

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Tuesday 5 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

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

**OQ1.** E teimatoa Nuotaea iaon Abaiang n rotaki ni kangangan reken te ran ae e itiaki ibukin te mooi ma te amwarake. Tera ngkai ae e a tia ni karaoia te Tautaeaka ni kaitara te kanganga aei?

**Translation/Rairana**

Nuotaea community continue to experience difficulties in getting potable water for human consumption in the village. Can I ask the Minister concerned what action has been taken to help the Nuotaea community?

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

E a tia ni Kaman waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni mwakuria angan buokan ana kanganga Nuotaea iaon reken te ran ae e itiaki ibukin te mooi. Imwin karaoan taian kamatebwai ao e baireaki bwa e na onobwaiaki ana bwam Nuotaea are e maiu man taai ao man katamaroaki, ao ae e tabe ngkai n tanigaaki reken mwanen aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

My Ministry had already worked on options to assist Nuotaea with supply of potable drinking water. After careful analysis, it was decided that the existing solar water pump and system in Nuotaea will be repaired but this is pending the availability of funds to finance this.

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

**OQ10.** E kona te Tautaeaka ni karekei tianaraita, ke te iti ae maiu man taai, nakon taian on aoraki i Beru n te aro are a na kona iai ni kamaiuaki iai mitin n bwain aoraki ake a maiu man te iti?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can Government provide generators, or suitable solar power systems for clinics on Beru for use for medical equipment that need electricity?

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

Bon iai ngkai ana waaki te Tautaeaka iaon te itera aei ibukin kiriniki ni kabane iaon abamakoro.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government is working on a solar system project for all outer island clinics.

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

**OQ25.** Iai ana karikirake te KIRIWATSAN iaon te Solar Pump ma tangke n ran are a tauraoi ngkai ni wakinaki iaon te abamwakoro ae Marakei ni kawana aika Tekarakan ao Tekuanga. I kona ni butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na karababa riki te karikirake aei ngkana e wakinaki nakon kawan nako Marakei ake a kainnanao naba te karikirake aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

There is a project by KIRIWATSAN on the Solar Pump for rain water tank which is ready to start on Marakei in two of its villages Tekarakan and Tekuanga. Could I ask the Minister responsible to extend this project to the other villages as well especially those who really need this project too?

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

E na toki korakoran te karikirake ae te KiriWatSan ni banen 2018. N te tai aei ao e na kanganga karababaan te karikirake aei nakon kaawa riki tabeua iaon Marakei, ao abamwakoro ake e roko iai te karikirake aei, ngkai e a bon toki mwanenakin te karikirake aei iroun Eurobe.

Ma e tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanoan te bubuti aei ni kaineti ma kainnanao man abamakoro riki tabeua iaon te ran ao te kainnakotinaniku.

***Translated/Rairana***

KiriWatSan will wrap up by the end of next year, 2018. At this point, extension of this project to other villages in Marakei and to other villages on other islands will not be possible with the current project funding from the EU.

But My Ministry will consider this request together with requests on water and sanitation from other islands.

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

**OQ9.** N tokin te runga ae e nako ao a katokaaki n oki taan takakaro man abamakoro aika Abemama ao Kuria n te Nivanga II are kaibuken Tuvalu. Iai kariaiakakin te kaibuke aio bwa e na uotia bwatintia rinanon Kiribati?

**Translation/Rairana**

At the close of the last national games, contingents from the islands of Abemama and Kuria were repatriated on MV Nivanga II, the Tuvaluan Government vessel. Is this vessel licensed to operate domestically?

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

Iai kariaiakakin Nivanga III n uotia bwatintia rinanon Kiribati.

**Translation/Rairana**

Nivanga III is allowed to carry passengers within Kiribati.

**By Hon. Shiu-fung Jong, MP (South Tarawa)**

**OQ70.** E kona te Tautaeka ni katamaroa ke ni kanakoraoa riki ana service ana tabo ni mwakuri ae te Ikotaki ni Bureitiman ibukin karokoan aia ibuobuoki ae tawe n taai ao ake a kataweaki.

**Translation/Rairana**

Can Government improve the service of its police to ensure they provide a responsive assistance during emergency calls at times when they are needed urgently?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Beretitenti)**

E bon aki kona n toki te tamaroa ao ae e waaki naba ngkai te Ikotaki ni Bureitiman ni kanakoraoa karekean te ibuobuoki ae e tawe n tain kainnanaoana.

**Translation/Rairana**

There is always room for improvement and the Kiribati Police Service is continually working to improve its response to emergency calls or situations.

