

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Wednesday 22 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MM (Nikunau)

OQ58. Iai Taan Oroben iaon Nikunau ae a kainanoa te Iti ibukin tuoan mwau aia takataka bwa e na mwau raoi. E kona n karokoaki te Iti nakoia ake a kainanoia bwa aonga n tangoia ke n kaboa bwa aia bwai ibukin tuoan aia takataka bwa a na ataia bwa e mwau ke e aki nakon te mwau ae e tangiraki imwain katinean aia takataka?

Translation/Rairana

There are copra cutters on Nikunau who are in need of copra moisture testers to check that their copra are dried to the required moisture content. Can these be provided for sales or for hire-purchase to those who need them?

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

E tauraoi KCDL n otani iiti n tutuo ibukia taan oroben i Nikunau bwa a na kabooi ibukin tuoan aia takataka bwa e na mwau raoi.

Translation/Rairana

The KCDL is ready to order moisture testers for copra cutters in Nikunau so that they can buy to check their copra moisture content.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ62. E kona te Minita are tabena n nora kainanoia kain au abamwakoro ae Aranuka iaon kainanoan kawarebwean ao kananoan te rawa ni Kaibuke n te aro are e na kona ni birimwaka aron karaian kaako ao te takataka?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister see and urgently address the need to widen and deepen the boat passage in order to improve the movement of both cargoes and copra?

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

E na kakaea angan te kanganga ae e a maan aio te Tautaeaka.

Translation/Rairana

The Government will try and solve this longstanding issue.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ87. I kan bubuti karaian bwai ni mwakuri mai Tabuaeran nako Teraina ngkana a bon toki tabeia bwa a na manga katamaroa kawain Teraina. E kona n noora riain aio Te Tautaeaka?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request for transshipment of heavy plants from Tabuaeran to Teraina when they finish their job there to do road upgrading on Teraina. Could the Government see the possibility in doing this?

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

Bwaai ni karao kawai ake a mena i Tabuaeran a bon aki raoiroi ao angiina a bon aki mwakuri. Iai kantaningaan bwai ni karao kawai aika a boou bwa a na roko n moan iteran te ririki ae e na roko 2019.

Translation/Rairana

The current Plants and Equipment located in Tabuaeran for road upgrading are no longer operational. However new Plants and Equipment for road upgrading are scheduled to arrive in the Line and Phoenix Islands within the first half of 2019.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MM (Makin)

OQ27. E kona te Tautaeaka ke te Minita are tabena ni ibuobuoki nakon te kanganga ae babanen mwanen te Tangomwane ae e waaki iai te DBK?

Translation/Rairana

Can this Government or the Minister concerned provide more assistance financially to DBK to make sure that the funds are not exhausted especially to Loan Scheme?

Reply by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu (Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

Te Tia Babaire, bon akea tataren te mwane ni katangomwane n aron are e mwaneweia te Tia Tei ae e karineaki.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, My Ministry is not aware of the funding shortage issue as raised by the Honorable MM.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ78. Inanon tain te Maneaba ae e nako ao iai tabekan tangitangia ma aia kainnana kain te aono ae Teabanaine, Bakarurunano ao Te Nei ibukin tangiran te ran. E teimatoa kakawarau irouia kaain taabo aikai ao ni kaotii aia kanganga ake a rekereke ma tangiran te ran ae mam ao man itiaki. Tiaki ti ngaia ma e teimatoa naba aia kan buokaki ibukin kanga kauarerekean boon te ran nakoia ngkai a teimatoa n namakina boona ae e bubura ngkai a kabongana te ran ni katoa bong. E kona te Minita are tabena ni karekea ana ibuobuoki ibukin kaanian te tabo ni katii ran n te kaa n ran n aron are karaooki n taian overhead tanks ake i Rurete ao i Teaoraereke nakon te overhead tank are i Temaiku?

Translation/Rairana

During the last meeting of Maneaba ni Maungatabu, there was also a complaint raised regarding the need of water supply and the cost for people of Teabanaine, Bakarurunano and Te Nei. Could the Responsible Minister consider the need in providing the wate tank or overhead tanks close to these areas like the one at Rurete and Teaoraereke?

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

E tabe ngkai PUB ni barongaa aron ana ibuobuoki n te itera aei ba e na aki reke te ngurengure ke te tanginnano irouia kaawa riki tabeua iaon Teinainano ma Betio ake a kainnanao naba te ibuobuoki aei.

