

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on **Monday 30 April, 2018**. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

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

**OQ75.** E a tia ni kariaiakaki karakaan te mwakoro ibukin te Kauntira iaon Marakei bwa uoua riki i Rawannawi ao teuana i Norauea. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena, bwa e na waaki ngkanne nningai rineaia kauntira aika boou ibukin mwakoro aikai.

**Translation/Rairana**

The increase for ward councilors in Marakei has been approved up to two and one for Rawannawi and Norauea respectively. Could I ask the Minister responsible as to when will the election for these new councilors begin?

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

Te Tibiika, I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei bwa karaoan te rinerine ibukia Kauntiran Rawannawi ao Norauea e na waekoa ni karaoaki n tian te kaetieti ibukin karaoan te rinerine.

**Translation/Rairana**

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP that election of new councilors for Rawannawi and Norauea wards will be conducted as soon as the election program is finalized.

**By Hon. Emil Willie Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ48.** E kona n taraia te Tautaeka bwa e na karekeaki riki te kaniuanga ae e tamaroa nakoia Taan Mwakuri n aroia Kaubure, Neetin kaawa, Taan Kabung/Taan tobi, Taan reirei n pre-schools ao tabeman riki ake a mwakuri n te aeka ni kammwakuri aio?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could Government kindly consider more appropriate remunerations and/or allowances for people being employed as special constables, village wardens,

nursing aids, preschool teachers, midwives and others in that similar category of employment?

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

Te Tibiika, E tauraoi au Aobiti n rinanoa te tabeka aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

Mr. Speaker, my Office is ready to consider the request.

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

**OQ73.** A tiku ma te kakariaria ao te raraoma kain Marakei ngkai e wene ni maen ao n tuai man reitaki mwakurian te kawai ao te buriti iaon abaia imwin tokin mwakuriana n te tai ae a bon rangin maen n akea taekana bwa e na manga waaki nningai. Bonotan te rawa ae Nei Keina Buriti ibukin karekean te kawai n te tai ae a rangin maen e a bon karekea te kanganga nakon te nama ma marina. E kona te Minita are tabena ni manga waakina katiaan karikirake aikai ngkai naba?

**Translation/Rairana**

The people of Marakei are anxious and worry because it has been a while since the road and the bridge construction stopped with no indication of whether its going to continue or not after so long. The closing of the passage at Nei Keina Bridge for creating a crossing has caused lots of problems to the lagoon and its resources. Could the Minister responsible see that these projects are revived and completed now?

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

I karautaeka ibukin baenikain katiaan mwakuri aika a mwaneweaki iroun raou n Tia Tei mai Marakei ae e karineaki, ao aio are e bon riki man iremwen reken te mwane.

E na moanibwaiaki katiaan te buriiti ae Keina ba e aonga n uki te rawa ao n okira arona marurungin ana nama Marakei. Te karao-kawai e na tataninga rokon ana tai Marakei n te kateniua n raoun are e katautauaki ba kanoan ririki aika 2020-2021.

***Translation/Rairana***

I regret the long-delayed works as raised by my fellow Honourable MP from Marakei, caused by the dearth of funds.

Completion of Keina Bridge is now priority to open up the blocked channel and restore the lagoon's marine life health. Road works will wait for the national upgrading project to reach Marakei in 2020-2021.

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

**OQ78.** Nna butia te Minita are tabena ngkana e kona ni kaanaua riki maanin ao mwaitin aia kabwara tarau Taan oroben nakon DBK ibukin aia Tangomwane?

***Translation/Rairana***

I wish to request the Minister responsible to increase the repayment period copra cutters for loans that they take out from DBK?

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

Te Tia Babaire, E tauraoi te Tabo ni Makuri ibukin te mwane ni maroro ma te DBK iaon te bubuti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, The Ministry of Finance is ready to discuss this request with the Development Bank of Kiribati.

**By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ85.** Ngke e a tia ni kamwaingaki te reirei ae MTSS ao e a tibwa roko tuoan te ran. E kona te Minita n taekinna bwa tera mwin te tutuo anne?

