

QUESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT

The following Questions are to be asked and answered in the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on Tuesday 28 August 2018. The numbers refer to the Questions as entered in the Order Book.

By Hon. Titabu Tabane, MM (Tabiteuea Maiaki)

OQ145. A rangi ni maan ngkai angiaa Taan roko iaon abamwakoro ibukin te kiniki uanikai i Aotiteria ao Nutiran n tatanninga taekaia man aobitin te Reiba. Man abau ae Tabiteuea Maiaki ao tabeman e a kani koro aia ririki iaon Tarawa. Tera raai oin te iremwe?

Translation/Rairana

Those who are here from the outer islands for the Regional Seasonal Employment scheme in Australian and New Zealand are still awaiting the decision from the Labour Office. From my constituency island of Tabiteuea Maiaki, some of them have been here for almost a year. What is the cause of the delay?

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

Te Speaker ae ko rine, oin te iremwe e bon rang irekereke ma ana babaire ao nanon te tia kamwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

Honorable Speaker, the main cause of the delay depends on the employer's decision and preference.

By Hon. Shiufung Jong, MM (South Tarawa)

OQ42. E kona te Tautaeka aio ni karekea te marae n takakaro ibukia kain Temaiku?

Translation/Rairana

Could this Government consider the construction of a playing field for the people of Temaiku?

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

Ngkai bon iai te kataratara ae e a bwabwaki rinanon ara Motinnano and KV – 20 iaon karikirakean aia taarena ara botannaomata riki ara roronirikirake iaon te takakaro – ao e kona n taraaki te bubuti aei inanon wakinan kakoroan nanon te kataratara aei.

Translation/Rairana

The Government can consider the request for having a playing field for the people of Temaiku as part of the Government's commitment and long term plan known as the Motinnano and KV-20 on enhancing and supporting the sport development in Kiribati, especially for the youths.

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 aki?

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)

Te Tia Tei ae ko rine mai Abaiang ao kain Abaiang, e bon riai n reke aia biri nakon te mwane n tabui Taan Mwakuri aika a mwaneweaki. Au Botaki n Makuri e na waekoa n kaeta aio ao raoia naba abamwakoro ake a irekereke ma te kammwakuri aio.

Translation/Rairana

Hon MM and people of Abaiang, My Ministry regrets the oversight and will rectify the situation as soon as possible, taking into account the rest of the affected islands.

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

OQ132. N kaekaan aia bubuti Taan Mwakuri n te Linnix ake a mwakuri ibukin te KEIP iaon Tabuaeran ao Teraina, ao e taku te Minita bwa e na tobwai aia bubuti ngkana iai te nikira ni mwane n tokin te ririki. E kona n kamatoa te Ministry are tabena n kabwarabwara bwa tera bukina e tuai man karaoaki aio?

Translation/Rairana

The Minister responsible for Linnix advised the workers on the KEIP project on Tabuaeran and Teraina that their wages will be paid out at the end of the year provided funds are available. Could the Minister responsible clarify to this Maneaba as why such payment is still withheld?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Te Tia Babaire, au Botaki ni Mwakuri e teimatoa n tauraoi n kaitiakii tinetine ake a tia n rinanoaki ao n kakoauaki bwa a eti raoi n banen te ririki aio.

Translation/Rairana

Mr Speaker, my Ministry stands ready to clear outstanding claims that have been verified and certified by end of this year.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ107. E kona te Minita are tabena n taekinna nakon te Maneba aei bwa tera ana babaire ana Tabo ni Mwakuri ibukia aoraki ake a tia n taubobonga aroia bwa a tia ni karaoa te reirei, a tia aia bwatiboti ibukin te mwananga ao ae a bon ririaki naba iaon Tarawa n ongongora taekaia?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister inform this Maneaba his plans for those patients who have completed all the requirements such as training, purchasing of passports and are still roaming around on Tarawa?

