

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Monday 4 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. David Christopher, MP (Rabi)

OQ2. Iai kainnanaan te taura te solar bwa e na kaotaa nanon te boat harbor are i Banaba. E a bon tia naba n tabekaki te titiraki aei inanon taai aika a nako.

E kona te Tautaeka n nora riain ao ienikurian katiaan te karikirake aei?

Translation/Rairana

There is a need for solar to light up the boat harbor on Banaba. This question has been raised here previously. Could Government kindly consider the need and hasten completion of this project?

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

E kukurei au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni buoka te kainano aio.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will assist with this issue.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)

OQ24. N te ririki 2016 ao 2017 ao iai ana karikirake te Tautaeka ni kawai ao te Tautaeka aei n te abamwakoro ae Marakei iaon te karao kawai, kabouan taian buriti (Nei Keina Buriti Tekarakan/Norauea) ao bonoon mataniwin te aba i Rawannawi. Karikirake aikai a bon tia n tiku ni wenenako n tuai man tia ao ni karekei riki kanganga aika a boou nakon Marakei. E a roko 2018 ao man tia naba n tauraoi te mwane ni mwakuri iaon aikai ao bwaai ni mwakuri a bon tiku n tatanninga i Marakei. E kona te Minita are tabena n kamatoa riki ana kaeka iaon aei ni bowin te Auti aika a nako are e na waakinaki katiaan te mwakuri iaon aikai inanon moan te ririki 2018?

Translation/Rairana

In the years 2016 and 2017 there are projects initiated by the previous Government and the current Government in Marakei on the following:-

construction of road, bridge construction (Nei Keina Bridge at Tekarakan and Norauea) and sea wall construction in Rawannawi. These projects have been idle and incomplete and have caused new problems to Marakei. The year 2018 is approaching and budget has been finalized plus machineries are ready and standby in Marakei. Could the Minister responsible confirm his response (as in previous meetings of the Maneaba) on this request that work should start on these projects from the beginning of 2018?

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

Eng, n tauraoin te mwane ao e na waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kabobongai karikirake aika e mwanewei raou n Tia Tei ae e karineaki mai Marakei.

Translated/Rairana

Yes, when funding is available and my Ministry will proceed to complete the projects in question

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ7. E kona te Tautaeaka ni katea te onaoraki are e boou n te kaawa ae Nuka i Beru n aron kateitei ake a karaoaki iaon te karikirake are te Kiri-EU?

Translation/Rairana

Can Government build the new hospital in Nuka Beru exactly like the ones built under the Kiri-EU project?

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

E tauraoui n rinanon te bubuti aei au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kaineti ma kanoan babaire ngkai ao iango nakon taai aika a na roko iaon taian kiriniki iaon abamakoro.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will look into this request in accordance with current policy and future plans for outer island clinics.

By Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua MP (Abaiang)

OQ16. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara ana babaire te Tautaeka ni kaineti ma karaoan kawain te marae ni wanikiba i Abaiang?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned clearly explain the Government's intention with regard to the road and airport construction in Abaiang?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Auti aei, ni kaekaan ana titiraki te Tia Tei temanna ae e rine mai Abaiang, bwa a tia ni wene babaire ibukin mwakurian te Karikirake ae Katamaroan Kawai ma Marae ni Wanikiba iaon abamwakoro n te "Koorotaa", ao Abaiang e reke iaan te kauoua n raau.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform this House, in my response to the question by one of the Honourable MPs from Abaiang, that Government has laid down the implementation plan for the Bitumen Road and Airfield Project for the Outer-islands, and Abaiang is in the second group of islands to be covered.

By Hon. David Christopher, MP (Rabi)

OQ3. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoraea te Auti aio bwa e a toki iaa ngkai ana karikirake Banaba are karaoan te marae ni wanikiba?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Honourable Minsiter responsible kindly inform this House the latest update on the construction of the airport in Banaba?

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

E a tia te survey iaon te marae i Banaba ma ai bon ti katian te tamnei ae e tanningaaki.

