Eria also raised one supplementary question.

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 5.15 pm after completing all businesses on the Order Paper and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 1st June 2007.

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 a.m. and read the prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai who was still admitted at the Nawerewere Hospital.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 36 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

Could the Honourable Minister responsible finds ways to provide Teraina with solar energy as the people of Teraina have been waiting for it for so long since the Company's visit in 2004 and after numerous requests in that the Minister knew that some islands have solar energy?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Solar Energy Company plans to extend its solar energy based rural electrification services to the Lines Group.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions followed by two supplementary questions raised by Mr. Tinia Mariano.

- 2.2 Q. 6 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)**

Sports equipment on outer islands for youth is still very much needed. Could the Ministry concerned provide sports equipment for outer islands together with soccer and volley balls as they are the most popular games in Kiribati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately my Ministry is not in a position to provide sports equipment for all outer islands, including soccer and volleyball at this time.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question from Mr. Emile Schutz and another one from Mr. Kataotika Tekee.

2.3 Q. 58 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

As pure water is sold on Tarawa could the Honourable Minister responsible find the way to have the rainwater at the middle of Teraina purified, medicated and processed for drinking and export as mentioned and raised in the meetings of Parliament on 23rd June 2004 and 8th June 2006.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

Government is prepared to consider the Honourable Member's request.

Two supplementary questions were raised by the Mover.

2.4 Q. 68 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Can the responsible Minister inform this House and the people of Butaritari on how many kinds of bananas did his department of agriculture had sent there and how are they growing?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment and Agricultural Development

Speaker Sir, Under the FAO-funded Banana Project implemented by the Agriculture Division since 2005, 28 new varieties of banana have been introduced to Butaritari and according to the report from the Agriculture Division most of the new varieties can grow well on Butaritari.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions, one supplementary question raised by Mr. Kataotika Tekee and Mr. Tinian Reiher.

2.5 Q. 121 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Minister responsible explain why students doing SPBEA are assisted financially by Government whereas those doing USP programme are not?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker, Government assists all students who have passed the national criteria for acceptance into Form 6 and Form 7 and were selected by the secondary school selection committee regardless of the programme done in the registered secondary schools of their choice.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mrs. Mary Tamwi raised one supplementary question each.

2.6 Q. 125 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

Would Government clarify the basis for providing orthopedic services only to people in South Tarawa and Betio and not to those on Outer Islands?

Replied by Hon Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, My Ministry, hereby, wishes to convey its regrets for what had happened because all this has been due to the late confirmation of the arrival of the Australian Orthopedic Team which was received about two weeks before the scheduled arrival date of the team. This notice is not sufficient, taking into account the time needed for the initial screening tests that ought to be undertaken in the outer islands prior to the arrival of the team, together with the necessary arrangements to get patients, with bone problems, from the outer islands to Tarawa.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 129 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

The maneaba for Taberan te Winota Primary School in Onotoa is due again for major maintenance. I would like to ask if Government is now ready to take on that responsibility?

Replied Hon Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker Sir, Government is still in the process of finalizing the policy and plans on primary school maneabas for all of Kiribati.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Teburoro Tito raised two and one raised by Mr. Tebuai Uaai.

2.8 Q. 127 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

Whose responsibility is to meet the transport cost of nurses working in dispensaries that are not provided with motorcycles?

Replied Hon Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, Meeting of transport expenses for nurses working at dispensaries that are not provided with motorcycles is the responsibility of my Ministry but it must be noted that those transport expenses must be made in line with the Ministry's existing policy or administrative instructions to this effect.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Teburoro Tito raised one supplementary question each but were not considered as Hon. Speaker ruled them out.

2.9 Q. 130 by Ms. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible explain why there was shortage of funds experienced during the construction of the Aoraereke causeway?

Replied Hon. Minister of Public Works and Utilities

There was no shortage of funds for the project. There were delays in reconciling the project account at the end of last year but this has been resolved and work on the project has resumed.

Due to the limited time, the Mover raised only four supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. MOTIONS

3.1 Motion No. 18 by Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei) was withdrawn.

3.2 Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Motion No. 7

The Motion was amended first before it can be read and debated. The original version of the motion read as follows:

That this House requests for an explanatory remarks from Government for its failure in carrying out road maintenance on outer islands including Butaritari.

The Motion seemed to focus on the interest of one island; however, under Rule 36 (2) the motion should focus on a national interest. Accordingly an amendment was raised by Government which read as follows:

That this House requests Government to carry out road maintenance on outer islands including Butaritari as soon as practical.

The Mover accepts the amendments.

Motion as amended proposed. The following Members spoke on the Motion:

Dr. Harry Tong
H.E Anote Tong

House adjourned for lunch and resumed at 2.00 pm.

His Excellency continued speaking on the motion;
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Hon. Ioteba Redfern
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Patrick Tatireta

House adjourned for afternoon break at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm.

Mr. Tinian Reiher
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Banuera Benira
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mrs. Mary Tamwi

The Mover was given the floor to sum up his Motion.

Question Put: Carried

3.3 Mr. Timon Aneri MP (Banaba)

Motion No. 10

That this House requests the Government to consider prompt implementation of projects already funded.

Motion proposed. Members speaking on the motion are as follows:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Tinian Reiher

The Mover summed up his motion.

Question Put: Carried

4. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Hon. James Taom MP (Makin) moved the adjournment motion at 6.30 pm.

Question Put: Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.35 pm and to resume on Monday, 4th June 2007 at 10.00 am.

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2. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 a.m. and read the prayers.