Reply by Hon. Ioteba Redfern (Minister for Employment and Human Resource Development)

Ni kaekaan aei ao I kona n taekinna bwa te babaire ibukia koraki ake a tia n taubobonga aroia bwa a tia n karaoa te reirei, ao n tia naba aia bwatiboti a bon member ke ni karinaki naba bwa kaain te "work- ready pool" ke te rabwata n tauraoi nakon te kamwakuraki i aban tinaniku"Te koraki ake kain

te rabwata aei ke te “work ready pool” bon ngaia aika a na kona n moan anganaki aia tai ni kaitibo ao n waaki ma te Tia Kamwakuri ngkana e roko ma i aban tinaniku 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 have completed all the requirements and with valid passports ready but remain in Tarawa is that they have become members of the “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 employment opportunity should the overseas employer comes to carry out screening and recruitment in future.

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

OQ120. E rang korakora kainanoan te mwakuri n onobwai ibukin ara JSS umwa n reirei iaon Kiritimati. I kan bubutia te Ministry are tabena bwa e a bwaka ia ngkai te waaki n onobwai ibukin ara JSS i Kiritimati?

Translation/Rairana

There is indeed a great need for maintenance work for JSS classroom on Kiritimati Island. I want to ask the Ministry responsible the update on maintenance work for JSS in Kiritimati?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

I kukurei ni kaotia nakon te Tia Tei ae e karineaki bwa te mwakuri n onobwai nakon umwan reirei ibukin JSS Kiritimati e na waaki n te tai are e reke iai mwanena.

Translation/Rairana

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MM that the maintenance work to classrooms for JSS Kiritimati will commence once funding is secured.

By Hon. Tianeti Ioane, MM (Aranuka)

OQ111. Teuana au titiraki inanon te ririki ae 2016 ae I uotiarake bon aia bubuti Taan Reirei ao Komete ibukin tauran aia kaawa n reirei ae e maeu man te solar ngkai e bon tionako ao n tei imarenauan Kauake are a boota naba iai te Primary ao te Moan Rinan. N ana kaeka ngkoa te HM ngkoa n te Botaki n Reirei ao e na kibaraki. Tera bukina ngkai e tuai man kibaraki aio?

Translation/Rairana

One of my questions raised in 2016 to the former Minister of MoE was a request from teachers and committee for the need of solar lights for their school since it is isolated and built in the middle of Kauake which housed both primary and preschool. In the former Minister's response that this request would be attended. Why has this not been addressed?

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

I kan kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa oin te iremwe ni waakinan te karikirake aei iaon ana abamwakoro e riki man tataningaan mwiiin te kakatai are e tabe ni waakinna ngkai te Kiribati Solar Energy Company n taian reirei tabeua ake a rineaki man te Botaki n Reirei.

Translation/Rairana

I wish to inform the Hon. MM that the delay in implementing the project in question on his home-island, Aranuka, is due to the pending results of the Kiribati Solar Energy Company's current trial in schools selected by the Ministry of Education.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MM (Betio)

OQ136. Teuana mai ibuakon te kainibaire ibukin te Mwane ni Kara bon kakean aia mwane ngkana a mena i tinanikun Kiribati. E kona te Minita n rinanon aio bwa aonga n bon reke naba aia Mwane ni Kara n taai ake a mena iai i tinanikun Kiribati?

Translation/Rairana

The Elderly Fund Policy clearly stated that if Old men and women travel overseas they are not eligible for that fund. Could the Minister revise this policy so that old men and women can still get their allowance even if they are in overseas?

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

Eng, anne bon kanoan te onono are e na karaooki nakon te Kainibaire iaon aia mwane kaara.

Translation/Rairana

Yes, it is part of the planned review to the current policy.

By Hon. Kaure Babo, MM (Maiana)

OQ139. I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa tera ana ibuobuoki nakoia ataein Kiribati ake a reirei i Taiwan n irekereke ma aia boketemwane are e a moan taai n toki n Turai, n aron are e a tia ni boraraoaki n te contract?

Translation/Rairana

I would like to request to the responsible Minister as to what assistance can he provide to those students studying in Taiwan and have signed the contract which entails their pocket money should end in July as already agreed?

