

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Thursday 14 December, 2017**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ169. E a maan n tiku Kuria n akea ana Tia Ununiki. Taitaoka e kona te Minita are tabena ni katerea bwa e na roko n ningai aia Tia Ununiki kaain Kuria?

Translation/Rairana

It has been a long time since Kuria was left without an Agricultural Officer. Could the Minister concerned please clarify when an agricultural officer for Kuria would arrive?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

E na reke ana Tia Ununiki Kuria n moan te ririki ae boou, 2018.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will mobilize the Agricultural Assistant for Kuria in the beginning of next year, 2018.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ78. E teimatoa nanaoia kain Butaritari n tatanninga mwin te ukeuke are e na waakinaki iaon rinanon boon uanikai, banikai ao, bukinikai ngkai e koaua are e bon rangi ni uarereke aron reken te tianti man te ben? Te bubuti nakon te Minita ae karineaki ba 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 analyzed before the findings can be released.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)

OQ99. E kona ni kabwarabwara te Tautaeka bwa tera ae nanonna n ana taeka ae e na karika Kiribati bwa aekan Dubai ma Singapore n te Betebeke?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government explain what it means by developing Kiribati to become like Dubai and Singapore in the Pacific?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Te Beretitenti)

Inanon karaoan ana kanoanimi te Tautaeka ibukin te uabwi n ririki ae imwaira (KV20) are e boboto iaon kibaran te rikirake bwa e na riki abara bwa te aba ae e kaubwai ke e kabwaia, e marurung ao e rau ao e bwaka nanona n aron aia waaki aaba aikai ni bita abaia man aaba aika a kainano nakon aaba aika a rikirake.

Translation/Rairana

In developing its vision for the next 20 years (KV20) based on a quantum development towards a wealthy, healthy and peaceful nation, Government was inspired by the transformative changes in these two countries changing their economies from third world economies to among the fastest growing economies of the world.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)

OQ87. N ana charter te Tautaeka n June 2017 nakon te Aono n Raina ibukin taren kaako ao a butimwaeaki naba kaako mai Kiritimati ae iai bwai ni Bitiniti ao

a anganaki te kantoka ae \$300 tabun n te ton ke te metric meter. Ni karokoa ngkai ao e bon bobuaka naba kantokan te kaako.

E butiaki te Tautaeka are tabena bwa e na rinanoa riki te mwaiti ae e na bwainaki bwa e na booraori riki ibukin kantokan te kaako iaon te kaibuke mai Kiritimati nako Teraina ao mai Teraina nako Kiritimati.

Translation/Rairana

Sometimes in June this year Government chartered a vessel to the Line Islands to bring cargoes and at the same time privates businesses loaded their cargoes on the vessel but were given the rate of over \$300 per ton/cubic meters which is very expensive. Up to date, the freight is still very expensive.

Could the responsible ministry find ways to make the freight to be used from Teraina to Kiritimati and also from Kiritimati to Teraina to be cheap and reasonable?

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

Kantokan te kaako ae e bwainaki ngkai mai Kiritimati nako Teraina bon \$137, ma iai ngkai babaire ibukin rinanoakin riki kantokan kaako.

Translation/Rairana

Cargo freight from Kiritimati to Teraina is \$137, however, its revision is underway.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ12. Ni bowin te Auti n Aokati iaon maroroakinan te Komete ibukin totokoan te kamangao ao e taku Beretitenti bwa taekan te tua 68(1) n te Rules ae imwain ae bwainaki ngkai, e matoatoa riki nakon ae bwainaki ngkai bwa akea taeka aika “ngkana e kona n reke angana”

I kan butia te Beretitenti bwa e na kawenea imatan te Auti aio taeka ake a mamatoa riki n te tua are mai imwaina iaon kainakin te komete.

Translation/Rairana

In the August meeting of this House on the debate on the membership of the Anti-Corruption Committee, Te Beretitenti claimed that wording of rule 68(1) in

the last Rules was stronger than in the present Rules as there were no words “as far as possible”

I want to ask te Beretitenti to table the stronger words in the earlier Rules on the membership of the select committee?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Beretitenti)

I karautaeka nakon te Tia Tei ae e karineaki bwa akea au taeka ae I taekinna n tain maroroakinaia kaain te Komete Ibukin Totokoan te Kamangao (Kaoti Nambwa 21) are e taekinna te Tia Tei bwa I taku bwa e matoa riki taekan te tua are mai imwaina.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to advise the Honourable Member that I did not make the statement during the debate on Motion 21 on the membership of the Anti-Corruption Committee, as the Honourable Member claims.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (North Tabiteuea)

OQ85. E a tia ni kabwarabwaraaki nakoia taan ababa iaon Tabiteuea Meang iroun aia Kauntira bwa iaan ana Ointua te Kauntira ao ana akea boon kain amwarake ake a reke ni mwaaken kawaia te Botannaomata. E a tia ni karaoaki ke koronii ibukin katamaroan ma karababaan te kawai ao akea te kabomwi nakoia taan ababa iaan te koaua aei.

