

## **QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT**

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Tuesday 21 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

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

**OQ34.** Iai ngkoa ana karikirake te Botaki n Reirei are fibwaakin taian kombiuta aika a uarereke (tablets) nakoia ataei n moan rinan reirei ke primary schools iaon aban Kiribati n kabuta. E waakinaki te kakatai iaon te karikirake aio nakoia ataei n te Class 4 n reirei tabeua aika a rineaki. E kona te Minita ae e karineaki n kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa ti mena iaa ngkai iaon te karikirake aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

There was a project involving the distribution of tablet computers to all primary school pupils throughout Kiribati (one tablet per child/pupil). The initial trial was carried out with Class 4 pupils in selected primary schools. Could the Honourable Minister kindly inform this Maneaba where are we on this project todate?

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

Te Tia Babaire, I kan kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa te karikirake ae taekinna te Tia Tei ae rine e irekereke ma te kakae iaon kabonganaan te tablet irovia ataein te reirei n te koraki aua ni moan rinan reirei ake a tia n rineaki n te tai aio. Mwiin te kakae aio ae kantaningaki otinakona n 2019, ngaia ae e na kona n tuangira bwa e na kona n reitinako nakon abamwakoro ake tabeua ni ikotaki ma Butaritari ke tao e na aki.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, I would like to inform this Maneaba that the project stated by Honorable MP is related to a tablet learning research, trialed out with Class 4/Year 4 pupils of selected primary schools. The research finding which is anticipated to be ready in 2019 would determine whether the project could be rolled out to all the islands including Butaritari or otherwise.

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

**OQ53.** Uoua mwakoron Nikunau aika a boou aika a tia n kateaki bwa taian "Wards n aron Muribenua Meang ao Rungata Nuka. E kona te Botaki n Akawa ao Karikirakean Kaubwain Marawa n karekei nakoia mwakoron kaawa aikai – kaka teuana te boti n akawa ae te fiberglass intinin te booti bwa reitan boutokan karikirakean te akawa irouia aomata iaon abamakoro?"

**Translation/Rairana**

Two new wards on Nikunau have recently been established namely Muribenua North and Rungata South. Can MFMRD provide to each of these Wards a FRP fishing boat and an OBM as part of its ongoing support to artisanal fisheries development on the outer- island?

**Reply by Hon. Tetabo Nakara (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)**

I karautaeka n taekinna bwa e a roko n tokina te karikirake ae te booti ao te intin. Wards aika a boou aikoa reke iaon te tibwa are e tia ni waakinaki n te karikirake aio.

**Translation/Rairana**

I regret to inform that the project on boat and engine has been completed. New established wards are not included in the allocation already made under this project.

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

**OQ36.** I kan butiia te Minita are tabena bwa e na katerea bwa tera ngkai ana boo te Tautaeka ni kabotauaki ma ana boo te Kauntira ibukin:

1. Katean te mweenga ae te bobou?
2. Ke te onobwai? ao
3. Boon te Labour?

**Translation/Rairana**

May I request the Minister concerned to clarify the cost presently offered by Government in comparison to that offered by Island Council for:

1. Construction of new local family home units?
2. Maintenance cost? and
3. Labour cost?

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

The rates used by Island Councils for construction of new local family home units, maintenance and labour, are upgraded to rates offered by Government.

***Translation/Rairana***

Ana boo te Kauntira ibukin katean te mweenga ae te bobou ke te onobwai ao boon te labour, a roko n ana boo te Tautaeaka.

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

**OQ52.** E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai taekan te preschool?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Minister responsible briefly explain to this Maneaba the latest developments in regards to preschool?

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

Tia Babaire, Reirei ni kabane ake a tia n karinii araia n au Botaki ni Mwakuri, anganaki ngkai aia tai ae teuana te ririki n katauraaoia imwain tuoakiia.

***Translation/Rairana***

Mr Speaker, all preschools who had applied for registration are now given one year to prepare for the inspection.

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

**OQ17.** E korakora kainanoan te mwakuri n onobwai/katamaroa nakon te buriti are e tei itabon te kaawa ae Betania mai maiaki. E kona te Tautaeaka n tobwa ao n anga ana ibuobuoki nakon te oi ni kainano aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

Maintenance/repair work gravely needed to a bridge located at the Southern part of Betania village. Can this Government kindly accommodate and provide assistance to this genuine need?