Translation/Rairana

PUB is presently working out how to provide this assistance most fairly for all villages or communities in Teinainano needing the same solution, to preclude grievances.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MM (Makin)

OQ30. E teimatoa te bubuti ao te kan ongora irouia kaain ara abamakoro ae Makin ibukin te reitaki rinanon te mobile. N ana kaeka te Minita ae e karineaki ao e katautaua te mwakuri inanon te namakaina ae Aokati. E kona n kamatoa te Tautaeaka bwa e na bon waaki te mwakuri iaon Makin inanon te namakaina aio ae ea kaan toki ngkai?

Translation/Rairana

People on the island of Makin will continue to ask and at the same time seek information on when the mobile service can be used on the island. According to the Minister's response he informed this Maneaba that work will commence in the month of August. Can this Government reaffirms that work will surely commence in this month?

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

E na waaki te mwakuri iaon te internet i Makin n rokon bwaai ake a kainanoaki ibukin katean te tower.

Translation/Rairana

Work on the mobile service will commence in Makin once materials for the construction of tower arrives.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MM (Butaritari)

OQ33. E kona te Minita ae karineaki are e tabe ma tangke n karau ake ana tibwaaki nakoia aomata iaon abamwakoro n kamatoa te tai are e na waaki iai te karikirake aio?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Honourable Minister responsible for the project involving the distribution of water tanks to the people in the outer islands kindly confirm when this project will proceed?

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

E tabe ngkai au Botaki ni Mwakuri, ma ake iai rekerekeia, ni barongaa waakinan te karikirake iaon karekean ao tibwatibwaan tangke ni karau nakon taian mweenga rinanon te katauboo ke te tenta.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is now working with other stakeholders to implement the project for procuring and distributing water tanks to households through a tender process.

By Hon. Rimeta Beniamina, MM (Nikunau)

OQ57. N te Tieture ibukin Beba n Karaai Mwane ae No. 1/2017 ae e taiboranaki n Bowin te Maneaba n Eberi 2017 bwa Beba No.34/17, iai ana karaai mwane te Tautaeaka n te Beba n Kariaia ae Warrant No.08/2016 ibukin te Atu n Kabanemwane ae 23 (Botaki n Reirei). Te ikota n mwaiti ae e karaaiaki man Output 03 ibukin Codes 216, 241 ao 232 bon \$74,050 ao man te mwaiti ae \$33,144 ae e rion are e a tia n kataumwaneaki man te Maneaba.

Tera bukina e anga te kariaia te Minita iaan ana tiaaina bwa e na karaaiaki te mwaiti ae e rion are e a tia te Maneaba ae n kataumwaneaki ibukin 2016 nakon te Botaki n Mwakuri anne?

Translation/Rairana

A Schedule of Virement No.1/2017 tabled before Maneaba in Apr/May 2017 as Paper No.34/17 reveals relocations of expenditures under Warrant No.08/2016 for Head-23 (MoE). The total amount relocated from Output-03 for Codes 216, 241 and 232 was \$74,050 of which \$33,144 exceeds the sum appropriated by Maneaba.

Why did the Minister authorize by means of a Virement Warrant under his hand relocations in the amount totaling \$33,144 which exceeds the sum appropriated by Maneaba to MoE for 2016?

Reply by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu (Minsiter of Finance & Economic Development)

Te Tia Babaire ae e karineaki, bon akea te kairua ke te Tua ae tia n riaoaki n te karaai mwane (virement) are e oti n te Tieture ni Beebwa ni karaai mwane No.1/2016 n aron are e tabekia te Tia Tei temanna ae e karineaki mai Nikunau.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, the virement that the Honorable MM from Nikunau is referring to was in order and not in breach of the Public Finance Act.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MM (Makin)

OQ61. Iai ana tangke ni karau aika a karaoaki man te karikirake ae te KIRIWATSAN iaon ara kaawa ae Kiebu. Te kabuanibwai bwa a tia tangke aikai ao man uarereke aron kabonganakiia kiaina bwa e aki kona n taua kanoana ke iai te raran iai? Nna butia Te Minita ke te Botaki ni Mwakuri are tabena bwa e kona ni karekea ana ibuobuoki nakon tangke aikai?

Translation/Rairana

A few underground water tanks were built on the islet of Kiebu from the KIRIWATSAN programme or project. The tanks cannot hold water for long as it is believed that there are holes in the tanks. Can the Minister responsible and this Government provide assistance in addressing this issue?

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

I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa aobitia man te karikirake ae KIRIWATSAN a mwananga nako Makin n te wiiki ae e nako ao a na karoko naba i Kiebu ibukin tuoan bwain te karikirake ake ikekei ao karaoan te uruaki nakon tangke aikai.