**By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)**

**OQ79.** E teimatoa nanaia kain Butaritari n tatanninga mwin te ukeuke are e na waakinaki iaon rinanoa boon uanikai, banikai ao, bukinikai ngkai e koaua are e bon rangin uarereke aron reken te tianti man te ben? Te bubuti nakon te Minita ae karineaki bwa e na kaongoa te Maneaba aio ba e a tia te ukeuke are e taekinaki ao tera mwina?

**Translation/Rairana**

The people of Butaritari are anxiously awaiting the findings of the review study of the prices of local fruits, vegetables and root crops. Could the Minister responsible inform this Maneaba if this study has been carried out and the findings, if any?

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

I kukurei n taekinna nakon te Auti aei bwa e a tia ni karaoaki te moan mwakoro iaon te ukeuke. Ngkai ae e tabe au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanoi mwin te ukeuke imwaain ae e kaotinakoaki mwina.

**Translation/Rairana**

I am pleased to advise this House that the first phase of the study has been carried out. The report of the study is being reviewed and information analysed before the findings can be released.

**By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)**

**OQ52.** I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa iai te tiim are e roko ni karaoa te kataratara nakon Umantabun KUC i Makin ao e tuatua bwa e a aki raoiroi ke n tamaroa kabonganakina ke kainnakina. E kona ni karokoa ana buoka te Tautaeaka n te tai ae e waetata ibukin karaoan te Umantabu aio bwa e na manga kona ni kabonganaki?

**Translation/Rairana**

There was a survey done by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy (MISE) to the KUC Chapel at Makin and the officer informed the KUC Members that their Chapel is no longer safe to be used. Can Government render her assistance urgently to rehabilitate the Chapel so that it can be used again?

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

Ana buoka te Tautaeaka ibukin aia kateitei Aaro, n aron te mwaneaba ma te Umwantabu, e ti kaineti nakon uruaki ake a riki man buakan kanoan boong. I finanikun aei, n aron te onobwai, e kantaningaaki bwa ai bon tabeia Ekaretia.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government's assistance to Faith-based organisations in relation to buildings is restricted to disaster-induced damage. Basic maintenance is supposed to be the Church community's responsibility.

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

**OQ63.** E kona te Minita are tabena te Botaki n Reirei n noora riain mwanenakin katean mwaneabaia ataein te reirei n te Moanrinan ae Kauake Primary School ngkai e bon rang ni bongana ibukiia ataei n tain aia motirawa ae e uarereke?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister for Education see the urgent need for funding a maneaba for Kauake Primary School on Aranuka to be used by students during their short breaks?

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

I karautaeaka nakon te Tia Tei ae e karineaki bwa a aki moa mwanenaki ngkai katean aia mwaneaba Moan Rinan n Reirei.

***Translation/Rairana***

I regret to inform the Honourable Member that construction of Primary School maneaba are not currently funded by Government.

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

**OQ42.** E taekinaki bwa ana marae ni wanikiba Nikunau e kona n tiku iai te katei ni wanikiba ae te Dash-8. Ngkana e koaua aio ao ngkana eti ongorau n bwanaan Kiribati ao fitebo ma e na aki kawaraki Nikunau iron ana tiim Airport Services Kiribati imwain kiban Dash-8. E ti taekinaki n te rongorongo bwa a na kawaraki Butaritari, Abemama ao Tab/N iron ana tiim Airport Services ibukin

tuoan ao katamaroan aia marae n wanikiba imwain kiban Dash-8 ma akea taekan kawaran Nikunau.

Au titiraki: E raoiroi ana marae ni wanikiba Nikunau n teina ae ngkai n butimwaea te wanikiba ae Dash-8 ngkai e noraki bwa ana tiim Air Services Kiribati e tuai nako Nikunau ke tao ena aki roko i Nikunau n tuo te marae ni wanikiba?

***Translation/Rairana***

It was mentioned that Nikunau airfield can accommodate the Dash-8 aircraft to land and take-off. If true and if my understanding is correct from Radio Kiribati news, Nikunau airfield may not be visited by the team from Airport Services Kiribati. The news only mentioned the team's visit to Butaritari, Abemama and Tab/N to inspect and improve airfields but there is no mention of the team's visit to Nikunau.

My Question: Is the airfield on Nikunau qualified and acceptable at its current condition to accommodate the Dash-8 aircraft noting that a team from Airport Services Kiribati has not or may not visit Nikunau soon to inspect the airfield?

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

N tein te marae i Nikunau ngkai ao e tuai moa n tauraoi ni butimwaea te Dash 8

***Translation/Rairana***

Nikunau's runway has not met the Dash 8's requirement.

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

**OQ61.** E korakora te nanobuaka ao te mwebuaka irouia utu ma kaain te kawa ake kaain te KPC iaon Abaiang are a kakionakoaki man aia tabo n taromauri are e baro iai manoa inanon ririki ni kabobonga arona. Iai ana kona te Tautaeaka ni ibuobuoki ni kateimatoan te mweraoi ma te rau irouia kaain te KPC iaon Abaiang?