Te bubuti ngkanne nakon te Tautaeka bwa e kona ni kakaea buokan te Kauntira n Tabiteuea Meang ni kabwakai boon aia kain amwarake taan ababa iaon te abamwakoro?

Translation/Rairana

It was explained to landowners on Tabiteuea North by the Council itself that under the Councils Byelaw they forfeit the right to compensation for their fruit trees felled for the improvement and widening of the main road there. Thus the cutting down of coconut trees had been done with no compensation paid to land owners based on this understanding.

Could Government be requested to assist the Island Council of Tabiteuea North pay for the compensation for fruit trees felled for the improvement and widening of the main road on the island?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Lands and Agricultural Development)

E na bon teimatoa te Tautaeka n taua mwiin te boraraoi are e a tia ni karaoaki imarenan te Tautaeka ma te Kauntira n Tabiteuea Meang are e tiainaaki n 2014 iaon taekan te kabomwi ni kai n amwarake.

Translation/Rairana

Government will maintain the agreement that was made between Government and Tabiteuea North Council and signed in 2014 which governed the arrangement for compensation for felled fruit trees.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)

OQ181. Au Abamakoro ae Betio e bon ritinaki ni kabane iroun te Tautaeka. Are nanona bwa ai bon akea aia anga Taan Ababa ni unika te nii, bukinikai, baenikai uanikai ao a maiti riki ake ana kona n kabonakoi ngkai ai bon akea te tabo ae mawa.

I kan bubutia te Beretitenti bwa tera ana anga ni buokia Taan Ababa iaon Betio bwa a na kona naba ni kabwaia man tanon abaia n aron are ea reke irouia kain aonaba man aia nii?

Translation /Rairana

Betio is lease by Government. Therefore Landowners are not able to plant coconut trees, root crops, green leaves, vegetables etc which they can sell to make money as there is no space.

I want to ask the Beretitenti on what are his ways to assists Landowners on Betio in order to benefit from their Land soil just like what Landowners on Outer islands are getting from their coconut trees?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

I kukurei n kaongoraea te Tia Tei ae e rine mai Betio bwa e bon kona naba n unikaki kain amwarake tabeua n aron banikai ao bukinikai n aron te tabioka ao te kumara. E tauraoi au Botaki n Mwakuri ae te Ununiki ni kawaria kaain Betio n reiakinia kabonganaan te tabo ae e uarereke ibukin te ununiki.

Translation/Rairana

I am glad to inform the Hon. MP from Betio that small spaces can even be utilized to grow vegetables and some root crops such as cassava and kumala. The Division of Agriculture can assist Betio residents to utilize small spaces to grow some food crops.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MP (Teraina)

OQ17. Tera ngkai te kabwarabwara iaon te Leave Passage ibukia Taan Mwakuri n te Aono n Raina? E bon bwai naba ngkai ao e teimatoa ni karaoaki ke tera ngkai taekana?

Translation/Rairana

What is the latest explanation on the practice of Leave Passage for employees on the Line Islands? Is it still practicable or what?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Office of Te Beretitenti)

Te kabwarabwara iaon te leave passage bon te mwane ibukin karokoan te Tia Mwakuri i abana (home island) ibukin motirawana are e kona n reke irouna ni ikotaki ma buna ao aman (4) natina ke uoman (2) natina ngkana akea buna ao aei are e rereke n katoa 3 te ririki. Aei ae e kabonganaki ngkai ibukia taan mwakuri n te Aono n Raina.

Translation/Rairana

It is a payment for a return passage for an employee with his/her spouse and up to 4 dependent children at a married rate and up to 2 children at a single rate to his/her home island from working station which is claimable every 3 years. This is applicable to civil servants stationed in the Line & Phoenix Islands.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ114. N na butia te Minita are tabena ningai te tai ae e na waaki iai kanakoan te bwatua iaon Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I request the Minister concerned, when will the Asbestos removal start on Banaba?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

E na moanaki kanakoan te bwatua mai Banaba ngkana e tia n rinanoaki ao ni kabwataki mwanen te karikirake iaon aei mai iroun te tia mwanenna.