All members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) who was still admitted at the Nawerewere Hospital.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

2.1 **Q. 7 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)**

One old man is now crippled due to amputation on one of his legs and now he is in great need to move from place to place in Tabuaeran. Could the Government give assistance to provide a wheel chair or handcart that could help this old man for his needs that are essential?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to assist this case in line with existing policy.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions while Mr. Tebuai Uaai raised two supplementary questions

2.2 **Q. 60 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)**

This is the follow up of my question which I raised in the last meeting of Parliament on 26 November 2006 regarding water tanks for various religious missions on Teraina and which the reply was that the request is being considered. Could the Honourable Minister responsible state to this House the updates on these water tanks as they are urgently needed and when will they arrive in Teraina?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, on this question I am pleased to advise the Honourable MP from Teraina that the required water tanks have been secured and are ready for delivery on the first available boat.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question raised by each of the following Members;

Mr. Tinia Mariano
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina

2.3 Q. 24 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Most of the families on Fanning are getting overcrowded since they are living with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on their one acre plot. Could government see through that the growing population and their welfare is taken good care of and that they are not crowded and to see too that the people that are not affected yet reach the same situation that is experienced by most at this time?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Mr. Speaker, The issue raised by the Honourable Member needs proper study in the context of a review of the settlement scheme already implemented and the formulation of future plans for further settlement, if it is to proceed, on the two islands of Tabuaeran and Teraina. My Ministry will carry out the review and planning of further settlement on the two islands in due course.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Tetaake Eria and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised one supplementary question each.

2.4 Q. 81 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister concerned indicate when are the Kuria Island Council Office and Maneaba expected to be completed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform this House that Kuria Island Council Office and maneaba will soon be completed.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Teiwaki Areieta raised one supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 25 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

The tug boat and the barge of the University of Hawaii are wrecked in the lagoon of Fanning and reclaiming and shallowing the waters most needed for the NCL boats to carry to and back tourists to NCL jetty and their swimming sites too. Could Government give assistance in removing these wrecks at a reasonable time as they are polluting our lagoon site?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, Government appreciates the need to clear the wreckage as raised and will attempt to assist as requested within the limit of its resources.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 105 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible state when the monies due for the remaining NPC workers be paid out?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

From the official list of repatriated workers from Nauru, there is only one remaining worker still yet to be paid. The payment will be made once he has provided to my Ministry the information and documents needed from him to help verify his claim and establish his identity.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Tinian Reiher raised one supplementary question each

2.7 Q. 103 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

Could this Government inform this House when would the maintenance funding for the school buildings and health buildings on Marakei could be available and be paid?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, funds have had been warranted to Marakei early this year to cater for work being done on government local buildings maintenance. Remaining claims that have just been received are now under examination and once verified funds will then be warranted.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question each raised by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Timon R. Aneri.

2.8 Q. 139 by Mrs. Mary Tamwi MP (Betio)

That this House asks Government to allow females to undertake deck and engine studies at MTC.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

My Ministry is now looking into the possibility of including females on the IDF Course at MTC to enable them to get employment as seafarers with Shipping Companies here in Kiribati and overseas.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question each raised by Mr. Teiwaki Areieta and Mr. Kaneang Betero.

2.9 Q. 138 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible explain as to why BOK imposed a \$10 penalty fee as late payment when the clients who are civil servants have agreed with the Bank and employer (Government) to have their fortnightly repayment automatically deducted and transferred to BOK each pay day?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Speaker, the fortnight loan repayments of civil servants are automatically deducted and transferred to the Bank of Kiribati on time. If there are civil servants who claimed to have been wrongly receiving late fees charges, the Bank of Kiribati has indicated its willingness to look into and would be able to reverse these wrongful charges.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

Before proceeding with committee of the Bills; namely the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006 and the Leadership Code Bill 2006, the Members decided on how to deal with the Bills and resolved that the House should proceed with the Bills separately. The committee stage of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006 should be immediately followed by its Second Reading. If the Bill is passed then the House should proceed with the next Bill but if not, that is, the 2/3 majority required is not attained, proceedings on the Leadership Code Bill will not proceed.

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bills:

3.1 Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 stand part of the Bill.

Mr. Teburoro Tito moved his amendments; by substituting the words "Leadership Integrity Tribunal" wherever it appears on the Bill with the words "High Court".

H.E Te Beretitenti rejected the amendments saying that no notice of the Amendments was given and that the amendments will change the purpose of the Bill altogether.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12. 10 pm for lunch and resumed at 2.00 pm.

The House resolved into Committee and continued where it left off before the lunch break.

Hon. Speaker ordered that the Amendments should be ruled out as the required notice is not given.

Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Teburoro Tito asked questions for clarifications.

Hon. Attorney General made corrections to clause 4(a); substituting “after” with “ a new”.

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 5, 6, 7 and 8 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Attorney General made a minor correction in clause 7 (a); substitution of (g) by (e) and former (e) to be (g). In clause 8(a); by inserting ‘if’ before ‘he’ in paragraph (d).

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that clauses 9, 10, 11 and 12 stand part of the Bill.

Hon. Attorney General made a minor correction in clause 10 (a); inserting ‘if’ before ‘he’.in paragraph (c).

Question put: Carried

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question put: Carried

The House resumed.

4. BILL – SECOND READING

4.1 Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006

H.E Te Beretienti moved:

That the Constitution Amendment Bill 2006 be now read the second time and do pass.

Division result. For = 25 Against = 13 Absent = 4

From the result, the Second Reading of the Bill was not carried.

As earlier resolved further proceedings on the **Leadership Code Bill 2006** were suspended as the Second Reading of the **Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2006** was not passed.

The House continued to cover remaining Questions that were not covered in the morning.

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

5.1 Q. 30 By Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Upon the visit of the ministerial tour to Fanning the NCL manager Robert John Bryden requests the contract form that they need for his employees conditions to the service. The reply was that the Government will see through the responsible personnel to deal with the request upon the return to Tarawa. Could there be any assistance to this need from the Government at a reasonable time?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

There is no contract form available from my Ministry but guidelines on conditions to be applied and included in contract for nationals employed by overseas companies operating in Kiribati should be consistent with the provisions of our Employment Act.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised one supplementary question each.