Translation/Rairana

The survey has been completed and now awaiting the completion of the design.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)

OQ57. I kan rimwin nako au titiraki are i a tia ni uotiarake nako matan te Auti aei iaon te karao kawai. E nang roko n ningai i abau ae Tabiteuea Maiaki are e a tia n taekinaki n te Auti aika a nako bwa e na waaki imwin Tabiteuea Meang are a tia ngkai kawaina ni karaoaki?

Translation/Rairana

I want to follow up my question which I had raised many times before regarding the road rehabilitation and improvement. When will that start on my island constituency of Tabiteuea Maiaki as it was stated in the previous reply that it will commence after Tabiteuea Meang whose road had been completely maintained and rehabilitated?

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

E na waaki te karikirake ae koorotaanakin kawai ma marae ni wanikiba i Tabiteua Maiaki n te kauoua n raau n imwin Tabiteuea Meang.

Translation/Rairana

The bitumen road and airfield project for the outer-islands will reach Tabiteuea South in the second round after Tabiteuea North.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ14. Ni kaekan au titiraki iaon te Leadership Commission ni bowin te Auti aio n Eberi, ao e taku Te Beretitenti bwa e na koro kaina imwain te bowi n Aokati n te ririki aio. E a tia n nako te bowi n Aokati ao akea rongorongona ae a tia n taekinaki.

I kan titiraki bwa e a tia ngkai n tei te rabwata aio ke e tuai?

Translation/Rairana

In answering my question on the Leadership Code Commission in the April meeting of this House, Te Beretitenti said that the full membership of the

Commission will be finalized before the August meeting of this House. The August meeting is now behind us and nothing has been said on the Commission.

I want to ask, has this body been established or not?

Reply by His Excellency Te Beretitenti

E a tia n tei te Komitin ao e na waaki ni mwakuri man te ririki ae e boou.

Translation/Rairana

The Commission has been established and will be operational next year 2018.

By Hon. England Iuta MP (Beru)

OQ5. Iaon Beru ao a tataneiai ngkoa aoraki, ngkana a rin, ke a otinako man onaoraki, ni kakatauraaoaki baoia. E a toki ngkai te waaki anne ao ai bon taben te aoraki kaboan baona. E kona te Tautaeka ni manga iangoa kaokan te waaki anne, kanga n ai aron te amburanti are e tatauraoi nakoia kain Taiwan n aki kakaboaki?

Translation/Rairana

On Beru, the practice was that patients were usually provided transport on admittance, or, discharge from the hospitals. The practice has long ceased and it is now the responsibility of patients to provide their own transport. Can Government consider reintroducing the practice as is the case with the ambulance services available to the people on Taiwan?

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

E tauraoui te au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanoa te bubuti aei.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will look into this request.

By Hon. Kaure Babo, MP (Maiana)

OQ11. Uoua boono i Maiana bwa teuana i Tekaranga ma Tematantongo ao are i tabon Bubutei nakoaiaki aika a na karika te kanganga nakon te maiu, kaai n amarake, tarikan manibwa ngkana aki kibaraki iroun te Tautaeka aei. I a kan bubutia te Minita are tabena ngkana e na kona ni karaoa te bono are i

Tekaranga ma Tematantongo n karaoa bonotan te causeway aei are e na tuuka rinin taari n tain te oonia ao man kariaia tiinakon te ran ngkana e mwaiti te karau, kanga te tunga. Ibukin te bono are i Bubutei, te kanganga bon rietatana bwa e bon rinano ao n te oonia ae e nako ao e bon tao iaon naba te bono.

Translation/Rairana

The two causeways at Maiana, one at Tekaranga and Temantantongo and the second at Bubutei southwards putting at risk life, food crops, salinity of the wells, when not attended to by this Government. I would like to request the responsible Minister to assist on this matter at Tekaranga and Tematantongo to fix the “lid” which will not allow the in-flow of sea water at high tide and at the same time can when the need arises to allow the over flow through this “gate” to stabilize the water-level. As for the causeway at Bubutei, the issue is the height of the bono which will stop the over-wash of the rip-tide during high tide. The recent past high tide over-washed even though it was not the highest.

