

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Friday 24 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

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 Tautaeka?

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. Rimeta Beniamina, MM (Nikunau)

OQ56. Iai ana kona te Tautaeka n kataumwane a mwanen karaoan te mwakuri ae te bobou ao te onobwai nakon aia auti n matu ao n kuka Taan Mwakuri n te Kauntira n aron ae e karaoia nakon aia auti n matu ao n kuka Taan Mwakuri n te Tautaeka iaon abamakoro?

Translation/Rairana

Does Government have the capacity to finance construction of Island Council new housing quarters and kitchen houses including their periodic maintenance similar to what it does to housing quarters and kitchen houses for its Government employees stationed on the outer-islands?

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

Te Tautaeaka, e na kona n mwaneni onobwai nakon aia auti Kauntira aika kaainaki irouia Taan Mwakuri n te Tautaeaka.

Translation/Rairana

Government can only fund maintenance costs of quarters of Government employees residing in Council area.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

OQ60. N na butia te Minita ae tabena bwa e na kabwarabwara ana karikirake Banaba ae te Kaibuke bwa iraua mwanen te karikirake aio, ao e na kanga ni wakinaki kanoan te karikirake aio?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Minister concerned to explain the available funding for the Banaban vessel project and how the project will be implemented?

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

Te Tibiika ae e rine, te ikota n mwane ibukin katean tewaana te kaibuke e nakon te mwaiti ae AUD \$915 te ngaa, ao te kataratara bwa e na kamwakuraki iroun te CPPL.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, the total project cost for one vessel is about AUD \$915K and it will be implemented and managed by CPPL.

By Hon. James Taom, MM (Makin)

OQ65. E kona n taekinna te Minita are tabena bwa tera ngkai ana babaire ibukia Taan Kini Uanikai i New Zealand ao Australia ake a tia ni karaoa aia kataneiai ni moan te ririki aei iaon Tarawa ao n teimatoa n tiku n tatanninga kammwakurakiia?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible explain what plans his Ministry has in regards to those who had earlier this year undergone month training in Tarawa, and until

now still waiting to be recruited in the New Zealand and Australia seasonal workers scheme?

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

Ni kaekaan aei ao I kan taekinna bwa te babaire ibukia koraki ake a tia ni karaoa te kataneiai ma a tuai n reke mwanangaia ni mwakuri a bon riki ngkai bwa kain te “work-ready pool” ke te rabwata n tauraoi nakon te kamwakuraki i aban finaniku”. Te koraki ake kaain te rabwata aei ke te work ready pool bon ngaia aika a na kona n moan anganaki aia tai n kaitibo ao n waaki ma te Tia Kamwakuri ngkana e roko ma i aban finaniku n karaoa ana kaukeuke n aeaeki n taai aika a na roko.

Translation/Rairana

To respond, I would state that the plan for those who had completed training but not yet recruited are engaged in a “work-ready pool”, a group of skilled workers ready for overseas employment under the existing employment schemes. Being members of the work-ready pool allows them to be given the first available chance to secure their employment opportunity should the overseas employer come to carry out recruitment in future.

By Hon. Kaure Babo, MM (Maiana)

OQ101. N ana Ka-4 ni Kabowi te Maneaba aei n 16 n Ritembwa 2016 are I tabeka au titiraki nambwana 175 ni kaineti ma ana Motinnano te Tautaeaka n irekereke ma karaoakin taian rawa n rororake ibukiia Taan Akawa, raawa ibukin bao ni mwamwananga ma taabo ni kabwaka, ao ana kaeka te Minita are e butimwaia bwa a tia ni waakina te mwakuri iai.

I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa e bia kabwarabwara nakon te Maneaba aei bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai mwakuri ake e mwanewei?

Translation/Rairana

During the 4th Meeting of this Maneaba on December 16 2016, I raised a question number 175 where I asked a question regarding the manifesto, where Government promised to build channels for fishing and travelling and the Minister’s reply: “my Minister has started working on the necessary project to embrace this need”

I would like to ask the responsible Minister in his reply as to what has been done as he mentioned and can he provide us with the update?

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

E a tia ni waaki te maroro ma te ADB iaon katamaroan raawa ibukin Kiribati ae bwatin.