Translation/Rairana

I wish to inform the Hon. MM that KIRIWATSAN officials visited Makin last week and would also visit Kiebu Islet to inspect and fix the project assets, including the tanks.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ67. E kona te Tautaeaka n noora riain manga kaokaia te koraki ake a mwakuri ngkoa n Air Kiribati ake a reke n te kauarereke?

Translation/Rairana

Could Government see the need to recruit again some of its former staff who had been affected by redundancy?

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

E na karaua n rinanoa te bubuti aio te Tautaeaka

Translation/Rairana

Government will carefully assess this request.

By Hon. Bonteman Tabera, MM (Nonouti)

OQ72. N na butia te Tautaeaka bwa iai ngkai ana babaire ae a tia ni mwakuriia ke ni kawenea ni kaekaan au titiraki are I tabekia n te Maneaba ae e nako ae e kangai taekana;

E kona te Tautaeaka ni karaka riki ana buoka nakoia Ekaretia n te mwaiti are a na kona iai ni bane ni buokaki ni kabuti aia waaki?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask this Government if there are any plans in place in response to my question in the last Maneaba that says;

Can the Government increase its contribution to Churches to cover all of their operational costs?

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

E a mwakuriaki te itera aei iroun au Tabo n Makuri ao te kantaninga bwa e na kona n tia beebwana nakon Kaebineti ibukin rinanoana imwain token te ririki aei.

Rairana/Translation

My Ministry is now working on this and hopefully our proposal to Cabinet will be tabled for consideration before end of this year.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ63. E kona te Minita are tabena te karikirake ae te Itoman ma te intanete ni kabwarabwa nakon te Maneaba aei bwa tera raoi aron barongan ana kataumwane are e a tia ni wakinaki iaon te atimwakoro ae Takaeang Aranuka?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Responsible Minister concerned explain the details of the project on internet already implemented on the islet of Takaeang Aranuka?

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

Te kataumwane ibukin te karikirake aio, e kantaningaki bwa e na mwanenaki iai katoman te internet ma bwaina nako ake a kainanoaki.

Translation/Rairana

The project was expected to fund the internet connectivity along with the required components.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MM (Arorae)

OQ88. Iai tabeman kaain Arorae aika a tibwa okira Arorae ao a aki reke tibwaia taura solar ake a tibwatibwaaki nakon mwenga.

E kona te Tautaeka ni karekei taura solar ibukia utu aikai ake a tuai n reke tibwaia?

Translation/Rairana

Some Arorae families have returned to Arorae but did not receive their share of Taiwan solar lights distributed to households.

Could Government kindly provide solar lights for these families?

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

E na katiaki moa tibwatibwaan taura solar iaon Tarawa Teinainano ma Betio. Ngkana e mwaiti nikiran te taura ao e a manga taraaki aia bubuti kaain abamwakoro ake a bon tuai n reke aia taura.

Translation/Rairana

The current distribution of solar lights on Tarawa Teinainano and Betio will be completed first. The request from outer-islands will be considered if the leftover gadgets are sufficient.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MM (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ77. E kona te Tautaeka n noora riain karakaan aia leave grant taian Special Policemen iaon abamwakoro nakon ae ngkai?

Translation/Rairana

Would Government see the need to increase over the current level of the leave grants for Special Police on Outer Islands?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretifenti)

Te Tia Babaire, I kan taekinna ma te karautaeka nakon te Tia Tei ae Rine temanna mai Tabiteuea Meang bwa bon akea te motirawa n te ririki (annual leave) ke te mwane ni motirawa (leave grant) ae katauaki nakoia special constables man te tai are e moan tei iai te Botaki ni Mwakuri ane (special constabulary) n tain te korone ni karokoa te bong aio.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable speaker, I regret to inform the Honorable MM from Tabiteuea North that special constables were not entitled to an annual leave or leave grant since the establishment of the special constabulary force during colonial periods until to-date.

By Hon. Taoaba Kaiea, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ79. Inanon tain te Maneaba n Tebetemba 2016 ao e tabekaki iroun te Tia Tei ae e Karineaki are Tei imwau Teburoro Tito tangitangia kaain te Kawai ae e Boou Tamoā ao Kawain te Sunrise Primary School are i Temaiku ibukin katamaroan aia kawai bwa ana oneaki nakon te korotaa ke te timanti. Te kaeka n te tai arei bwa e tauraoi te Tautaeka ni kibarii aikai. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara bwa e a bwaka ia ngkai taekan kawai aika a rangi ni kainanoaki aikai?