Translation/Rairana

Asbestos removal will start once the project is approved and funding made available from the earmarked donor.

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MP (Onotoa)

OQ146. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara bwa tera bukin ae tuai man butimwaeaki ana bubuti Burenteun Burebure ma raona tabeman ibukin kaokan kantokaia nako Nuitran are a tia ni kabooa uouaa (2) te tai?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible explain why the claim by Burenteun Burebure and others for the refund of their air ticket to New Zealand which they claimed to have been charged twice have not yet been entertained?

Reply by Hon. Ioteba Redfern, MP (Minister of Employment and Human Resources)

Te Tia Babaire, n te tai aio ao akea rongorongon te bubutii aio n au Botaki ni Mwakuri. E ngae n anne ao e tauraoi au Aobiti ni butimwaea Burentoun bwa e na uotii bebwa ni kakoaua ibukin rinanoan ao boutokaan ana bubutii.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, my Ministry does not have record on file at this stage. Burentoun is therefore invited to provide relevant documents such as salary deductions for review and support of the claim.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ115. Berenateta Antonio e teimatoa n tuai n reke boon ritin abana man ririki aika 2014 to 2017. E kona ni waekoa n reke buokan te aine aei n te tai ae riai?

Translation/Rairana

Berenateta Antonio has not yet received payment for the lease of her lands from 2014 to 2017. Can this be addressed as soon as possible?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

E a tia n rinanoa aio au Tabo ni Mwakuri ao e kunea bwa a bon nanako riitin aban Nei Berenateta Antonio nako Tabuaeran man te ririki 2014 nakon 2017.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry has checked through lease payment records and found that lease payments for Berenateta Antonio for 2014 to 2017 were sent to Tabuaeran.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Betio)

OQ182. I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa iai ana iango te Tautaeaka bwa ena karaka aia mwane kaara?

Translation /Rairana

I want to ask the responsible Minister if Government has plans to increase the Elderly benefits?

Reply by Hon. Kourabi Nenem, MP (Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)

N ana Motinnano te Tautaeaka, ao e teretere bwa e na katamaroa aia mwane kaara ao e na moanibwaiaki moa ngkai koraki ake a tuai reke bukan aia kanganga n aron buokaia ataei ake a kainano ao buokaia raora ake iai mwaukun rabwataia.

Translation/Rairana

Government's Manifesto accords priority at this time to those members of our society who are in dire need of assistance such as underprivileged children from 0-5 years old and people with disability.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ116. A teimatoa taan reirei n MTSS n aki rau ao ni mwenga buaka ngkai a tuai man kamwawaki batua ake a mena n ana tabo te reirei aei. E kona te

Minita are tabena aei ni waekoa ni kamwawa batua aikai man te kawa n reirei?

Translation/Rairana

Teachers at MTSS are experiencing great discomfort from exposure to Asbestos in the classroom that are not yet removed. Can the Minister responsible quickly remove the Asbestos from the school compound?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

E tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri ni ibuobuoki iaon aio

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to assist.

By Hon. Emile Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)

OQ136. E na roko n nigai te karao kawai iaon Tarawa Teinaieta?

Translation/Rairana

When will the road rehabilitation commence on North Tarawa?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa ana karikirake te Tautaeaka ae Koorotanakin Kawai iaon abamwakoro e na roko i Tarawa Teinaieta n te kaaua n raun.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform one of the Honourable MPs from North Tarawa that Government's Bitumen-sealed Road and Runway for Outer-Islands Project will reach North Tarawa in the fourth round.

By Hon. Tebao Awerika, MP (Betio)

OQ162. I kaitau nakon te Tautaeaka ngke e butimaea te kaoti are a na kateaki taan kairiri ake aongkoa a kuneaki bwa a kabongana buoka mwaakaia iron te ACSC ao ni uotirake taekaia nakon te bowi bwa a na motikaki iai.

I kan titirakina te Tautaeaka ngkana e kona ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai karaoon aio?

Translation/Rairana

I wish to thank Government for supporting the motion to take to court the purported cases as reported by the ACSC to the court for decisions to be made on them.

My question, can Government provide an update on these cases to Parliament?

Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe, MP (Minister of Justice)

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Maneaba bwa a tia n roko ana Ribooti te ACSC inanoni bain au Tabo ni Mwakuri, ao man tia naba n rinanoaki iroun Ana Aobiti te Tia Kaeti Tua.