***Translation/Rairana***

After the transfer of MTSS, a survey on water was then conducted. Can the Minister responsible elaborate on the results of this survey?

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

I nanokawaki n taekinna bwa raan ake a karaoaki te kakae iaoia a bon riari n kaburoaki ke n SODIS (tawaakin bwatoro n ran) ke n renganaki ma te chlorine imwain kabonganakiia bwa iai man aoraki iai.

**Translation/Rairana**

I regret to say that MTSS water was contaminated with pathogens hence a need to boil or use SODIS or chlorination before consumption.

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

**OQ52.** E kona Te Beretitenti ae e karineaki n nora riari karekean aia allowance ataeinm'ane ma ateinaine ake a roko n te roro n mwakuri ma a tuai reke raori aia mwakuri ma a teimatoa ngkai n karaori aia kataneiai n mwakuri n ana tabo nako n mwakuri te Tautaeaka n akea booia?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could His Excellency Te-Beretitenti kindly sees the need to provide money allowance to young men and women who have not secured permanent employment yet but are currently doing on-the-job attachments (work experience) at various Government Ministries and departments without pay?

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

Te Tibiika, e tauraoi au Aobiti ni karaoa te kakae iaon noran riaina.

**Translation/Rairana**

Speaker, my Office is ready to undertake a feasibility study to confirm the need.

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

**OQ74.** Te kanganga man te kanaki nako i maealon te kaawa ae Rawannawi Marakei are reke man ana urubwai te bono are e a bongata tataekinana ma kariaiakana iaan te Maneaba aei e tuai man tabeakinaki ao n tia n urui mwenga ao man rooti naba utu tabeua korakorana. E kona te Tautaeaka rinanon are tabena ni kabwarabwara nakon Marakei ao riki nakoia ake a taonaki n rawawatan te kanganga aei bwa ai bon tera ngkai ae wakinaki iaon aei ao e nang bon waakina raori mwakuriana ningai. Iai ngkai mweenga aika tia ni mauna nako ao utu aika a mwengabuaka. E kona n reke te kabomwi nakon mweenga aikai ao utu aikai?

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

The problem relating to the erosion from the ocean side in Rawannawi Marakei which was caused from the destruction of the seawall has been raised and discussed in this House for quite a while and nothing has been done from Government to address this issue. The impact of the erosion has destroyed some homes and affected some families. Could the Government through the responsible Ministry clarify to the people of Marakei and especially to those who have been affected what is the progress on this seawall construction and when will this be attended soon. There are some homes which had been destroyed and relocated and families who have been affected by the destruction of their homes. Further could these people or families affected get some sort of compensation?

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

E na reitaki te mwakuri ibukin katiaan taian bono ake i Marakei, ao n aban Kiribati ake nikirana, n reken te mwane.

Ni kaineti ma te bubuti ibukin te kabomwi nakon mweenga ake a rotaki n ana urubwai taari, ao e na rinanon aei moa te Tautaeaka imwain ae e anga ana kaeka.

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

Seawall construction in Marakei, and in the rest of Kiribati, will resume when funds are available.

Government needs to first contemplate the proposed compensation for families/communities affected by coastal erosion.

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

**OQ54.** Iai te waaki n bitiniti n te aba ae Biribin iaon karaoan aia baeki aine, bauti ni mwane, bwautin taian tareboon, kie ibukin taibora n amwarake ao a bati riki ake e karaoaki man rabwatan te aroka ae te banana. Tao bon aio naba te aeka n waaki n karekemwane ke n bitiniti (ae uarereke) are e kona te Tautaeaka n nora tamaroana ao n kaunga ibukiiia kain abara ae Butaritari. Te bubuti bwa e kona te Botaki n Mwakuri ibukin Bitiniti, Karaobwai ao Boboti n karaoa ana ukeuke rinanon ana Tia Ibuobuoki Kiribati i Biribin ke rinanon te Forum Secretariat ke te UNIDO ma te kantaninga ba e na reke te Tia Rabakau are e na noria ba e kona n waakinaki te karikirake aio ke aki?