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

E tauraoi Au Botaki n Mwakuri n ibuobuoki ni kakaea angan tobwaan te kainano aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

My Ministry is ready to work out on how to best address this genuine need.

**By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)**

**OQ41.** E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna bwa iraman mwaitiia komete n te JSS teuana ma teuana?

***Translation/Rairana***

Could the Minister responsible confirm the number of JSS Committee members in each school?

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

Te Tia Babaire, mwaitiia komete bon teniman (3) mai nano ma e naaki raka iaon waniman (8) mai eta, ni kaineti ma ana kainibaire ae kabonganaki ngkai.

***Translation/Rairana***

Honorable Speaker, the number of members of the school committee is at least three (3) but should not be more than eight (8), in line with existing policy.

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

**OQ22.** E kona te Minita ibukin Mwamwananga ni kamatoa bwa te raitienti are e anganaki kaibuken Tuvalu are MV Nivanga III ni outia bwatintia rinanon Kiribati n aron are e baonia iai kaain te runga man abamakoro tabeua, e karaoaki imwain mwanangan te kaibuke aei n te tai arei ke e nang tibwa karaokai imwin are e a tia ni karairaki te kaibuke anne nako Tuvalu?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Minister for Transport confirm that the license issued to the Tuvaluan vessel MV Nivanga III to carry passengers within Kiribati as it did in transporting participants of the Runga last year, was it issued before the said vessel started on such operation and not well after the ship had returned to Tuvalu?

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

E karaoaki ana license te Nivaga III imwain karaoan mwanagana ni karaoa tabena.

***Translation/Rairana***

The license was processed before the MV Nivaga III started the operation.

**By Hon. Shiu Fung Jong, MM (South Tarawa)**

**OQ25.** E kona te Tautaeka ke te Minitita are tabena ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai taekan te taura te solar are a taekinna ngkoa bwa e na katoaaki iai baiia kaain Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can Government or the Minister concerned inform or update this Maneaba on the current status of the solar lights that they said they will provide to all who live on Tarawa Teinainano and Betio?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine ao te Maneaba aei bwa tibwatibwaakin taura solar e a tia ni moanaki iaon Teinainano ao imwina Betio.

I kan kaeta naba ootan te Tia Tei ae e rine ba te tibwatibwa aei ti ibukin mweenga ake bon akea tauran aia auti.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to inform the Hon. Member and this Maneaba that the distribution of solar lights has started in Teinainano and later Betio.

I also wish to correct the Hon. MP's understanding about the distribution which is only for households without night lighting.

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

**OQ38.** Kanoan ana iango te Tautaeka ibukin kaboakin te Dash-8 bwa e na karaoa te reitaki n mwamwananga mai Kiribati nako Tuvalu, Biti, Nauru ao

Matiare. E kona n taekinna te Minita ae e karineaki bwa tao ningai are e na kona iai te Dash-8 n moana kibana nako Matiare?

***Translation/Rairana***

Part of the plan when Government purchased the Dash-8 is to provide air services link between Kiribati and Tuvalu, Fiji, Nauru and the Marshall islands. Could the Honourable Minister kindly inform when it is likely for the Dash-8 to commence its flight to the Marshall islands?

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

Te katautau bwa bon imwain banen te ririki aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

It is anticipated to be at the end of this year.

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

**QQ29.** N na butia te Tautaeka aio bwa e kona ni ibuobuoki ni karekei Iti (Ibukin tuoakin mwaun Takataka) nakon atimakoro ao kaawa ake a rangi n raroanako ma te tabo ni katine?

***Translation/Rairana***

May I request this Government if they can assist in providing moisture content meters to isolated islets and to villages that are so far away from copra weighs?

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

E tauraoi KCDL n ootani iiti n tutuo aikai bwa a na kaboooki irouia Boboti n takataka ma Taan Oroben ake a kainanoi ibukin tuoan mwaun aia ben n aia atimakoro ma kaawa ake a raroa nako ma taabo ni katine.

***Translation/Rairana***

The KCDL is ready to order moisture testers so that copra cutters who want them can buy to check their copra moisture content in their respective islets, villages which are very far from main copra weighing place.