Translation/Rairana

I am happy to inform the Maneaba that the ACSC Reports have been submitted to my Ministry, and have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney-General.

By Hon. Ioteba Tebau, MP (Marakei)

OQ122. I kan rimwin aia bubuti kain au abamwakoro ae Marakei n au tabeka n Auti n Tei aika nako ibukin kainanoan aia bwai ni mwakuri n ununiki ao are e a tia naba ni butimaeaki ao man kariaiakaki ibukin autin nako Marakei n te tai naba are e tauraoi iai mwanena. I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kabwarabwara bwa e a bwaka iaa te mwakuri iaon aei?

Translation/Rairana

I wish to follow up requests from my constituency raised in past meetings for the need of agricultural tools which has been accepted and approved for every household in Marakei when funding is available. I am asking the Minister concerned to explain what is the latest development on this?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

Bon iai te karikirake iaon bwaai n ununiki are e katautauaki bwa e na tauraoi ni waaki n te ririki ae e boou are e na tobwa nanon te kainnana ibukin bwai ni mwakuri n ununiki i Marakei ao abamwakoro nako.

Translation/Rairana

The agricultural hand tools project is expected to start next year which will cater for the need for agricultural hand tools for Marakei as well as the rest of the islands.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ195. Ai tera ngkai ana babaire te Tautaeaka ibukin ana Onaoraki te Aono n Raina ngkai e a bon nang bongata te kantaninga iai.

Translation/Rairana

What are the Government plans on Linnix Hospital since there has been a long delay on this matter?

Reply by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

E na teimatoa te Tautaeaka n taraia ba te onaoraki ae ngkai e na nakoraoi ibukin tararuan marurungia ao mauria kain te Aono ni Mainiku ni karokoa ae e tia raoi ana babaire ibukin te onaoraki ae e boou.

Translation/Rairana

Government will ensure that existing medical facilities in Kiritimati is maintained to a good standard for the people of the Line and Phoenix Islands until such time that a plan for a new hospital is finalized.

By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)

OQ156. A bon rang bubuaka auti n reirei n Nakaa JSS iaon Makin, e kona te Minita are tabena n taraa te kangaanga aei n te tai ae riai taiaoka?

Translation/Rairana

Nakaa JSS classrooms in Makin are in very poor conditions, can the Minister concerned look into the problem as a matter of urgently please?

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

I kukurei n kaongoa te Tia Tei temanna ae e karineaki mai Makin bwa JSS Makin e mena n ana kataratara te Botaki n Reirei ibukin te onobwai ae e bubura

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Makin that JSS Makin is in the pipeline for school rehabilitation.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ51. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Auti aio bwa n ningai ae e na kona n anga ana ibuobuoki nakon te kanganga ae te Buka iaon ara atimakoro ae Onne i Makin?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible inform this House when are they planning to assist the “Buka problem” on the islet of Onne Makin?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Environment Land and Agricultural Development)

Te Tibika ae ko Rine, I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei mai Makin ae e karineaki bwa e a tia au Botaki ni Mwakuri n rinanon te bubuti aei ao ngkai Onne bon abaia aomata n akea rekereken te Tautaeka iai ao teuana kawain te ibuobuoki nakon te bubuti aei bon tabekana rinanon te Kauntira ni Makin bwa e na kona n kabonganai mifin tao ake a tiku taekaia iroun te Kauntira n Makin n koro i buka akanne.

Translation/Rairana

Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform the Honorable MP from Makin that my Ministry has looked into this problem and due to the fact that Onne is owned by people and not Government one most appropriate way to assist is to discuss the request in a Council meeting to request for the use of chain saws that are now managed by Makin Council to cut unwanted *buka* trees.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ113. N na butia te Minita ae tabena, bwa e nga ana tia rabakau ibukin karaoan ana mitin n ran Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Minister concerned where is the Specialist Engineer for repairing the desalination plant for Banaba?

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

Au tia rabakau ibukin mitiin ni karao-ran bon te Tiibi (CEO) n te Kambwana ae PUB. E rang n tauraoi n nori ao ni karaoi mitiin n ran ake i Banaba, ma e aki kariaiakaki irouia ana taan kammwakuri mai tinaniku n toka ni kaibuke aika a mwamwananga nako Banaba. E a tabe ngkai au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kakaaea te bao ae e tau ibukin teuae.

Translation/Rairana

My Reverse Osmosis Desalination expert is the current CEO of PUB. He is willing to examine and fix the RO systems in Banaba but, unfortunately, his sponsors restrict the types of sea craft he can take to Banaba. My Ministry is working on acceptable transport for him.