***Translation/Rairana***

There is business in the Philippines that makes ladies' shoulder bags, small purse, cases for mobile phones, table mats etc., from the fiber extracted from dried banana trunks. Perhaps this is the kind of small income generating business or cottage industry that Government could, also see merits in promoting for our people in Butaritari. Could the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives kindly explore this business potential through the Kiribati Honorary Consulate in the Philippines or the Forum Secretariat or UNIDO (whichever is most appropriate) with a view to secure technical expertise to assist in establishing similar business in Butaritari?

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

E na taraaki te bubuti aei nakon angaraoina.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government through My Ministry will explore this as appropriate.

**By Hon. Emil Willie Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ45.** E kona te Tautaeaka aio n rinanoa katean te bono ni katobibia Buota i Tarawa leta bwa e aonga n:

- 1) teimatoa raoiroin te ran ni mam ao man totokoa rinin taari n rinnanako nako nanon te aba, ao
- 2) ni kona riki n reke nneia kain Buota ake a moanna ni ibetutu ngkai n aia tabo aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Government kindly consider building a seawall right around the islet of Buota in North Tarawa so that:

- 1) the quality of freshwater from the water reserve in the middle of the islet can be maintained, as well as protected from saltwater intrusion and other manmade contaminants; and
- 2) more land can be reclaimed around the islet for the fast-growing population on the islet to be resettled?

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

Katean te bono ni katobibia te kaawa ae Buota i Tarawaieta bon te mwakuri ae e na bubura karaoana, ao iriana te kabanemwane naba ae e bubura. Ibukin aei ao e na reitaki moa au Botaki ni Mwakuri ma Botaki ake a irekereke ma te itera aei n rinanon ao ni kamatebwaia te tabeka aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

Constructing a permanent seawall all around Buota village/islet would be a huge undertaking with corresponding high cost. Given this, my Ministry proposes to carry out first an in-depth study of the idea in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

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

**OQ71.** Ni kaekaan au titiraki iaon tangiran beba ake a irekereke ma kaboan ana kaa te Minita ibukin te Aono n Raina ao e taku bwa e aki nora rian karekean beba bwa te kabobai e karaoaki n nanon te Tua. E ngae n anne ao ana riboti te Auditor iaon ana account te Tautaeaka n 2016 ao e taekinna bwa te kabobai e aki karaoaki raoi ao e urui Tua.

I kan titiraki bwa e kakoaua ngkai te Minita bwa te bobai e aki karaoaki n aron ae tangiraki n te tua ao e a tia n aki taekina te koaua nakon te Auti aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

In answering my question asking for the papers to be tabled relating to the purchase of the vehicle for the Minister of Line and Phoenix said that he did not see the need to table the papers as the purchase was done according to the law. The report of the Audit for 2016 however noted that the purchase was not done properly and violates the relevant laws and regulation.

I want to ask, does now the Minister agree that the purchase of the vehicle was not done according for the law and that he has misled this House?

**Reply by Hon. Mikarite Temari (Minister of Line and Phoenix Island Development)**

Te Tia Babaire, I teimatoa ni koaua ba eti ao akea kairuan au taeka nakon te Auti aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, I remain confident that I have said nothing that has misled this House.

**By Hon. Emil Willie Schutz MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ46.** E butiaki te Tautaeaka aio bwa e na manga rinanoa ana kaini baire iaon katean taian kiriniki (clinics) ni bwai ni Imatang (permanent materials) iaon aba ao ni kakoaua bwa bon te kainnana ae tieuataake iaon abamwakoron Kiribati?

***Translation/Rairana***

Government is kindly requested to review the current policy regarding the process by which requests for clinics to be built with permanent materials in villages on the outer islands are being considered by the concerned Ministry, and is asked to recognize and acknowledge that there is indeed a critical need to have clinics built out of permanent materials in every village on the outer islands of Kiribati?

