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AMBO TARAWA**

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COMPOSITION OF THE MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU
2nd December - 18th DECEMBER 2024

Hon. Willie Tokataake
Hon. Ruuta Babo Nemta

Speaker of Parliament
Deputy Speaker

Cabinet

H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu

H.E Te Beretitenti
Vice President/Minister of
Finance & Economics
Development

Hon. Alexander Teabo

Minister of
Communication, Transport
& Tourism Development

Hon. Booti Nauan

Minister of Health and
Medical Services

Hon. Ribanaataake Tiwau

Minister of Fisheries &
Marine Resources
Development

Hon. Harry Tekaiti
Hon. Tokaibure Rabaua

Minister of Internal Affairs
Minister of Environment
Land Agricultural
Development

Hon. Tekeeua Tarati

Minister of Infrastructure
Sustainable Energy

Hon. Auria Kitina
Hon. Tangariki Reete

Minister of Employment
Minister of Commerce
Industry and Co-operative
Development

Hon. Mikarite Temari

Minister of Line & Phoenix
Islands

Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara

Development

Hon. Martin Moreti

Minister of Education

Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing

Minister of Justice

Minister of Women, Youth
and Sports

Private Members

Mr. Pinto Katia	-	Makin
Mr. Tinian Reiher	-	Butaritari
Mr. Moannata Ientaake	-	Marakei
Ms. Lavinia Jacob Teem	-	Abaiang
Mr. Betero Atanibora	-	Abaiang
Ms. Tessie Eria Lambourne	-	Abemama
Mr. Tebuai Uaai	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Birimwaaka Takanene	-	South Tarawa
Mr. Tonganibeia Buraieta	-	North Tarawa
Mr. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	-	North Tarawa
Mr. Choy Freedy	-	Betio
Mr. Dr Tinte Itinteang	-	Betio
Mr. Koraubati Remuera	-	Maiana
Mr. Ruuta Babo Nemta	-	Maiana
Mr. Banuera Berina	-	Kuria
Mr. Ieremia Tabai	-	Nonouti
Mr. Dennis Waysang Kumkee	-	Nonouti
Mr. Taberannang Timeon	-	Tabiteuea North
Mr. Riteta Iorome	-	Onotoa
Mr. England Iuta	-	Beru
Ms. Niiti Itaaka	-	Arorae
Mr. Teriba Tabee	-	Kiritimati
Mr. Jacob Teem	-	Kiritimati
Mr. Bautaake Beia	-	Teraina
Mr. Kaotitaake Kokoria	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Matanga Aran	-	Tabuaeran
Mr. Tibanga Taratai	-	Banaba

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Hon. Willie Tokataake	Speaker
Mr. Eni Tekanene	Clerk
Mr. Kakiata Tikataake	Deputy Clerk
Mr. George Ueantabu Mackenzie	Parliamentary Counsel
Mr. Airata Teemeta	Hansard Editor
Mr. Naumata Tiika	Committee Secretary
Ms. Kauae Been	Committee Secretary
Ms. Teawa Tuare	Senior Librarian

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Hon.Dr Teuea Toatu	Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) 2024	12/12/2024	17/12/2024	17/12/2024	

SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEES

Members of the Public Account Committee

Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	Chairperson
Hon.Bautaake Beia	Member
Hon.England Iuta	Member

Members of the Business Committee

Hon.Tauanei Marea	Chairperson
Hon.Tebuai Uaai	Member
Hon.Koraubati Remuera	Member
Hon.Riteta Iorome	Member
Hon.Pinto Katia	Member

Members of the Councils through expanding licensing opportunities and innovative initiatives to achieve financial sustainability committee

Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	Chairperson
Hon.Moannata Ientaake	Member
Hon.Choy Freddy	Member
Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutaake	Member

Members to study and identify ways to increase financial support to health care services enabling in Kiribati committee

Hon.Dr Tinte Itinteang	Chairperson
Hon.Betero Atanibora	Member
Hon.Tawaria Komwenga	Member
Hon.Niiti Itaaka	Member

Member of the cottage industry committee

Hon.Dennis Waysang	Chairperson
Hon.Tibanga Taratai	Member
Hon.Matanga Aran	Member
Hon.Ruuta Teretia Babo Nemta	Member
Hon.Tinian Reiher	member

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Minute of Proceedings for Monday 2nd December 2024

1. The speaker took the chair at 10:00 am, followed by prayers led by the Moderator, Rev. Taateti Taumwa.
2. Opening address by the Honourable Speaker Willie Tokataake

The Speaker of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu Parliament welcomed all members and invited guests to the 13th Maneaba, expressing great pleasure in having everyone present for today's session. The Speaker acknowledged both those attending in person and those participating remotely.