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

**OQ39.** E kaongoaki te Maneaba aio bwa iai te karikirake are karekean taian bum ake ana onea taari nakon te mam ibukiia kaawa ake a rotaki n te tarika n reitaki ma ara kaawa ae Bikati. Te bubuti nakon te Minita ae karineaki bwa e a bwaka iaa te karikirake aio ao tao ningai ae e na roko iai n ara kaawa ae Bikati?

***Translation/Rairana***

This Maneaba was informed about the desalination plant project for villages badly affected by the shortage of potable water, including our village of Bikati. A request to the Honourable Minister if he could kindly inform about the status of the project and when it is likely to reach Bikati?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa iaon kawaina ni waaki te karikirake ae e nanonaki n ana titiraki.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to advise the Hon. MP that the project in question will be commencing soon.

**By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)**

**OQ40.** Ni bowin te Maneaba ni Maungatabu n April, 2018 ao e taekinna te Minita are tabena bwa a na karaoaki marae ni wanikiba ma kawain Tabiteuea Meang n te korotaa n Turai 2018. N te tai aei ao e tuai ni waaki te mwakuri bwa ae bon tabe naba ni katiaki te katamaroa nakon te marae ae te riburibu.

E kona te Minita n taekinna bwa e na waaki ngkanne n ningai te mwakuri iaon korotanakin kawain ma maraen Tabiteuea Meang?

***Translation/Rairana***

During the April 2018 meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu the Minister responsible said in reply that work on tar sealing the runway and mainroad on Tabiteuea North would begin in July 2018. This time, however, work on improving the reef mud runway is still incomplete.

Could the responsible Minister then inform this House as to when work on tar sealing both the runway and main road on Tabiteuea North would begin?

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

E ngae ngke iai teutana te baenikai ni waakinan te karikirake ae koorotaanakin kawai ma marae ni wanikiba iaon abamwakoro, iaan bukina aika a riai, ma e na bon waaki n aron are e kantaningaaki. Ngkana tiaki inanon te ririki aei (2018) ao e na waaki ni moan te ririki ae e na roko (2019).

**Translation/Rairana**

Even though the tar-sealing of outer-island roads and airstrips project is delayed due to factors beyond anyone's control, the project will be delivered as promised. If implementation does not begin in 2018, it will in early 2019.

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

**OQ49.** E kona te Minita are tabena ni mwannanoa karokoan bwai ni mwakuri aika tamaroa riki bwa e aonga ni waekoa ao n aki tokitoki te mwakuri iaon kabuburaan te marae ni wanikiba iaon Makin?

**Translation/Rairana**

Can the Minister responsible consider dispatching replacements for the aging and failing machineries now used in airfield upgrading project in Makin to avoid unnecessary delays.

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni kakaea angan te bubuti aei.

**Translation/Rairana**

My Ministry will look into the request.

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

**OQ32.** E bon teimatoa naba ngkai aron te kanganga ae aki bwabwakan boon te onobwai iaon abamwakoro, e kona te Minita are tabe ma aio n kabwarabwara bwa tera ae riki?

***Translation/Rairana***

The delays in the payment of repair and maintenance is still a problem in outer islands, could the Minister responsible explain why?

**Reply by Hon. Kobebe Taitai (Minster of Internal Affairs)**

Aio e irekereke ma baen reken te mwane n onobwai ibukin te ririki aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

This is due to a delayed receipt of the maintenance fund for this year

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

**OQ51.** E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna bwa tera te ibuobuoki ae e a tia ni karaoia nakoia ataeinimwane ake angiiia a kaman bane aiai tai man FTC ao man taraa ni mwaninga te aba taekaia ao n tuai reke kibaia ke aia mwakuri, angiiia a tataninga inanon 2 nakon 3 ririki ngkai?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the responsible Minister explain what assistance his Ministry had rendered to FTC graduates who up until now seemed to have been forgotten and left without job since graduating, the majority of them for more than 2 to 3 years now

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa e bon teimatoa ni waaki au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni karaoa ana ibuobuoki iaon aei.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am pleased to inform that support by my Ministry is still ongoing.

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

**OQ54.** Iai noran riaina iroun te Tautaeka bwa e na karaka n te tai aei boon te takataka man \$2 nakon \$3 n te kirokuraem?