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

Te Speaker ae ko rine, e tauraoi te Botaki n Kuakua ao Katoki Aoraki n butimwaea te bubuti aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform that the Ministry of Health and Medical Services stands ready to consider this request.

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

**OQ76.** Te kotiweei nako aon te Reke i Rawannawi are e kateaki man te riburibu n akea te bwai n mwakuri ao man aki kaibeaki raoi e a manga moanna ni bwaranako man korakoran te karau ao iabutin taari. E kona te Tautaeaka rinanon ana Tabo ni Mwakuri are tabena ni karaoa te katamaroa nakon te kotiwei aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

The causeway in Rawannawi which is made from reef mud without machinery to compress it is withered away now with rain and sea level rise. Could

Government through the responsible Ministry assist in improving the reconstruction of this causeway?

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

E na karaoa ana ukeuke au Botaki ni Mwakuri iaon te kootiueei aei n te tai ae e waekoa.

**Translation/Rairana**

My Ministry will carry out a survey of the causeway as soon as possible.

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

**OQ77.** A rang kakaitau kaain Nonouti nakon te Tautaeaka ibukin rokon ana buoka nakoia Ekaretia. E kona te Tautaeaka ni karaka riki ana buoka aio n te mwaiti are ana kona iai ni bane ni buokaki Ekaretia ni kabuti aia waaki?

**Translation/Rairana**

The people from Nonouti are grateful to Government for the increase in the Church Grant. Can Government increase the grant to an amount that will cover all operation costs for the Churches?

**Reply by Hon. Kourabi Nenem (Vice President and Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)**

Te Tiibika, aio bon teuana mai buakon ana Motinnano te Tautaeaka are ea tia ni kakoroa nanona ni moan rokona n 2016, are ea karaka iai te buoka nakoia Aaro n te mwaiti ae 100%.

**Translation/Rairana**

Speaker, this is one of Government's promises which was fulfilled at the start of this Administration in 2016 by increasing Church funds by 100%.

**By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ84.** Iai teniman ana Taan Moti Tabuaeran aika a tia n aki kabouaki aia contract n aron bukina aikai:-

Uoman ngkoa iai rekerekeia ni urua tuan aia mwakuri ao neiere temanna bon akea ana bure ma e a bon aki kainanoaki ibukin te nako aei. Tera raoi te kainibaire ibukiia Taan Moti n aron kateirakeaia ao kamotirawaia.

***Translation/Rairana***

Three magistrates in Tabuaeran whose contracts were not reviewed for the following reasons; Two were alleged breaches of conduct and the third one did not commit any misconduct but she was no longer needed on the job. What are the Government's procedures for recruiting and dismissal of Magistrate?

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

Taani Moti iaon Aba a kateirakeaki rinanon te Warrant ibukin 3 te ririki. Te kateirake aio are e karaoaki iroun te Beretitenti iaan ana tabeka te Tia Moti ae e Rietata.

***Translation/Rairana***

The Magistrates on outer islands are appointed by Warrant on a 3 year term. The appointment is done by the Beretitenti based on the recommendation of the chief Justice. Dismissals are done if the appointee misbehaves and the warrant is recalled.

**By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)**

**OQ90.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka iaara ngkai ana waaki te Tautaeka ni kateiraoan aia waaki Preschools iaon aban nako Kiribati?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Minister concerned provide update on the implementation of formal preschools system?

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

I kukurei n kaotia bwa e waaki nako te mwakuri iaon te ECCE.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to say that work is ongoing on ECCE implementation.

**By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ83.** Tera te kainibaire ni motirawaia Taan Mwakuri ake a kan anai aia motirawa n te aona n raina?

***Translation/Rairana***

What is Government's policy on civil servants wanting to take leave from the Line Group?

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

E tuai tei ana Kainibaire te Tautaeka ibukiia Taan Mwakuri ake a mwakuri i Tarawa ke n te Aono ni Kiribati ibukin motirawaia n te Aono n Raina.

***Translation/Rairana***

Government has set no Policy yet for employees based in Tarawa and the Gilbert group to take leave in the Line Group.