Reply by His Excellency Taneti Maamau (Te Beretitenti)

I kukurei ni kaongoa te Tia Tei ae e rine bwa a tia ni bwaka aia boketemwane ataei aikai ibukin Turai n aron are n te boraraoi iaon mwanenakin aia reirei.

Translation/Rairana

I am very happy to inform the Honourable Member that the students' July stipend have all been paid in accordance with their scholarship award contracts.

By Hon. Tangariki Reete, MM (Betio)

OQ135. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa tera ngkai buoka aika reke nakoia ataein Primary Schools ao e kanga aron tibwatibwakia?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask the Minister responsible what support grant given to Primary School students and how are they distributed?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Iai ana buoka au Botaki ni Mwakuri nakoia ataein te moan rinan n reirei n aron aikai, i) te boki, ii) te bentira ao iii) te bwai ni kamauna ibukia koraki 1 nakon koraki 2. Ibukia koraki 3 nakon 6, e ricai n reke irouia i)te boki, ii) te ben, iii)te bentira ao iv) te bwai ni kamauna. Te tibwatibwa e karaoaki nakoia ataei rinanon te kainibaire are e a tia ni baireia au Botaki n Mwakuri ni kaineti ma kakaokoron aia karinan ataei.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry provides stationaries to year 1-6 at the Primary. Year 1-2 students should receive the following, i) exercise book, ii) pencil and iii) eraser. Year 3-6 students should be provided with the following, i) exercise book, ii) pen, iii) pencil, and iv) eraser. The ration is distributed to children following the guideline developed by the Ministry of Education, which specifies the number of items per child according to the different level of students.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MM (Butaritari)

OQ142. N te tai aio ao kaain te kaawa ae Tabonuea a bon ririanna aia clinic are e a ibuobuoki iai ma kaain Antakana. Te Clinic e bon tei n mwaaken te kaawa ae Antakana irarikin te marae ni wanikiba ao e kakoauaki aron aia kanganga kaain Tabonuea riki aine ma ataei n aron te mwamwananga n te tairiki ibukin kainanoan te bwai n aoraki ke kawarakin aia aoraki. Te bubuti nakon te Minita ibukin te Botaki ni Kuakua bwa e kona n nora riain katean te Clinic ae bon onoti ibukia kaain te kaawa ae Tabonuea?

Translation/Rairana

The people of Tabonuea village are currently sharing their clinic with the villagers of Antakana. The Clinic is located at Antakana near/close to the airfield, which makes it more difficult and tedious for the people of Tabonuea especially women and children who had to walk quite a distance in the night for emergency consultation/check-up. Could the Honourable Minister for Health see the need for the people of Tabonuea to have their own Clinic located conveniently within the village?

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

E tauraoi te Botaki n Kuakua ao n Katoki Aoraki n rinanoa te bubuti aei

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to consider the request

By Hon. Kouraiti Beniato, MM (Onotoa)

OQ149. E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara bwa tera bukina ae e aki toki n rimwi boia Taan Reirei ake a tangoaki?

Translation/Rairana

Can the responsible Minister explain why there is always a delay in paying out the salaries for Contract teachers?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

A rimwi bwakabwai iaan ae bon iai te iremwe n rokon beba ake a kainanoaki ibukin karaoan te kamwakuri irouia Taan Reirei ake a tangoaki.

Translation/Rairana

There is a delay in the payment of salaries for Contract Teachers as some of the teachers were late in submitting the required documents for processing of contract appointment.

By Hon. Tekena Tiroa, MM (Abaiang)

OQ152. Iai ribooti mai irouia kaain au abamwakoro ae Abaiang bwa iai ngkai bwain aoraki aika a bane taia aika a bon anganaki naba aoraki bwa ana kabongana. I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kakaea koauan te rongorongo aio ao ngkana e koaua ao ni waekoa ni karokoaki onean mwiaa?

Translation/Rairana

There are reports from Abaiang that some medications issued to patients had expired. May I request the Minister concerned look into the matter and if found to be true, replace these medicines as soon as possible?