5.2 Q. 33 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teeraina)

In the meeting of Parliament last year I once again raised a request for the upgrading of the sea passage at Tevalua. The reply was “work will commence once funds are available”. I now humbly ask the Honourable Minister responsible, when will funding for this project available?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, it is still not definite when we will receive project funds in full.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question each by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Banuera Benira.

5.3 Q. 18 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau) was withdrawn.

5.4 Q. 49 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by his colleague Mrs. Mary Tamwi

Does Government have a plan to develop and improve part of the Betio Ship Yard which deals with the building of boats, small ships and others?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, yes.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by one supplementary question each raised by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Rutiano Benetito.

5.5 Q. 99 by Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei) lapsed, as the Member was absent.

5.6 Q. 155 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Since there is no vacuum truck to empty the septic tanks on Kiritimati it is done by hand, could Government consider increasing the allowance on this to the concerned workers?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line & Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, the issue raised in this question by the Honourable MP from Kiritimati can be taken into consideration in the course of the review of the National Conditions of Service for Government employees which is currently being carried out.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised one supplementary question

5.7 Q. 132 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible indicate when will all buoys and beacons installed and repaired for Kuria?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

As soon as possible, on the first available vessel to Kuria, after completion of beaconing work at South Tabiteuea.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Tinian Reiher raised one supplementary question.

At 6.10 pm the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House and to resume on Tuesday, 5th June 2007 at 10.00 am.

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai (hospitalized) and Mr. Timon R Aneri.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 3 by Mr. Tebuai Uaii MP (TabSouth)**

How much money drawn from the RERF after Parliament session of December of last year?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, \$15 million was drawn from the RERF in December 2006.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 93 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba): raised by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua on his behalf**

People in Banaba sincerely appreciate the Government for installing new satellite telephone system in Banaba, however, its high telephone charges is causing a burden to constituents. Could the Government advise this House if it could liaise with TSKL to reduce the telephone charge?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, the telephone system installed and used on Banaba is a temporary measure only to assist the people of Banaba on their important and urgent telephone and fax needs, before TSKL can install the Satellite Earth Station on Banaba.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Biribo Neemia also raised two supplementary questions while Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake raised one supplementary question each.

2.3 Q. 112 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible inform this House when island councils will be dissolved and chief councilors elected by their islands in line with the new Local Government Act?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the dissolution and election of chief councilors will wait until election for House of Parliament is done.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions while Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake raised one supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 151 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

The vessel S/V Kwai has visited Christmas and Tabueran 2 or 3 times a month delivering cargoes to the island. Could the Honourable Minister responsible also include Teraina in these visits so that its people also benefited from these services?

Replied by Hon Minister of Line and Phoenix Development

Speaker, since the vessel is not owned by Government, my ministry will try to assist in seeking whatever assistance S/V Kwai can offer in terms of including Washington and perhaps Fanning as well in its current and future schedule to the Line islands

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

2.5 Q. 114 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

What are the Government plans in regard to maintaining canoe passages on the ocean side of Abemama.

Replied by Hon. Minister for Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Government will upgrade 2 existing passages on the ocean side of Abemama, upon availability of funds. The Island Council shall identify those 2 priority sites.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

2.6 Q. 146 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

The ruling party's campaign platform stated that magistrates allowances will be increased but until now this has not been implemented. Would Government explain why this has not been implemented?

Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, This was not included in Government's Policy Statement. Government has, however, received this request and it is now being considered.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised three supplementary questions.

2.7 Q. 120 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Mr. Speaker Sir, with the increase in the number of fishing boat travel and ferry service between North and South Tarawa by lagoon both day and nights, some shallow areas in the lagoon areas in the lagoon have become very dangerous for the given reasons that the wooden beacons are half fallen and sink $\frac{1}{4}$ metre below surface. Could the Minister responsible replace those missing and upright those a quarter way sinking?

Replied by Hon. Minister for Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker Sir, I am very pleased to inform the Honourable Member from North Tarawa that the required beaconing work was carried out on 27 March 2007 and completed on 30 April 2007.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Emile Schutz and Mr. Biribo Neemia also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 41 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

Air Kiribati Ltd had in the past requested this Government to assist acquiring one suitable aircraft to improve and sustain domestic flights. What is Government's response to this request?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Government had already approved the purchase of one new aircraft and it is now with Air Kiribati Ltd to ensure that this is fulfilled.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

2.9 Q.150 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

Could Government consider the seaweed office at Tarawa to be established in Fanning?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, at this time, Government had no plans to relocate the head-office of Atoll Seaweed Company from Tarawa to Tabuaeran.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised three supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 154 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government consider paying to public servants the cash for their sea fare to their respective home island after the completion of 3 years of service?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, I regret that Government cannot consider at this time paying to public servants cash for their sea fare after the completion of 3 years of service as this allowance is only for home passage and not for cash. Leave grant is payable to employees not taking home leave.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

2.11 Q. 73 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

We kindly request the Government, would it be possible to pay the land lease to the outer islands including Marakei at the same time when paid on Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Mr. Speaker, as Honourable Members understand lease payments are made separately for Tarawa and the outer islands. Government is however, prepared to give consideration to the request raised in this question.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Mr. Teburoro Tito, Mr. Tebuai Uai, Dr. Tetaua Taitai and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am.

3. BILLS – COMMITTEE STAGE

The House resolved into Committee to consider the following Bill:

3.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1, 2 and 3 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 4, 5 and 6 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question put – Carried.

3.2 Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007

Mr. Chairman proposed that Clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill.

Question put – Carried.

Mr. Chairman proposed that the long title of the Bill stand part of the whole Bill.

Question put – Carried.

The House resumed.

4. BILLS – SECOND READING

4.1 Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved:

That the Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried.

4.2 Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007

H. E Te Beretitenti moved:

That the Privileges, Immunities and Powers of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu (Amendment) Bill 2007 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put – Second Reading of the Bill Carried.

The House proceeds to deal with Questions remaining on the Order Paper.