Translation/Rairana

Discussion with ADB has progressed in regards to the project on boat channels.

By Hon. Tekena Tiroa, MM (Abaiang)

OQ104. Iai ana Taan Mwakuri te MISE are a kateirakeia rinanon te Kauntira n Abaiang bwa ana tararuai mitiin ni karao kawai. A kaboaki te koraki aikai iroun te MISE ma aaki kabwakaaki aia KPF. I kan titiraki bwa e na bon riai ni bwaka aia KPF ke aaki?

Translation/Rairana

MISE has contracted some people, through the Abaiang island council, to work as securities for the road construction vehicles. Their salaries were paid by MISE but there was no KPF contribution. May I ask, whether they are entitled to KPF contribution or not?

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

Akea te mwane n tabui n rin inanon booia te koraki aikai kiaina bwa a kamwakuraki iaan te atu ni mwane ibukin tiweti i nanoaa.

Translation/Rairana

No provision for KPF contributions was included in these workers' wages as they were paid from the Local Services output.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ109. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara nakon te Maneaba aio, bwa tera bukina ngkai ana kantoka Air-Kiribati nako Tuvalu n aron ae kakatanoata, bwa ngkana ko kabooa teuana am tiketiki nako Tuvalu ae ngaia e kona n reke naba iai kantokan temanna te aomata n nako ao n oki. Au titiraki bwa e aera ngkanne e aki naba kona ni karaoa aio nakon ana kantoka nakoia kaain au abamwakoro ae Aranuka?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister inform this Maneaba why its airfare to Tuvalu as announced over the radio, that if you buy one ticket to Tuvalu you get one free ticket for another passenger to and fro. My question is why cannot this be done also to my Island, Aranuka?

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

E aki kona bwa are aikai te naan kantoka n anainano (promotional fare) inanon te tai ae uarereke ibukin te kiba ae e boou imarenan Tarawa ma Funafuti.

Translation/Rairana

This fare cannot be used as they are only for promoting the Tarawa Funafuti flight for a short period of time.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ83. Tera ngkai rongorongon tiatianakin boon bwaai ibukin aban te Aono n Raina. E bon waaki ni kabonganaaki ke e tuai?

Translation/Rairana

What is the latest update on the enforcement of Price Control Commodities for the Line Islands. Is it effective or pending?

Reply by Hon. Atarake Nataara (Minister of Commerce, Industry & Co-operatives)

Te Tia babaire, e bon rin naba te Aono n Raina n tianakin boon bwaai are e bon waaki naba ngkai kabonganana.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, the Line and Phoenix islands is also included in the price control Act which is still enforced.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ112. E kona te Minita ae e karineaki ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa tera bukina bwa e na katuaaia kaain Aranuka ni kamauna ke n aki kabongana aia tiketini kiba ngkana aki roko n tain aia katine ke ni kiba ma e aki kona n

nanoangaiia ngkana a roko n tain te katine ao e a taona naba kibana ke ni kamauna ana kiba Air Kiribati?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister explain why Air Kiribati always penalized Aranuka people when they failed to turn up for their check-in time by not accepting their paid ticket and never give consideration when they arrive in time but flights are suddenly cancelled?

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

Bon iai ana kainibaire te Air Kiribati ibukin kaboan nanoangakia aomata ngkana e taonaki kibaia ti ngkana e irekereke ma kairua ake a irekereke ma babairean kibakiba.

Translation/Rairana

There is a policy within Air Kiribati that deals with compensating passengers that have their flight cancelled only when it is related to the company's flight wrong scheduling.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MM (Banaba)

QQ59. N na butia te Minita are tabena bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai katean te ward ae Tabiang iaon Banaba?

Translation/Rairana

I want to request the Minister concerned what is the latest development regarding the establishment of Tabiang ward on Banaba?

Reply by Hon. Natan Teewe (Minister of Justice)

Katean te Ward riki teuana ibukin Tabiang i Banaba ae e rinanoaki.

Translation/Rairana

A study is currently in progress for Banaba request to have another Ward for Tabiang village.