***Translation/Rairana***

There has been gross unrest experienced by Abaiang KPC families and villagers especially those who had been forced to vacate their congregational

properties which they had spent years of hard work to build. Can the Government provide assistance in maintaining peace and harmony in Abaiang?

**Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Beretifenti)**

E teimatoa te Tautaeaka, rinanon te Ikotaki ni Bureitiman, ni karaoa tabena n tararua te rau ao te mweraoi imarenaia kaain KPC ao KUC iaon Abaiang.

**Translation/Rairana**

Government, through the Kiribati Police Service, continues to do its part in maintaining peace and harmony among KPC and KUC members on Abaiang.

**By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (South Tabiteuea)**

**OQ58.** I kan rimwin nako au titiraki are I a tia n uotiarake nako matan te Auti aei iaon rokon te mobile tareboon. E nangi roko n ningai I abau ae Tabiteuea Maiaki are e a tia n taekinaki n Auti aika a nako bwa e na waaki n Aokati n te ririki aei 2017 ao ai tera bukin te baenikai?

**Translation/Rairana**

I want to follow up my question which I had raised many times before regarding the mobile telephone. When will that start on my island constituency of Tabiteuea Maiaki as it was stated in the previous reply that it would have commenced in August this year and what is the reason for the delay?

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

Iai te baenikai man te World Bank iaon mwakurian te karikirake aio ma te katautau bwa e na kona n maeu ana mobile tareboon Tabiteuea Maiaki n te ririki ae e na roko.

**Translation/Rairana**

There is a delay in the World Bank's process for this project, however, it is estimated that the mobile service in Tabiteuea South will operate next year.

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

**OQ66.** E kona te Minita are tabena karaoan te kawai ni kaongoa te Auti aei te tai are a na roko iai mitin ni karao kawai iaon Aranuka?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister inform this House, the proposed date for the needed machineries and equipment for road construction to be shipped to Aranuka?

**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 Aranuka 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. The project is expected to reach Aranuka in the fourth round.

**By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MP (North Tabiteuea)**

**OQ59.** N te kammwakuri i tinaniku inanon te tai ae e uarereke ke te RSE i New Zealand ao n are i Aotiteria n aron te kiniki uaanikai, e kona te Tautaeaka ni kamaatataa bwa tera ngkai aron te babaire ngkai ae e bainaki. E bon tiku naba ngkai te tia kamwakuri n tatanningaia taani mwakuri ake a katebenakoaki man aobitin te Labour ma ibuakon aia aomata Kauntira are inanoni bain te Labour ke e a bon roko ngkai te Tia Kamwakuri mai tinaniku ni bon rineaia ana tia mwakuri n aron ae e a nooraki ngkai?

***Translation/Rairana***

On the employment scheme for seasonal employment in New Zealand and Australia, could the Government explain what is the present policy. Is the employer continually receiving its batch of employees from the Ministry responsible for Labour despatched from those supplied by the Councils, or is the employer involved in the selection of its own employees as is presently noticed?

**Reply by Hon. Ioteba Redfern, MP (Minister of Labour and Human Resources Development)**

I kukurei n kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa ngkai e a bon karaoa rineaia ana taan mwakuri te Tia Kamwakuri mai tinaniku

Te kamwananga ni kamwakuri i Nutiran ma Aotiteria a bon ti rineaki naake iai araia n te Kauntira n abamwakoron Kiribati nako. Aron te rinerine ibukin te mwakuri bon iai uaeaki n aron:

1. Te Tia Kammwakuri e rineia ana taan mwakuri man rongorongon te Tia Mwakuri are e kanakoa au Tabo ni Mwakuri, ao
2. Te Tia Kammwakuri e bon roko i Kiribati ni karaoa ana aekieki ke ukeuke ao e a rineia naba ana Taan Mwakuri.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to advise the Honorable MP that the selection of employees is now carried out by the employer from overseas, through the following:

1. Selection of employees from worker' profiles sent to the employer, and
2. Direct recruitment and selection conducted in Kiribati by the employer.

**By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)**

**OQ18.** N tain koron te LC Linnix ao e kakoauaaki bwa e reke nakona mai iaon te rakai man aia mwakuri n ibuobuoki kain te aba ae Teraina.

Te bubuti nakon te Tautaeka are tabena bwa iai booia ke tera kaniwangaia te koraki ake a mwakuriia kanakoan te kaibuke? E kona ni karekeaki aio n te tai ae e waekoa?