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were also raised to the Government:

5.1 Q.153 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government include in the protection of bonefish regulation that trevally is to be protected as well to maintain the sports fishing industry in Kiritimati lagoons?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, yes Government can look at the possibility of including trevally amongst those species currently under protection in Kiritimati lagoon.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

5.2 Q.173 by Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)

Could the Minister concerned liaise with SPMS with a view to soliciting the assistance of SPMS and KFS to pay for the fees payable for medical check ups necessary before a seaman could be allowed to work on these companies' vessels?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development

Government will consider the proposal raised by the Honourable Member.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised one supplementary question while Mr. Willie Tokataake raised two supplementary questions.

5.3 Q.116 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Government lease lands that are designated for water reservoir in Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development

Mr. Speaker, Government intends to consider the merits of leasing those areas on which solar pumps are located throughout the islands of Kiribati, including Abemama.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

5.4 Q.159 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Certain Government employees on Kanton are not paid some allowances that they are entitled to under the National Conditions of Service. Could Government explain why these allowances are not paid?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, the question is not specific as to what kind of allowance is not paid however there are conditions that should be met in order to claim any allowance in the NCS.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

5.5 Q. 142 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

With difficulties in transport both by land and sea by more students who are supposed to take up education up to JSS level from villages of Kainaba right up to Buota on North Tarawa could the Minister responsible please consider building another Junior Secondary School for that matter?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sports

Speaker, I regret to advise that at this stage there are no plans to build another JSS at North Tarawa.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Teatao Teannaki also raised supplementary questions.

House adjourned for lunch at 12.26 pm and resume at 2.00 pm. The House continued with remaining Questions.

5.6 Q. 161 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could Government consider village's warden to have their salaries paid from consolidated fund at the same rate offered to specials constables?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Speaker, the Government cannot pay salaries of village's warden from the consolidated fund since the post is not in the Establishment Register but created by the council which should be responsible for the salaries and conditions.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised a supplementary question.

5.7 Q. 143 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Mr. Speaker Sir, sports facilities like centers, sports fields etc should be constructed also on all the outer islands in Kiribati and to be leased by government, could the Minister responsible list out the number so far completed and on which islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sports

Mr. Speaker, there are no sports centers and sports fields on the outer islands currently leased by Government.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised a supplementary question.

5.8 Q. 52 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

What is the progress of work on the food processing project funded by Taiwan?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development

Speaker, Sir, I am pleased to inform the House that the fruit processing project is about ready to be commissioned for trial operation. The equipment and machines have all been received now and renovation work to the premises to be used for the project is nearing completion. Funding for technical assistants for the installation of the machines and the fruit processing had been secured and the work schedule for trial operation is being finalised by the project steering committee.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions.

5.9 Q. 62 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

The council office at Abaiang is not completed yet and the work has been stopped several months ago. Would the Minister responsible please look into it?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that works will resume on this project shortly.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

5.10 Q. 109 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible convey to this House the decision of the Electoral Commission, if already made, on the dates of the general election and the Presidential election?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Electoral Commission has not finalized the date of election for the coming General Election and for the Presidential election.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

5.11 Q. 101 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

We kindly request this Government to inform this House that the priority project for Marakei Island Council which was the office for 2006, could they both with the priority project for 2007 be executed when funding available?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Marakei Island Council's priority project for 2006 which is the new Council Office is now ready to be implemented. Marakei's priority project for 2007 remains under consideration.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Kataotika Tekee also raised a supplementary question.

5.12 Q.19 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth) was withdrawn as it is already covered.

5.13 Q. 91 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

People in Banaba are grateful that the Government has procured a water-truck through funding assistance from the Government of Taiwan. Could the Government advise this House how much was the total amount budgeted for and if there is a remaining could the spare parts be procured?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to report to this House that Banaba water truck project has been allocated with total funding of \$90,170 with a remaining balance of \$263.72.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

5.14 Q. 111 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Minister responsible bring back the quality of ration for patients as provided in the past?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Speaker, Health-wise the quality of the patients' ration is now better, so my Ministry does not see any reason why it should bring the existing quality back to what it used to be in the past.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions. Dr. Tetaua Taitai, Mr. Rutiano Benetito, Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mrs. Mary Tamwi also raised supplementary questions.

5.15 Q. 97 by Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei)

That parliament requests this respectful Government to ensure that all monies payable by Departmental Warrants through island councils are paid accordingly to recipients who are rightful payees.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the duties of the Clerk is obligated to follow instructions under the financial regulations. All payments under department warrants is to be paid according to its specifications on the warrant. Where on the warrant, specific or names of the payee are stated or shown, then the clerk should pay accordingly.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

5.16 Q. 61 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang) is withdrawn

5.17 Q. 149 by Mr. Tinia Mariano MP (Tabuaeran)

What is the government plan for the seaweed fund?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Fisheries & Marine Resources Development

Mr. Speaker, Government has provided the ASCL with further funds to settle its outstanding payment to Tabuaeran farmers and to meet its other operational costs.

The Mover raised one supplementary question.

5.18 Q. 39 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

In reference to the development fund for island councils' priority projects for this year, how many projects are currently funded and for which island council?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is still compiling all Councils priority projects for 2007 with their cost and it is expected to be completed at the beginning of June 2007.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

5.19 Q. 48 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio): raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi

The construction of Teiario group maneaba on Betio was financed by the Copra Cooperative Society but it is not yet completed. Can the responsible Minister inform this House when will the work on this maneaba complete?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

The construction of Teiario Maneaba has been started but there are still outstanding tasks that need to be done. As agreed between KCCS and Teiario group, KCCS will pay for the amount of \$2,000.00 to Teiario group for required materials while Teiario group will perform outstanding tasks to

complete the construction of their maneaba. The cheque has been ready to be collected by Teiara group.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 3.30 pm when all Questions on the Order Paper were covered, and to resume at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 06th June 2007.