***Translation/Rairana***

Does this Government see the need at this time to increase further the price of copra from \$2 to \$3 per kg?

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

Te Tia babaire, boon te takataka ae \$2/kg n te tai aio ao a mwanemwane riki iai Taan Oroben ni kabotauaki ma boon te takataka rimoa are akea ana buoka iai Te Tautaeaka.

***Translation/Rairana***

Speaker, the current price of copra of \$2/kg really helps copra cutters to give them more income compared with the past price of copra, which had no Government copra subsidy provided.

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

**OQ4.** Teuana te aoraki ae e korakora i Kiribati bon aoraki aika aki ewewe n aron te fioka ao te rietata n rara are e a karika te waekoa ni mate irouia ara aomata. I kan titiraki bwa tera raoi ae karaoia te Tautaeaka ni kaitara te kanganga aio?

***Translation/Rairana***

One of the health concerns in Kiribati relates to the increasing high prevalence of NCDS such as diabetes and high blood pressure resulting in the early deaths of our people. I want to ask what are the specific actions that Government is doing to address this concern?

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

I kukurei n taekinna bwa iai uoua rabwata ake a tia n tei bwa buokan aei bwa teuana bon man te Botaki n Kuakua ao teuana bon ana rabwata te Tautaeaka are e kaainaki irouia ana Botaki n Mwakuri nako ma ake tiaki naba ao aio are e waaki man 2017.

***Translation/Rairana***

I am glad to say that there are two committees already established, one of which from MHMS itself and secondly is the multisectoral coordinating committee membered by the different Ministries and NGOs and FBOs.

**By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MM (Tabiteuea Maiaki)**

**OQ47.** N tain te riringa aei, ao e a rangi n uarereke te karekemwane n reke irouia taan oroben. A moanna n okira aroia ngkoa ni kabooi nako aia bwai ni Kiribati n aron te rauara, te ibo, te kie, te iriba, te bokete ao aekakia nako are

e kona tabonibaia ni karaoi. Te kanganga bwa e rangi n uarereke te mwakete boni iaon abamwakoro n te aro are ai bon akea ae kona ni kabooi aia bwai aikanne ni buoka aron maeuia. Tera ana ibuobuoki te Tautaeaka ae kona ni karaoia iaon te itera aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

During this long period of drought, copra cutters earn very little income. They revert to their old way of earning income from local products such as rauara, te ibo, mats, fans, baskets, and other products that they can make from hands. The problem is that the market on the island is very small and their products cannot sell enough to earn their living. What can Government do to assist on this?

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

Te Tia babaire, ena ikarekebai Au Botaki ni Mwakuri ma Taan kaboi bwai ni Kiribati ke private sector ke aia botaki aine iaon Tarawa, ni kakai anga ake ana buokaki iai taan karaoi bwaai ni Kiribati.

***Translation/Rairana***

Speaker, my Ministry will work with the private sector and womens' association in Tarawa to find ways to assist handicraft producers.

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

**OQ37.** E teimatoa korakain nanoia kaain Abaiang ni iremwen bwakan mwanen te anobwai, I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa tera ae karika okiokin te kanganga aei?

***Translation/Rairana***

Abaiang people continue to face anxiety and frustration for the repeated undue delays of payment following the completion of maintenance work, may I ask the Minister concerned why this continues to be the problem?

**Reply by Hon Kobebe Taitai (Minister of Internal Affairs)**

Aio e irekereke ma baen reken te mwane n onobwai ibukin te ririki aio.

***Translation/Rairana***

This is due to the delayed receipt of maintenance fund for this year.

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

**OQ50.** E kona te Minita are tabena n reitaki ma KCDL katamaroan riki kawaerakean ao urakinan takataka man kaibuke nakon te auti n takataka ngkana a roko i Betio?

***Translation/Rairana***

Can the Minister concerned liaised with KCDL finding ways to improve recurring problem usually faced during unloading of copra from vessels in Betio port due to insufficient number of trucks used?

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

E tauraoi KCDL n katamaroa aron urakinan takataka mai tabon te uaabu nakon auti n takataka I Betio.

***Translation/Rairana***

The KCDL is ready to improve the unloading of copra from vessels in port to copra sheds in Betio.