***Translation/Rairana***

When LC Linnix was stuck on the shores of Teraina it was believed that the people of the island managed to free the vessel from being stuck.

Could Government through its body concerned please make payments to the people for their hard and helpful work as soon as possible?

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

E tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni kabwakai kaniwangaia koraki aikai.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry will provide payment to those concerned.

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

**OQ23.** E na butiaki te Minita are tabena bwa e na kawenea imatan te Auti tabwanin rongorongon te kamwakuri are e rekereke ma RSE and SWP n aron aei:-

1. Iraman aika tia ni kamanangaaki araia ao man te Abamwakoro ra?
2. Katerei araia te koraki aika a tia n reke inanoni baain te Labour mani moan teiraken te tikim (scheme) ni karokoa te bong aei ao te Abamwakoro are a mena iai.

***Translation/Rairana***

May I request the Minister concerned to provide the latest record of all I-Kiribati already employed under the New Zealand Recognized Seasonal Employment Scheme and the Australian Seasonal Worker's project in the following format:-

1. How many already employed, their names and from which island they were registered?
2. Clearly outline all the names of applicants on records already in the Ministry of Labour and islands from which they are registered?

**Reply by Hon Ioteba Redfern (Minister of Labour & Human Resources Development)**

I kukurei n taekinna bwa ai 198 mwaitiia aika a mwakuri n te kini uanikai i Aotiteria ao 202 aika a mwakuri i Nutiran. Ibukin araia ake a tia ni mwakuri ao I a iraorao ma te Tia Tei ae e rine iaon aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to advise that there are 198 seasonal workers currently working in Australia and 202 in New Zealand. As for the names of workers who have worked under the seasonal employment scheme, I am happy to work with the Honorable MP on this.

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

**OQ65.** E kona te Minita are tabena te tareboon ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa tera bukina ngkai a roko ana Taan Mwakuri iaon Aranuka ni karaoa te uruaki iaon te tareboon ao aki karaoa naba are iaon te atimakoro ae Takaeang?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister for Communication inform this House, the reasons why telephone communication on the islet of Takaeang was not fixed when their staff visited the island to fix telephone problems?

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

Ibukin buburan te kanganga iaon te tareboon are i Takaeang ao e aki kona te tiim n karaoa te uruaki n te tai are e roko iai iaon Aranuka.

***Translation/Rairana***

The team that visited Aranuka could not repair the telephone in Takaeang as it was beyond repair.

**By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)**

**OQ47.** E kakoauaki bonganan taian taura solar mai Taiwan ibukin karekean te ota ae e boraoi ma teimatoa nakon mwenga iaon abamakoro. Ma a maiti aika aikoa maeu bwa a bon roko n tokin korakoraia. A tauraoi kaain aonaba ni kabooi oin aia taura ngkana a karokoaki ibukin te bobwai. E kona te Tautaeaka ni ibuobuoki n te itera aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

The Taiwan made solar lights have proved their worth as a source of cheap and dependable light to homes on the outer islands. However, many of these lights on Tabiteuea North have come to the end of their useful life through wear and tear. People on the outer islands are prepared to purchase their own if they are made available. Could Government assist in this regard?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa ae e tabe ni waaki ngkai au Botaki ni Mwakuri ma te Kambwana n Tiora n rinanon aanga ibukin kaboonakoan taura aika a maeu man korakoran taai.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to advise that my Ministry and the Kiribati Solar Energy Company have already started working on the supply of solar lights for purchase by the public.

**By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)**

**OQ72.** E kona te Minita n kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa tera te waaki ae e karaoaki ngkai ibukin karokoan te mobile tareboon i Butaritari?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could the Minister kindly inform this Maneaba the update on the mobile telephone rollout project for Butaritari?

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

A roko ngkai i Tarawa bwain te mobile i Butaritari ao a tanninga te moan kaibuke ibukin katokakiia.

**Translation/Rairana**

The equipments are now on Tarawa awaiting the first available shipping to Butaritari.

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

**OQ8.** E kona te Tautaeka ni katamaroa aron bwakan te tine bwa e na katoa uoua te wiiki?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can Government improve copra weight in pay outs to be paid fortnightly?

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

E na taraaki angaraoin kanoan te titiraki ma nanoia taan oroben.

**Translation/Rairana**

The question will be considered according to the need of the copra cutters.

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

**OQ64.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aei bwa e na roko ke e na waaki ni ngai karaoan te rawa ni kaibuke iaon Aranuka?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister inform this House, when will the boat passage for Aranuka be implemented?

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

E tuai kona moa ni kamatoa te Tautaeka n te tai aio bwa e na waaki n ningai karaoan ana rawa Aranuka.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government cannot confirm the exact timing of the boat passage upgrading in Aranuka at this point in time.

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