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Wednesday, 06th June 2007

1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai who is still in hospital.

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following Paper was laid on the Table.

By the Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the account of the Bobotin Kiribati Limited
for the year ended 31st August 2004

Paper No. 07/07

3. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 3.1 **Q. 140 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)**

Regarding the telecommunication improvement project on Nonouti, I want to ask what is the latest development?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, TSKL is now finalizing the project document on the Satellite Earth Station Project for the Outer Islands including Nonouti for funding by Government.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

- 3.2 **Q. 147 by Dr. Tetua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

When would the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions separate from the Attorney General's office be established?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretienti

Mr. Speaker, any constitutional amendment including this one will have to wait until the next House.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

3.3 Q. 158 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

What are Government plans in regard to the landing craft LC Betiraoi which is at Kiritimati wharf?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government intention is still to have LC Betiraoi repaired as early as possible in order to have it continue servicing the Line Islands.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

3.4 Q. 141 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

In the last House, the Minister agreed to my request that another opening for the Buariki causeway is to be constructed. When will he be able to complete the job?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, subject to the completion of the required technical and environmental assessments, work to create another culvert for this causeway may start when work on the Tebuange/Matabou causeway is completed.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

3.5 Q. 163 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

On the 18th of May this year, the operation manager of Kiribati Shipping Services Limited had agreed with me that M.V. Moanaraoi voyage No: 05/07 should begin her off loading from Tamana to accommodate the shortage of general cargoes being experienced for a few months, could the responsible minister inform this House why this agreement was not fulfilled?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I extend my deepest regrets to the Hon. MP for Tamana for what happened. However, according to explanations received from KSSL, what actually transpired was that following the request from Tamana, similar

urgent requests for shortage of cargo on Nonouti and Tabiteuea South were also received. In order to assist them as well their cargoes were therefore also loaded with Tamana cargoes and were delivered first en-route to Tamana, thus causing delay to arrival at Tamana.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

3.6 Q. 50 by Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) was raised by Mrs. Mary Tamwi

When were personal tax allowances implemented, how much for each allowance and can they be reviewed?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Changes to personal tax allowances were implemented in 1990 and the rates are as follows:

<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Education</u>
900	900	100 x 2	100 x 4 max

Other possible tax deductible allowances:

<u>KPF</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
Full 7.5% of basic salary	400 max

The allowances can be reviewed but at this point in time there are no plans as yet to review the allowances.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

3.7 Q. 64 by Mr. Teatao Teannaki MP (Abaiang)

It has been proven by the Minister of Education when he accompanied the Ministerial Team visiting Abaiang recently, that school children transport is in fact inadequate. Can I request the Minister and ministry concern to look into addressing this inadequacy issue?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable Member that discussions are on-going to address this issue.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

3.8 Q. 137 by Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa MP (Onotoa)

Could the Minister responsible explain DBK initiatives, if there are any, in response to the problems forced by potential clients who are copra cutters

and very keen to start a business but cannot afford to pay a deposit nor obtain someone as a guarantor?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Sir, DBK has provided a special loan package that still requires a deposit as is normal for all loans, but not a guarantor. This has been advertised a number of times.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

3.9 Q. 144 by Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari)

Could the responsible Minister inform this House, what causes the non payment to the Catholic community at Tanimainiku Butaritari for renting their maneaba for storing cement for Nan Teibo causeway?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, this claim is being reviewed taking into account an agreement reached with the Catholic community at Tanimainiku Butaritari regarding the use of their maneaba for storage purposes.

The Mover raised one supplementary question while Mr. Tinian Reiher also raised a supplementary question.

3.10 Q. 148 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (Tab North)

Would the Minister responsible clearly explain how many teachers should Buran Nikoraoi Primary School, Tekaman, Tab North have?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Mr. Speaker, in line with the current policy this school should have 3 teachers.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions.

3.11 Q. 157 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati) lapsed as the Mover was absent.

3.12 Q. 162 by Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka MP (Tamana)

Could this Government explain why the installation of a solar light to Barebuka Maneaba being delayed and they have been paid for it?

Replied by Hon. Minister Public Works & Utilities

Mr. Speaker, the causes of the delay in installing solar light for Barebuka village maneaba are as follows:-

1. During the first round of installation and according to the Company schedule of installation plan, only one Maneaba will be installed on Tamana. The Island Council submitted two maneabas and Toaimoa Maneaba situated in Bakarawa Village was on top of the list hence it was selected to be installed first.

2. Barebuka Maneaba came second on the list so it was left to be installed during the second round since there were some materials remained after the first round of installation.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

3.13 Q. 43 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau) was deferred as the Hon. Minister who is to reply wishes to amend his reply.

3.14 Q. 34 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teeraina)

On my island, Teeraina there is a recurring pain disease affecting adult people causing a lot of them to die. Could the Honourable Minister responsible find ways to cure this disease or to do a research on it?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health & Medical Services

Mr. Speaker, my Ministry is prepared to examine the problem and to formulate whatever remedial measures that are necessary.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Dr. Tetaua Taitai raised two supplementary questions.

Question time ended at 11.30 am. Four questions on the Order Paper were not covered.

4. BILL – FIRST READING

4.1 Kiribati Reserve Fund Bill 2007

Before Mr. Teburoro Tito proceed to move the Bill, H.E Te Beretienti made a point of order seeking the Speaker ruling as to whether the first reading of the Bill should proceed or not. He argued that as this is the last meeting of the Eighth Parliament it is meaningless to present a Bill for its first reading as you cannot tell whether the Mover will be reelected to move for the second reading of the Bill in the next Parliament or not. Similarly on these bases, his Government is not presenting Bills for their first reading in this meeting.

Mr. Teburoro Tito on the other hand argued that the first reading of his Bill is proper even at this stage and that the first reading of the Bill should proceed.

The Hon. Speaker however concurred with H.E views and ruled that the first reading of the Bill should be deferred until further notice.