By Hon. James Taom, MM (Makin)

OQ66. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwaraa bwa e bon riai bwa te kambwana n oota iaon Tarawa, e na manga taua te tax man kantokan ana kaako are e riai ni kabwakaa nakon te kambwana ni kaibuke are e a tia ni katokai ana kaako?

Translation/Rairana

Can the Minister responsible clarify if it is proper for a supplier company (wholesaler) in Tarawa to deduct a tax from its payment for a claim relating to freight charged for its cargoes shipped by a carrier or shipping company?

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

Te Tia Babaire, iaan tuan Te Income Tax Act 1990 Part XVII (withholding of tax at source) ao e kabaeaki te payer (employer, Principal) bwa e na taua 5% ma irouia aomata ke business ake a provided te service (section 118 – 121 refers)

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, as per Income Tax Act 1990 Part XVII (withholding of tax at source) the payer (employer, Principal) is required to deduct 5 % tax from individual or business who provided the service (section 118 – 121 refers)

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane MM (Aranuka)

OQ110. Iai teniua (3) ana karikirake au Kauntira n Aranuka aikai; aia Tienta aine, ana turaki te atimwakoro ae Takaeang ao ai bwain te hardware are a biriakinaki man 2015 nakon 2018. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabarabara bwa tera bukina ngkai a tuai man koro bukin karikirake aikai n aron are a kantaningaia te Kauntira n Aranuka ao ai bon te botanaomata iaon Aranuka?

Translation/Rairana

Aranuka Council has three (3) projects that has already been approved in 2016 such as Women center, Truck for Takaeang Islet and Hardware materials. Can the responsible Minister explain to this Maneaba the reasons why these projects have not been accomplished as anticipated by the Council and the people of Aranuka?

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

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae karineaki mai Aranuka bwa te bobwai ibukin te karikirake ae te 'hardware materials' e a waaki ngkai. Ibukin ana karikirake te Kauntira aika te 'women centre' ao te 'council truck' ae bon tabe naba n mwakuriaki.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Aranuka that the purchasing of hardware materials project has now commenced. For the other two Councils projects, the 'council truck' and 'women centre', these are still in progress.

By Hon. David Christopher, MM (Rabi)

OQ113. E na korakora kainnanoan katiaan te ramp iaon Banaba imwain are a kona ni waaki taian karikirake aika a bubura.

E kona te Minita are tabena ni kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa e a toki iaa ngkai te karikirake aio?

Translation/Rairana

The need for construction and completion of the ramp on Banaba is paramount so that large development projects could proceed.

Could the Honourable Minister concerned inform this Maneaba what is the latest progress on this development?

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

E taningaki ngkai katiaan tamnein ao katauboan te karikirake aio.

Translation/Rairana

The final plan and costing of the project is underway.

By Hon Dr. Kautu Tenaua, MM (Abaiang)

OQ118. Ai te kateniua n ririki aei are I tatabeka te bubuti ibukin kainnanoan te mitiin-ni-karao-ran bwa e na karaoa te ran ni mooi ao te kuka ibukiia kain Nuotaea i Abaiang. I kan butiia te Minita are tabena ningai ae e na koro nanon aei iai?

Translation/Rairana

This is the third year I had repeatedly requested this Government to provide the water maker critically needed to supply adequate potable water to Nuotaea community, Abaiang. May I ask the Minister concerned when will this request be settled?

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

E tatanningaaki ana kaeka te Tautaeaka n Itare nakon ana bubuti te Tautaeaka iaon mwanenakin te mitiin ni karao-ran ibukin Nuotaea man te karikirake ae te KIIREP. Ma imwain rokon te mitiin ni karao-ran anne, ao e na karaoaki moa te bwam n ran are i Nuotaea irovia aobitia ake tabeia man au Botaki ni Mwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

The Italian government is yet to respond to Government's request for funding support under KIIREP towards the procurement of a suitable desalination plant for Nuotaea. In the meantime, the existing inoperative solar water pump for Nuotaea will be restored by my concerned officials.

By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MM (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ123. E a bwaka ia ngkai rongorongon ara bubuti ngkoa iaon taekan te Air Freighter ibukin Hawaii-Kiritimati?

Translation/Rairana

What is the status on the proposal raised earlier regarding the Air Freighter service between Hawaii and Kiritimati?