Translation/Rairana

During the past meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu December 2016 the former Member of Maneaba for South Tarawa Teburoro Tito raised the concern on the need for feeder roads for Te Kawai ae e Boou, Tamoā and Sunrise Primary School to be tar sealed. The response was that Government was ready to consider the request. Could the responsible Minister inform this Maneaba, what is the update on this need?

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

N aron au kaeka n taai aika a nako ao e tei karaoan te katamaroa nakon kawai aika a mwaneweaki n te titiraki, n reitaki ma nikiran toma ni kawai iaon Teinainano ma Betio, ibukin ae e tuai n tauraoi mwanen te karikirake aei.

Translation/Rairana

I would repeat my response in the past to the same question that the cause of delay in implementing feeder roads improvement in Teinainano and Betio is lack of project funding.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MM (Arorae)

QQ81. E a mwaiti kawaran au abamwakoro ae Arorae iroun te Tautaeke ibukin karaoan te maroro iaon katauraoran te marae ni wanikiba imwain rokon te wanikiba ae te Dash 8 i Arorae.

I kani butia te Minita are tabena bwa tera mwiin ana maroro ma kaain Arorae ao n ningai ae e na waakinaki iai te mwakuri iaon te marae ni wanikiba i Arorae ibukin te itera aio?

Translation/Rairana

Several visits have been made by Government to consult on preparatory work required to facilitate flight of the Dash 8 to Arorae.

I wish to ask the Minister responsible, what is the outcome of such consultations and when does Government intend to start work on the upgrading of Arorae airfield for the arrival of the Dash 8?

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

Imwin te maroro are e karaoaki ma kain Arorae, ao e na waaki te mwakuri iaon te marae ni wanikiba imwin tian raoi are i Tabiteuea Meang.

Translation/Rairana

After the consultation with the Arorae people, it was stated that work on the airfield will commence when Tabiteuea North's airfield is complete.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ85. E a moanna n tatara te bwaa iaon Teraina ibukina bwa e a aki tau mwaitin bwaunaia are e katauaki man KOIL ma rikiraken mwaitin bwaai aika buti man te bwa. E kona ni karakaaki riki tibwan Teraina n te bwaa?

Translation/Rairana

Fuel on Teraina seems to quickly run out as it used to be because KOIL ration to Teraina become insufficient as the increase to motor machineries on the Island leads to more fuel consumption. Could fuel ration to Teraina be increased?

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

E na kamatebwaia te kainnana aei Mwangana te KOIL are iaon Kiritimati, ao e na mwakuriia bwaunan Teraina te bwaa n aron riaina.

Translation/Rairana

The KOIL Branch on Kiritimati will assess the need as raised and accordingly adjust the ration for Teraina.

By Hon. England Iuta, MM (Beru)

OQ12. E kona ni karakaaki kanuangaia Boboti n takataka man \$50.00 ae bwainaki ngkai n te tan nakon \$75.00 n te tan?

Translation/Rairana

Can the copra agency fee be increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per tonne?

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

Aio kaekan ana titiraki te Tia Tei temanna ae karineaki mai Beru.

E na noora riaina KCDL ngkana e a tia n rinanon te tabeka aio ae karakaan kanuangaia Boboti ti man \$50 nakon \$75 n te tan.

Translation/Rairana

KCDL will be able to respond clearly after going through this request of increasing the Agency Fee from \$50 to \$75 per tan.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ86. I kan rimwiin au titiraki are I tabekia ni bowiin te Maneaba ae e nako iaon taekan rinanoan te kantoka n te wanikiba imarenan Teraina ao Kiritimati bwa e bon rangi ni boobuaka. Tera ngkai ana babaire te Tautaeaka iaon aei?

Translation/Rairana

I want to follow up my oral question raised in the last meeting of the Maneaba on requesting Government to review airfare between Teraina and Kiritimati as it is expensive. What is Government updates on this case?

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

Ti karautaeaka nakon te Tia Tei bwa e na bon tiku moa n arona te kantoka n teina ae ngkai.

Translation/Rairana

I regret to inform the MM that the current airfare will remain unchanged.

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

OQ43. I kona ni butia te Tautaeaka ngkana e kona ni manga rinanon ana babaire ibukin tauakin te Vat man Small grants?

Translation/Rairana

May I request Government to review its decision on the deduction of Vats from small grants?

Reply by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu (Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

Te Tia Babaire, e tauraoi au Tabo ni Mwakuri n rinanoa te bubuti aei.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, My Ministry is ready to consider the request.