Accordingly the Bill was ruled out of the Order Paper.

5. MOTIONS

5.1 Mr. Patrick Tatireta MP (Marakei) moved:

Motion No. 18

That Government is requested by this House to consider amending the Native Lands Ordinance, which implies the indefeasibility of titleship after the year 1948.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong
Mr. Teburoro Tito

The House adjourned for lunch at 12.34 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm. Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Hon. Attorney General
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Mr. Timon R Aneri
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

House adjourned for afternoon tea at 4.00 pm and resumed at 4.30 pm. Discussion on the Motion continue as follows:

Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Dr. Harry Tong

Mover then sum up at 5.08 pm.

Question put – Carried.

5.2 Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake MP (Butaritari) moved:

Motion No. 9

That this House urges Government to restrict foreigners from doing business in Kiribati harvesting our natural resources.

After the Motion was moved, Hon. Martin Tofinga proposed amendments to the Motion as follows:

That this House urges Government to ensure that foreigners doing business in Kiribati using our natural resources comply with our laws.

The Mover did not agree with the amendment. Under the Rules the amendments should be debated but Hon. Speaker nevertheless decided that the Motion is accepted and the Motion should be debated as amended.

The following Members spoke on the Motion as amended:

Mr. Teburoro Tito
Dr. Harry Tong
H.E Anote Tong
Mr. Banuera Berina

Mover of the amended Motion then sum up at 6.30 pm

Question Put: Carried

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 6.35 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Thursday, 07th June 2007.

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MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 am and reads Prayers.

All Members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai who is still in hospital.

2. **ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

- 2.1 Q. 90 by Mr. Timon R Aneri MP (Banaba)**

Could the Government advise this House if it could consider funding for rehabilitation of and improvement to Bitati Maneaba in Banaba such as roofing, lighting, water and toilet facilities for this Maneaba functions as central Maneaba in Banaba?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal & Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, Banaba Island Council should include this project in its priority list and then follow project submission procedure.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

- 2.2 Q. 44 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

Why hasn't the wage level for copra handling works on the outer islands be increased, especially wage level for those lifting copra from copra shedsto the boat?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Cooperatives

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have been advised by the Kiribati Copra Cooperative Society (KCCS) that it will increase the wage level for those lifting copra from the shed to the boat.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai and Dr. Tetaua Taitai also raised supplementary questions.

- 2.3 Q. 124 by Dr. Tetaua Taitai MP (TabNorth)**

The price of fuel which determines the selling price of fish is the same in Tarawa and the outer islands. Why does Government through its many institutions, offer different prices for fish bought in Tarawa and in outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth and Sports.

Mr. Speaker, fish is bought at the market price.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised a supplementary question.

2.4 Q. 133 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible liaise with BOK to find ways to reduce its charge on accounts with limited amounts as these charges have rendered these accounts empty?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. Speaker, Sir, Government can liaise with CEO of BOK to discuss improvement of service for not only its outer islands customers but also to all its customers.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake, Mr. Willie Tokataake and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

2.5 Q. 5 by Mr. Tebuai Uaai MP (TabSouth)

Boutokan te Koaua stated in its campaign booklet that 'pre-schools on outer islands shall be financially supported'. Mr. Speaker, when will this promise be fulfilled?

Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government provides support to pre-schools through various channels including the training of pre-school teachers and sourcing aid funds for their activities.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Kataotika Tekee also raised supplementary questions.

2.6 Q. 37 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

In sitting of Parliament on 22/11/06, I raised a request for the need of a Clerk for Teraina, a position which has been performed by the treasurer. The reply from the Honourable Minister was, "they've got a clerk for Teraina but he is now on leave and at the end of his leave he should be posted to Teraina". Could the Honourable Minister clarify, is this person still on leave?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, the Clerk has resumed duty on Teraina.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised a supplementary question.

2.7 Q. 84 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Will the Minister responsible explain why the work on Tebuange/Matabou causeway was stopped in April this year?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker sir, the work on Tebuange/Matabou causeway was temporarily stopped based on the report submitted to Cabinet in April this year.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Tebuai Uaai also raised supplementary questions.

2.8 Q. 168 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

I raised a question to the Minister responsible during the June 2006 sitting of Parliament regarding upgrading to the existing lagoon boats/canoe passages in villages of Kainaba and Nabeina and to look into other villages with cases of similar in nature like Nuatabu, Tabonibara etc.. What progress of work has been carried out so far?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

The national reef passage project covers boat and/or canoe passages on the ocean side of the island only. For that reason no work has been carried out on the lagoon boat/canoe passages at Kainaba, Nabeina and other villages in North Tarawa; however this work has been included as a priority project for North Tarawa and is now being considered.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong also raised a supplementary question.

2.9 Q. 166 by Mr. Waysang Mosi Kum Kee MP (Nonouti)

In the previous House I asked the question concerning the sanitarian's outstanding KPF contribution. Could the Minister responsible inform this House whether or not the outstanding had been paid to the KPF?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, it is the responsibility of every Council to pay those employees' outstanding contributions to the KPF.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Rutiano Benetito also raised supplementary questions.

2.10 Q. 172 by Mr. Banuera Berina MP (South Tarawa)

Could the Minister concerned inform this House whether or not any ships have been registered under the Open Registry system, the Act for which had been passed by this House?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport & Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker sir, I am pleased to report to this House that as of 4th May 2007, the number of vessels that have been registered under the Kiribati Open Ship Registry is 26.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Dr. Harry Tong, Mr. Rutiano Benetito and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

2.11 Q. 54 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

What is Government assistance, if any, provided to the people of Ukiangang and Bikati who faced severe hardship caused by strong wind and high waves last year?

Replied by H.E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is prepared to assist with damage repair to community property once an assessment of the situation is available.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

Question time ended at 11.29 am.