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

I kakoaua ae iai bwain aoraki aika a bane taia ao a teimatoa n kabonganaaki ma e kangai bwa a bon kona n kabongaanki naba inanon riki te maan ae 3 te namwakaina imwin banen taia.

Translation/Rairana

I agree that there have been expired drugs that are used but these drugs are still useful for 3 more months after expiry date.

By Hon. Kaure Babo, MM (Maiana)

OQ153. Ni bowin te Maneaba n taai aika a nako ao e a reke te rongorongo bwa te bono ni kaawa aika Tekaranga ma Tematantongo ao te Minita are tabena e butimwaia bwa e na karekea te tunga are e na babairea rinin ao ofinakon taari. Te bono are i Bubutei e tangira naba karaoakina ao ni karokoa te tai aei, e tuai naba n karaoaki. N na bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa e bia karekea buokan au abamwakoro ae Maiana n aron are e a tia ni butimwaeaki?

Translation/Rairana

From the past meetings of this Maneaba, the news concerning the Bono for the villages of Tekaranga and Tematantongo, the Honourable Minister responsible has accepted to work on the much needed "tunga" for these villages for the movement of the sea-water. The Bono at Bubutei need work as well which has not been executed. I would like to request the responsible Minister if he can render the assistance to my island constituency of Maiana as was agreed?

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

E tauraoi au Botaki ni Mwakuri ni waakina te mwakuri n reken mwanena.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry is ready to assist as requested when funds are available.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MM (Nonouti)

OQ75. N 29 n Ritemba 2017, uaobong imwain tokin te ririki, ao te Minita n te Mwane e tiaina kabonganaan te mwane ae \$2, 429,526 ibukin buokan boon te takataka.

I kan titiraki bwa e kangara ni kabonganaki te mwaiti ni mwane anne ngkai te bong are e tiainaki iai bon te Kanimabong uabong imwain tokin te ririki?

Translation/Rairana

On the 29th December 2017, two days before the end of the year, the Minister of Finance signed the contingency warrant in the amount of \$2, 429,526 for the copra subsidy. I want to ask how the money was used given that the warrant was signed on Friday two days before the end of the year?

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

Mr Speaker, e kamanenaaki te Contingency Warrant (CW) ae bonginaki n 29 Ritemba 2017 ibukin kabwakaan boon takataka ake a tuai man bwaka iaon abamakoro.

Translation/Rairana

Mr. Speaker, the CW for Copra Fund issued to outer islands on the 29th December 2017 was used for settlement of outstanding claims for copra payment.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MM (Kuria)

OQ158. E kakoauaki bwa e bon tuai man roko karaoan te kawai iaon Kuria iroun te Tautaeka. Ti aki aio taekan karoan te kawai are e na koorotaa. Aio bon taekan katamaroan te kawai imwaain rokon te koorotaa. Iai ana iango te Tautaeka ni ibuobuoki iaon aei imwaain are bon rokon te koorotaa, taitaoka?

Translation/Rairana

It is accepted that the road in Kuria has not been maintained by the Government. This is not in connection with the need for a tar sealed road. This simply relates to the need for the maintenance of the existing road before the work on the tar sealed road is implemented. Does this Government have plans to assist with this before work on the tar sealed road commences, please?

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

E tabe au Botaki ni Mwakuri, ma ake iai rekerekeia, ni kakaea mwanen te karikirake ae e bubura aei, ngkai angiin abamwakoro a kainnanao naba katamaroan kawaia imwain rokon te karao-koorotaa.