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni ibuobuoki nakon te kainnano are e a fia ni kamataataki iroun te Tia Tei ae e rine, ao e na moanaki aei ma te tutuo ke te kakae irouia au Intinia n te tai ae e waekoa.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to assist with the request as described by the Honourable MP, starting with a technical survey by my engineers at the earliest opportunity.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ30. E kona te Minita are tabena ni karekea te rawa n roro ibukia booti i Temaiku ao imarenan Ambo ma Taborio?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned consider making boat channels at Temaiku site and between Ambo and Taborio?

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

E tauraoui au Tabo ni Mwakuri n rinanoan te bubuti aio.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to look into this request.

By Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua, MP (Abaiang)

OQ15. Ni maroron te Tautaeaka ma Unimwane ao e teretere te iango are ana reiakinaki tabeman kaain Abaiang bwa a na kona ni kamwakurii mitin ni karao kawai ao karao marae-ni-wanikiba. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kamataata bwa n ningai ae na koro nanon te kantaninga aei?

Translation/Rairana

It was clearly stated to the Unimwane and people of Abaiang the intention of Government to train the local operators to enable them to drive and operate the machineries for the road and airport construction in Abaiang. Can I ask the Minister concerned when will this commitment be fulfilled?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e na kakoroaki nanon te motinnano aei iroun au Botaki ni Mwakuri n te tai ae e waekoa.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to advise that my Ministry will fulfill this commitment very soon.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MP (Arorae)

OQ46. E a kani bane te ririki aei 2017 ao e tuai man toma te mobile nakon au abamakoro ae Arorae.

I kan titirakina te Tautaeaka e kona ni kaongoraea te Atui aei bwa e na toma ningai te mobile nakon au abamakoro ae Arorae?

Translation/Rairana

We are approaching the end of this year 2017 and the mobile is yet to be connected to Arorae.

I wish to ask Government what the update is regarding mobile connection to Arorae?

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

Te katautau bwa ngkana a nakoraoi mwakuri aika a waaki ngkai iaon te karikirake aio, ao e na kona n maeu ana mobile Arorae n te ririki ae e na roko.

Translation/Rairana

It is estimated that the mobile service in Arorae will operate next year if all the work falls according to the plan.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ33. E butiaki te Tautaeka aio bwa e kona ni karekea te tabo ke taian ruu n taian moan rinan n reirei ake ana kona ni kamanenai pre-schools iaon Tarawa Teinainano.

Translation/Rairana

Could Government consider providing specific space or rooms in Primary Schools to house pre-schools on South Tarawa?

Reply by Hon David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

I karautaeaka bwa e na kanganga moa aron buokan te bubuti aei.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to say that it is not possible to assist with this request.

By Hon. Pinto Katia MP (Makin)

OQ54. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa ibukin tera e tuai man roko ke ni waaki karaon kawain Makin?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister responsible inform this House why the road rehabilitation work has not yet started on Makin?

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

N aron are I a tia ni kamataata ni bowin te Auti aika a nako ao iai ana karikirake te Tautaeaka iaon karaoan kawai ma marae ni wanikiba n te koorotaa iaon abamwakoro ni bane. E katautauaki rokon te karikirake aei i Makin n te kaaua n raau.

Translation/Rairana

As I have mentioned in previous meetings of this House, Government will be implementing a bitumen-sealed road and runway project in all the outer-islands. Makin's turn would be in the fourth round.

By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaraen)

OQ35. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoraea te Auti aei ana kukune te tiim are karaoa ana kakae n MTSS bwa na motika taekan te reirei bwa e na tiku i Tabuaeran ke e na mwaeae nako Kiritimati?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister update this House with findings of the team that did a survey on MTSS to determine whether it will remain on Tabuaeran or be transferred to Kiritimati?