3. MOTION

3.1 Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs moved:

Motion No. 20

That this House approves the recommendations of the Electoral Commission concerning the numbers of Members of Parliament as set out in Paper No. 03/07.

Motion proposed; The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong
Mr. Teburoro Tito
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Dr. Harry Tong

Hon. James Taom

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 12.28 pm for lunch and resumed at 2.00 pm. The discussion on the Motion continued as follows:

Mr. Tinia Mariano
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa
Mr. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Natan Teewe
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka
Mr. Rutiano Benetito
Mr. Banuera Berina
Mrs. Veronika Bakeua
Hon. Tetabo Nakara
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Hon. Iotebwa Redfern
Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 4.00 pm for afternoon tea and resumed at 4.30 p.m. The discussion on the Bill continued as follows:

Mrs. Beta Tewareka Tentoa continue her discussion

Mover of the Motion then sum up at 4.40 pm.

Question put: Carried

House then proceeds to deal with Questions remaining on the Order Paper.

4. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Questions were also raised to the Government:

4.1 Q. 160 by Mr. Willie Tokataake MP (Abemama)

Could the Minister of Education arrange for the immediate payment for the cost of building a classroom at Tetongo in Abemama?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Education, Youth & Sports

Speaker, the payment can be considered once full details of the claim are received by the Ministry.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Teitirake Henry Corrie, Mr. Tinian Reiher, Mr. Rimeta Beniamina and Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised supplementary questions.

4.2 Q. 170 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government explain to this House, what are the problems in supplying electricity to Itoin Mainiku and St. Francis Senior Secondary Schools on Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, Government sees no problem in the supply of electricity to Itoin Mainiku and St. Francis High School as they are included in the large scale project of Centralized Power System designed to improve the electricity distribution and supply on Kiritimati.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions.

4.3 Q. 86 by Mr. Ieremia Tabai MP (Nonouti)

Approximately \$12,000.00 was owed to the people on Nonouti who did the repair and maintenance work. When will those people be paid?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, settlement of outstanding maintenance work of this year to people of Nonouti, whose claims received early in May, had been made this same month after having been verified.

No supplementary questions were raised.

4.4 Q. 156 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government explain why it was not possible to charter an air cargo flight from Honolulu during the time there was a major cargo shortage on Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives

Mr. Speaker, it was considered not necessary to charter an air freight from Honolulu because there were cargoes that were air freighted on Air Pacific from Fiji and on normal air freight run from Honolulu to assist the people of Kiritimati before the arrival of cargoes on MV Matangare on 9 April 2007. The chartered air freight could have been arranged from Honolulu if the cargo shortage problem became worse at that time.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

4.5 Q. 15 by Mr. Kaneang Betero MP (Nikunau)

Out of every \$10m Taiwan gives to Kiribati Government annually, \$2m is supposed or allocated to meet one of every Councils priority projects. I would like to ask the responsible minister to spell out the number of projects that had been done and to pin out all the Councils in which their projects had been funded, and also to explain to this House what is to be done to the remaining \$8m annually.

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, out of the \$10m grants from Taiwan to the Government of Kiribati, \$2m is allocated to my Ministry to fund council's priority projects. The remaining fund of \$8m have been fully utilized to fund other projects. The names of Island Councils and their priority projects funded from the \$2m annually is shown on the list attached to this reply.

The Mover raised four supplementary questions. Mr. Teburoro Tito also raised a supplementary question.

4.6 Q. 171 by Mr. Jacob Teem MP (Kiritimati)

Could Government explain why no new Government houses were built in Kiritimati for the high density sector?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development

Speaker, there has been no high density houses constructed in view of the fact that Government owned companies and corporations are encouraged to build residential houses for their staff.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions.

4.7 Q. 152 by Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

There are erosions and accretions still developing in most areas of North Tarawa, and with the powerful storms and high tide that come to surface one on Saturday 9/06/06 with a recorded height of 2.9 meters, and those followed on 5/10/06, 06/10/06 and 7/10/06, most coastal areas were flooded, houses, gardens, drinking wells etc, were badly affected. Are there any strategic mass preventive measures that were once proposed and put in place by the Minister responsible?

Replied by H. E. Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government is developing, in conjunction with the World Bank-financed Kiribati Adaptation Project, adaptation measures for rising sea levels.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions. Mr. Tinian Reiher and Mr. Willie Tokataake also raised supplementary questions.

4.8 Q. 57 by Mr. Tinian Reiher MP (Butaritari)

What causes the long delay in the implementation of the coastal rehabilitation project for Onomaru (Tebikenaine) and Tanimainiku in Butaritari)

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Project implantation awaits the granting of approval for the construction of the seawalls.

The Mover raised two supplementary questions. Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake and Mr. Rimeta Beniamina also raised supplementary questions.

After all Questions on the Order Paper were dealt with the Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 5.50 pm and to resume at 10.00 am on Friday, 08th June 2007.

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1. Hon. Speaker took the chair at 10.00 a.m. and read the prayers

All members were present except Mr. Reete Bokai MP (Betio) who was still admitted at the Nawerewere Hospital

2. **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

By the Chairman of Public Account Committee

Report of the Public Account Committee on Government Companies and Statutory Cooperation's Accounts

Paper No. 08/07

3. **STATEMENTS**

- 3.1 **By Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)**

The concern from amount of dried copra rotten on outer islands.

Questions were raised by the following Members:

Hon. Martin Tofinga (three questions)
Mr. Patrick Tatireta (two questions)
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka (one question)
H.E Anote Tong (one question)
Mr. Rutiano Benetito (one question)
Hon. Natan Teewe (one question)

- 3.2 **By Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)**

Statements from Members of Parliament in this House that has no evidence.

Mr. Patrick Tatireta raised four questions but later by Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa interrupted to point of order that the statement raised did not comply with Rules of Procedures in that it is not a matter of national interests. Consequently the Statement was ruled out of order.

- 3.3 **By Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)**

Outcome of the 22nd PPAPD Biennial Conference.