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

A waaki ngkai Air Kiribati ma au Ministry ni maroro ma 2 Kambwana ibukin iangoan karaoan te service ae te Freighter ao te bwatintia.

Transation/Rairana

Air Kiribati in partnership with my Ministry are currently negotiating with 2 parties on the potential development of both passenger and freight service.

By Hon. Teima Onorio, MM (Arorae)

OQ125. E kakoauaki ngkai iaon Arorae rakan ana urubwai te man ae te kimoa riki nakon te kai n amwarake ae te nii n te aro are a mwaiti uaa aika a aikoa ben bwa a moantaai naba n tenatenaaki ao man aki manena.

N na butia te Tautaeaka e na kona ni waekoa ni karekea ana ibuobuoki nakon ana kanganga Arorae aio?

Translation/Rairana

It is now evident on Arorae the increasing destruction by rats of the coconut tree to the extent that coconuts get bitten and become useless well before they mature.

I wish to ask Government could it urgently address this problem on Arorae?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni mwakuriia te kanganga aio.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry will assist to address the problem raised.

By Hon Dr. Kautu Tenaua, MM (Abaiang)

OQ128. E kona te Minita are tabena ni katerea bwa e kaboa ana bwaa (fuel) mai iaa te Kiribati Oil Company Ltd, ao e moanaki man ningai aei?

Translation/Rairana

May I ask the Minister concerned the name of supplier of all types of fuel to the Kiribati Oil Company Ltd, and when was this initiated?

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

E kaboi ana bwaa te KOIL man Winson Oil International (Hongkong) Ltd are e moa ana kabo-bwaa mai irouna man Meei 2017 ni karokoa ngkai.

Translation/Rairana

KOIL began ordering its fuel products from Winson Oil International (Hongkong) Ltd., since May 2017 to date.

By Hon. Uriam Tirae Iabeta, MM (Teraina)

OQ129. N na bubutia te Botaki ni Mwakuri n te Tautaeaka are tabena bwa e kona n ibuobuoki ni baronga aron karaoan ana Runga n takakaro te Aono n Raina inanon te ririki aio (2018). Iai kainnanoan karaoan ana Runga n Takakaro te Aono n Raina ma Rawaki n te ririki aio bwa aonga n tauraoi aia Taan kauaba nakon te ririki ae e na roko ibukin ana Runga n Takakaro Kiribati ae bwanin?

Translation/Rairana

I would like to request the Ministry concerned to offer assistance in arranging the organization of the Runga for the Line Islands in this year (2018). The need to conduct the Runga n Takakaro for the Line Islands is seen to be very important for the preparation and a proper selection of best sport candidates to the Kiribati Runga n Takakaro that is anticipated to be held for next year?

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

Ngkai bon taben te Tautaeaka boutokaan taian runga n aono (district) n aron te Aono n Raina ao e tauraoi au Tabo n Mwakuri n ibuobuoki n aron waakinan te Runga n te Aono n Raina, te ririki ae e na roko.

Translation/Rairana

Given the important role of the Government to provide support/assistance for islands district sport event like the Runga in the Line Group, My Ministry is ready to provide necessary support for the conduct of the Line Islands Runga next Year.

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

OQ119. Te titiraki nakon te Minita are tabena bwa e na katiaki n ningai kawain te botannaomata iaon Abaiang?

Translation/Rairana

May I request this Minister concerned when will the road works on Abaiang be resumed?

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

E katautauaki rokon te karikirake ae koorotanakin kawai ma marae ni wanikiba i Abaiang inanon 2020.

Translation/Rairana

The bitumen-road and airstrip upgrading project is estimated to land in Abaiang in 2020.

By Hon. Kirata Temamaka, MM (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ121. Te tareboon iaon Kiritimati e tuai man raioi inanon te tai ae e maan. E kona te Tautaeka are tabena n buokira iaon ara kanganga ngkai e kakoauaki bwa e rang manrea?

Translation/Rairana

Telephone in Kiritimati has not been successfully addressed for a long period of time. Can Government address this long outstanding issue?

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

E tauraoi te Tautaeka n reitaki ma ATHKL ibukin buokan te kanganga aio.

Translation/Rairana

Government is prepared to assist in addressing this issue.