Reply by Hon. David Collins, MP (Minister of Education)

N te tai aei ao e tuai moa tia ana babaire te Tautaeaka iaon taekan te reirei aei.

Translation/Rairana

A decision on the School has not yet been made.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ29. E kona ni kabwarabwara te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai taekan aia taura solar kain Tarawa Teinainano ake a tiku n tatanninga rekena mairoun te Tautaeaka?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned update this House on Government's assistance on solar lighting for South Tarawa?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ao te Auti aei bwa e a tia n reke mwanen te karikirake ae te taura ae e maeu man korakoran taai ibukiia kaain Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio, ao e katautauaki rokon taura aikai mai Taiwan imwain banen te ririki aei, 2017, ke ni moan te ririki ae e boou, 2018.

Translated/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the concerned MP and this House that funding for this solar lighting kits project for Teinainano and Betio has been secured, and the delivery of goods from Taiwan is expected by the end of 2017, or the beginning of 2018.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)

OQ50. E teimatoa n tiku boon te rau n te \$1 n te aina e ngae ngke e a mwaiti te bubuti nakon te Tautaeka bwa e na karaka nakon \$2. Bukin tera e riki aio?

Translation/Rairana

The price of thatch remains at \$1.00 a piece despite repeated request to Government to raise it to \$2. Why is this happening?

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

E a kaman waaki rinanoan karakaan boon te rau irarikin bwaai ni mwakuri ake tabeua ao aei are e kainnanao te maroro ma Kauntira ni kabane ao rabwata nako ake iai rekerekeia ma te waaki n onobwai.

Translation/Rairana

A review of the price of thatch plus other local materials had already started but this process requires consultation with all stakeholders, including all Councils and relevant Ministries.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MP (South Tarawa)

OQ32. E butiaki te Tautaeka bwa a bwaka iaa ngkai rongorongon te bono ibukin aono aikai: -

- a) Mother Theresa – Temaiku west
- b) Tebikenimwakin i Tebikenikora – Eita
- c) Tebike - Ambo

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister responsible update this House on the latest action taken by this Government on seawall for the following areas: -

- a) Mother Theresa – Temaiku west
- b) Tebikenimakin i Tebikenikora – Eita
- c) Tebike - Ambo

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni karaoi tutuo ao kamatebwai iaon aono aikai ao te riboofi ae e rinanoaki ngkai ibukin karekean mwanena.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to advise that my Ministry had surveyed the sites in question and the survey reports are under review for funding consideration.

By Hon. Dr. Kautu Tenaua, MP (Abaiang)

OQ27. E kona te Minita are tabena n noora riain karakaan boon bwaai n ake a kabonganaaki ibukin onobwai ao bobou ni katean aia auti Taan-ni-mwakuri n te Tautaeka ma Kauntira?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister concerned see fit the need to increase the cost of local materials used in the maintenance and construction of local houses that accommodate Government and island council employees?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e a tia n waaki rinanoan boon bwaai ake a kamanenaaki ibukin onobwaian ao katean aia auti Taan Mwakuri n te Tautaeka ma Kauntira iaon abamakoro ao e na tia aei imwaain banen te ririki.

Translation/Rairana

A review on the price of local materials used in the maintenance and construction of local houses that accommodate Government and Island Council employees on the outer islands had already started and will be complete before the end of the year.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ13. Angin tangke ake a karaoaki ibukiia kawa a aki raoiroi karaoakiia n te aro ae aki kantaningaki bwa a na maan taiia.

I kan titiraki ngkana e kona te Tautaeka ni kawara Nonouti n nori tangke aikai bwa a tangira manga karaoakiia ke a aki?

Translation/Rairana

Most of the community tanks on Nonouti that have been built are poorly constructed that they would most likely not last long.

I want to ask if Government can make a visit to Nonouti to inspect these community tanks to see if they need to be redone or not?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n ibuobuoki iaon aei.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to assist with this issue.