The Statement was never raised and discussed as H.E Te Beretitenti pointed out that this subject could have be raised and discussed in the CPA Committee. The Hon. Speaker concurred and the statement was ruled out.

4. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANDWERS

The following Questions were raised to the Government:

4.1 Q. 106 by Mr. Teburoro Tito MP (South Tarawa)

Will the Government consider providing TUC with heavy equipment for the maintenance of feeder roads in South Tarawa?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Hon. Speaker, government can consider providing TUC with heavy equipment for the maintenance of feeder roads in South Tarawa appropriate.

The Mover raised six supplementary questions.

4.2 Q. 104 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

This is to kindly request this Government to review and see the need to build the clinic at Tekuanga while they are still experiencing problems without having the clinic at their village?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Health and Medical Services

Speaker, if all of the existing policy guidelines for the construction of new clinics are satisfied by Tekuanga then the new clinic for the village may be approved provided it is still supported by the Marakei Island Council.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions while Mr. Teatao Teannaki raised two supplementary questions.

4.3 Q. 94 by Mrs. Veronika Bakeua MP (Kuria)

Could the Minister responsible inform this House that since the garage for Kuria Island Council has been completed in 2005. When will equipment for this garage provided?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable member that the tools for Kuria garage will be provided soon.

The Mover raised three supplementary questions followed by two supplementary questions raised by Dr. Tetaua Taitai and one supplementary question raised by Mr. Tebuai Uaai.

4.4 Q. 45 by Mr. Rimeta Beniamina MP (Nikunau)

What is the level of Government outstanding debt with Air Kiribati Ltd, Public Utilities Board, Kiribati Shipping Services Ltd, Kiribati Oil Co. Ltd, TSKL and other companies which it still owes from 2004 to date?

Replied by H.E Te Beretitenti

Mr. Speaker, Government outstanding debts with Government owned companies and statutory bodies is something that is on-going as part of their regular operations. Those debts from prior 2003 to 2004 are being reconciled and reviewed. For current years these should have been cleared on a monthly basis.

The Mover raised five supplementary questions followed by one question raised by Mr. Teburoro Tito.

4.5 Q. 92 by Mr. Timon R. Aneri MP (Banaba)

People in Banaba are delighted to have heard with appreciation that the government has agreed to fund the vessel for Banaba. Could the government advise this House when would the funding actually be disbursed so that the shipbuilding could be made without further delay?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Hon. Speaker, funds for the vessel for Banaba project will be disbursed soon.

The Mover raised one supplementary question. The following members also raised one supplementary question each:

Mr. Rutiano Benetito
Mr. Toakai Koririntetaake
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Veronica Bakeua

4.6 Q. 32 by Mr. Tetaake Eria MP (Teraina)

Could the Honourable Minister responsible inform this House why copra was not collected by MV Matangare when it called on Teraina when LC Betiraoi which is normally used in the Line Islands broke down?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Communication, Transport and Tourism Development

Mr. Speaker, my apologies to the Honourable member and the people of Teraina for the non-collection of their copra. This was due to the high costs incurred by KSSL in maintaining MV Nei Matangare in the Line Islands.

The Mover raised only two supplementary questions.

4.7 Q. 72 by Mr. Rutiano Benetito MP (Marakei)

That the Government is kindly requested to explain the experience breakdown on the Taiwan aid to the councils priority projects and how much spent on Marakei Island Council for the year 2005 & 2006?

Replied by Hon. Minister of Internal and Social Affairs

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House that Taiwan aid for councils' priority projects still continues. The followings are Marakei Island Councils priority for projects and their cost for 2005 and 2006:

2005	Mechanical tools	\$22,740.00
2006	New Council Office	\$147,715.00

The Mover raised one supplementary question. Two supplementary questions were raised by Mr. Teatao Teannaki and one supplementary question from Mr. Teitirake Corrie Henry.

5. BILL – FIRST READING

5.1 Public Finance (Control and Audit) (Amendment) Bill 2007

Hon. Speaker ruled out the first reading of the Bill based on his earlier ruling that no Bills should be presented for their first reading in this last meeting.

6. MOTIONS

6.1 By Mr. Kataotika Tekee MP (North Tarawa)

Motion No. 4

That this House Mr. Speaker Sir, requests Government to speed up its work programme on Youth and Sport development throughout Kiribati.

The Motion was ruled out by the Speaker under Rule 36(4) of the Rules of Procedures.

6.2 By Dr. Harry Tong MP (South Tarawa)

Motion No. 12

That this House express their lack of confidence in Government.

Motion proposed: The following Members spoke on the Motion:

H.E Anote Tong
Mr. Teburoro Tito

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 2.00 pm. Before discussion on the Motion continued, Mr. Teburoro Tito made a point of order on a quorum of the House.

Buzz was rang until quorum was attained. After quorum was attained, the following Members spoke on the Motion:

Mr. Patrick Tatireta
Mr. Rimeta Beniamina
Mr. Tebuai Uai
Mr. Kabetite Mwetaka

House adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00 pm and resumed at 4.05 pm.

The discussion on the Motion continued by the following Members:

Hon. Amberoti Nikora
Mr. Ieremia Tabai
Dr. Tetaua Taitai
Mr. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Nabuti Mwemwenikarawa.

The Mover then summed up on the Motion.

Question Put: A division was called and the result is as follows:

For: 13 Against: 26 Abstain: 1 Absence: 2

From the results the Motion was not carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT MOTION SINE DIE

H.E Te Beretitenti moved:

That this House do now adjourn sine die.

Before the House adjourned, Hon. Speaker gave the floor to the Members who want to give brief speeches.

His Excellency delivered a few words of appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Members in their efforts and invaluable contributions since the beginning of the House until the end.

Words of appreciation and gratitude were also delivered by Mr. Teburoro Tito and Mr. Banuera Berina.

Question Put: Carried

The Hon. Speaker adjourned the House sine die at 6.38 pm.

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