Translation/Rairana

My Ministry and other stakeholders are still sourcing funds for this project (of significant scale) as most of the outer-islands are asking for the same ahead of the tar-sealing project.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta MM (Tabuaeran)

OQ92. Te titiraki ni kan ota bwa e aera te Botaki n Reirei e angan Nei Ruuti Kabaua te allowance ae ti \$10.00 ngke e tuangaki bwa e na taraia ataein te reirei iaon te kaibuke ni mwanangana mai Kiritimati nako Tarawa?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask the Ministry of Education on why Ruuti Kabaua was given an allowance of \$10.00 when she was care taker on the ship travelling from Kiritimati to Tarawa?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Te mwaiti ae \$10.00 are e anganaki Ruuti ibukin tararuia ataein MTSS iaon te kaibuke mai Kiritimati nako Tarawa e kaineti ma te Tua n Kamwakuri.

Translation/Rairana

The \$10.00 paid to Ruuti Kabwaua for her supervision and caretaking for MTSS students on MV Aratobwa from Kiritimati to Tarawa is aligned with the National Condition of Service.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MM (Kuria)

OQ155. E kona te Minita are tabena n taiaoka ni kaongoia kaain Kuria bwa e a tia ngkai ni kabwakaaki te kabomwi nakoia Taan Oroben ni kaineti ma kobonganaan te kai ni katine are aki raioiroi ao mani kabwarabwaraa naba bukin iremwen kabwakaan te kabomwi aio?

Translation/Rairana

Could the Minister concerned please inform this Maneaba and the people of Kuria whether or not the extra payment due to them arising out of the use of defective weighing scale has been paid to them and could he also explain why there has been a delay with this payment?

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

Te Tia babaire, I kukurei n taekinna nakon te Tia Tei bwa e a tia raoi ngkai rinanoan te kabomwi man ana itera te KCDL, ao e nang waaki te kabwakamane. Te iremwe e bon riki man akean beba n tau'i mwin kabwakamane n tain te katine bwa anaki mai iroun te Copra Coordinator.

Translation/Rairana

Speaker, I am pleased to inform the MM that the work for arranging the compensation is completed by the KCDL and payment will be arranged. The delay is caused by unavailability of documents (CPRs) as they were taken from the Copra Coordinator.

By Hon. Tekiau Aretateta, MM (Tabuaeran)

OQ91. Te titiraki ni kan ota nakon te Minita n te MOE bwa iraua raoi aia caution fee ataein ana reirei te Tautaeaka?

Translation/Rairana

I want to ask the Minister for Education, what is the amount of Government school's caution fee?

Reply by Hon. David Collins (Minister of Education)

Aio tein te mwane ae kabwakaaki ibukin kabomwii n aron ane e oti n te taibora ane inano ibukin ana reirei te Tautaeaka aika teniua:

School	Form 4	Form 5	Form 6	Form 7
KGV/EBS	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200
Teabike College	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	
MTSS	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	

Translation/Rairana

The table below shows the caution fee amounts charged by the three Government's schools:

Reirei	Koraki 4	Koraki 5	Koraki 6	Koraki 7
KGV/EBS	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$200
Teabike College	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	
MTSS	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	

By Hon. Kautu Tenaua, MM (Abaiang)

OQ143. Okiokin tataren te bwai n aoraki iaon Abaiang e karika te kainnano ao te mamaara nakoia aoraki. I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa e aera e riki aei?

Translation/Rairana

Frequent shortage of essential drugs in Abaiang created sufferings and hardship to the sick. May I ask the Minister concerned why is this allowed?

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

A bon bati bukin ae e tatara te bwain aoraki n aron aki reken te riboti mai buki iaon mwaitin nikiran aia bwain aoraki n te tai ae riai, te iremwe n rokon tenaan oota mai tinaniku bwa e manga iremwe riki rokon te kaibuke mai tinaniku bwa iai te buaka n aaba tabeua n aron Biti, iai te buti n aoraki ae karina n aron Dengue Fever, ao ai nikirakin bwain aoraki bwa tao iai te mwarara n te bao n mwamwananga.

Translation/Rairana

There are various causes as to why essential drugs are short in supply and those are due to untimely reporting of stock on hand in different clinics, delayed delivery on overseas orders due to overseas shipment interruption due to bad weather like in Fiji last year, high consumption of certain drugs during outbreaks like Dengue Fever, and delivery delays from Tarawa to outer islands due to transportation issues