**By Hon. Tewaaki Kobae, MP (Tabuaeran)**

**OQ65.** E a riaon teuana te ririki manin tikuia aoraki mai Tabuaeran aika Barairai Karabung ma Dammie Bwaueri n te o-naraki i London Hospital, Kiritimati n tuai man reke mwanangaia nako tinaniku ibukin aia bwainaoraki. N na butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kaongoa te Auti aei bwa tera ngkai te babaire ae e wene ibukiia aoraki aikai?

***Translation/Rairana***

Patients from Tabuaeran namely Barairai Karabung and Dammie Bwaueri had spent more than a year at Rondon Hospital, Kiritimati without given overseas referral for medical treatment. My request to the responsible Minister is to inform this House on what plans been set for the concerned patients?

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

Te Speaker, ao aei kaekaan ana titiraki te Tia Tei ae e Rine temanna ma i Tabuaeran. Bon iai babaire aika a tia ao n wakinaki ibukin Barairai Karabung ao Dammie Bwaueri imwin tuoia, n aron ae Barairai e na wakina nako ana bwai n aoraki i Kiritimati, ao Dammie e na kamwanangaki nako aban finaniku ibukin bwainaorakiana.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, this is the respond to the question raised by one of the Honorable Members of Parliament from Tabuaeran. There have been plans already put in place for Barairai Karabuna and Dammie Bwaueri after their medical checkup assessment as follows; Barairai to continue his medication in Kiritimati and Dammie will be referred overseas for further medication.

**By Hon. James Taom, MP (Makin)**

**OQ91.** Iai ke akea ana iango te Tautaeaka n reitaanako te karikirake iaon karekean taura ake a maeu man otan taai n aron are karekei ngkoa Taiwan?

***Translation/Rairana***

Does Government has plans to continue the solar light kits project similar to that provided by the Taiwan Government?

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

N te tai aei ao akea moa ana babaire te Tautaeaka iaon reitakin tibwatibwaan taura, n aron are e a tia n ibuobuoki iai Taiwan.

***Translation/Rairana***

However, there is no plan at this stage to continue Taiwan's donation scheme thus far provided.

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

**OQ82.** E taekinaki bwa ana auti te Minita n te MICTTD iai te mwakuri ae abwabwaki ae karaoaki nako iai n 2016. Aio te auti are e mena ngkoa iai Minitan te O n Aoraki n te Tautaeaka ae e nako.

I kan titiraki bwa tera raoi ae karaoaki nakon te Auti aio ao mwaitira te kabane mane iaona?

***Translation/Rairana***

It is reported that the residence of the Minister of MCITTD had an extensive renovation done in 2016. This is the same house that the former Minister of Health and Medical Services in the last Government stayed in.

I want to ask, what exactly was the work done and how much was spent?

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

Te bwai ae e karaoaki bon te mwakuri n onobwai ao ni katamaroa nakon ana auti te Minita ma botan te kabana mwane iaona ae \$29,952.13.

**Translation/Rairana**

Maintenance and renovation were carried out to the Minister's house with the total expenditure of \$29, 952.13.

**By Hon. Emil Willie Schutz, MP (North Tarawa)**

**OQ44.** E kona te Tautaeka ni ibuobuoki rinanon ana Botaki ni Mwakuri ae CCK bwa ATHKL e na tarai kanganga iaon te 'black spots ' n ara tabo ae Tarawa leta riki ni kaawana aika Nuatabu, Taratai, Taborio ao Notoue bwa e aonga n toki kanganga iaon reitaki n te mobile tareboon?

**Translation/Rairana**

Could Government through its Communications Commission of Kiribati (CCK) impose on ATHKL to address the issue of "black spots" in North Tarawa so that mobile telephone users in Nuatabu, Taratai, Taborio and Nootouee villages can also have access to mobile telephone services in their respective villages?

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

E tauraoi n ibuobuoki te botaki ae CCK ma ATHKL n kakaea buokan te kanganga aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

CCK is prepared to liaise with ATHKL to address this issue.

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