The public was informed that today's session would be streamed live to allow for wider engagement. The proceedings can be followed via the following platforms, the Maneaba ni Maungatabu Parliament Facebook page, Broadcasting and Publication Authority radio and Facebook, and Taotin Live TV.

The Speaker also informed everyone that His Excellency Taneti Maamau, the President of Kiribati, would deliver a statement outlining his vision and plans for the next four years of governing the nation. The statement is expected to provide important insights into the direction in which the leadership of Kiribati will head in the coming 4 years.

3. Address by His Excellency Te Beretitenti

His Excellency Te Beretitenti delivered the Government Policy Statement for the next 4 years.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm



Maneaba ni Maungatabu 2nd Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament

Minute of Proceedings for Thursday 5th December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am. Hon Booti Nauan was given the floor to mark the commencement of the meeting with an opening prayer.

2. Announcement by Speaker

The Speaker greeted everyone and thanked them for their participation in today's meeting. Members were reminded to use their microphones properly. If a member wishes to speak, they must first receive approval from the Speaker, who will then activate their microphone.

3. Order of Government Business

H.E Te Beretitenti delivered a statement on the Order of Government Business.

Thursday 5th December 2024

- Order of Government Business
- Motion the word of thanks
- Adjournment motion

Friday 6th December 2024

- Private Members Day

Monday 9th December 2024

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 10th December 2024

- Appropriation Bill – Budget speech

Wednesday 11th December 2024

- Private Members Day

Thursday 12th December 2024

- Appropriation Bill 2025 1st Reading – Budget Debate
- Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2025 1st Reading

Friday 13th December 2024

- Private Members Day

Monday 16th December 2024

- Appropriation Bill 2025 (Committee Stage & 2nd reading)

Tuesday 17th December 2024

- Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024 (Committee Stage & 2nd reading)
- Speech on Development Budget 2025

Wednesday 18th December 2024

- Private Members Day
- Adjournment Sine Die Motion

4. PRESENTED PAPERS

By His Excellency Te Beretitenti

Government Policy Statement 2024-2028

Paper No.36/24

Establishment Register 2025

Paper No.37/24

By Hon. Te Kauoman Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development

2025 Recurrent Budget

Paper No.38/24

5. ADDRESS IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT POLICY STATEMENT OF H.E TE BERETITENTI

“We the Maneaba ni Maungatabu of Kiribati beg leave to offer thanks for the speech which you have addressed to the Maneaba”.

Question proposed, the following members spoke on the motion:

Hon.Tebuai Uaai

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon.Mikarite Temari
Hon.Booti Nauan
Hon.Teribwa Taabe
Hon.Tangariki Reete
Hon.England Iuta
Hon.Pinto Katia
Hon.Tibanga Taratai
Hon.Ribanataake Tiwau
Hon.Taberannang Timeon
Hon.Martin Moreti
Hon.Tinian Reiher
Hon.Alexander Teabo
Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria
Hon.Betero Atanibora
Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon.Dr Teuea Toatu
Hon.Banuera Berina
Hon.Tekeeua Tarati

Meeting adjourned for lunch break at 12:39 pm and resumed at 14:09 pm.

Hon.Ieremia Tabai
Hon.Ruateki Tekaiara
Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon.Koraubati Remuera
Hon.Bautaake Beia
Hon.Riteta Iorome
Hon.Harry Tekaiti
Hon.Auria Kitina
Hon.Matanga Aran
Hon.Ruuta Teretia Babo Nemta
Hon.Choi Freddy
Hon.Niiti Itaaka
Hon.Jacob Teem
Hon.Tawaria Komwenga
Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga
Hon.Tokaibure Rabaua
Hon.Moannata Ientaake
Hon.Ruth Cross Kwansing
Hon.Birimaaka Tekanene

6. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY SPEAKER

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The following members were unanimously elected as members of the Business Committee:

Hon.Tauanei Marea	Chairman
Hon.Tebuai Uaai	Member
Hon.Koraubati Remuera	Member
Hon.Riteta Iorome	Member
Hon.Pinto Katia	Member

8. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The following members were elected as members of the Public Account Committee:

Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	Chairman
Hon.Bautaake Beia	Member
Hon.England Iuta	Member

9. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE MANEABA PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE

10. TE KAOTI IBUKIN TAONAKIN KARAOAN NANON RINEAKIA KAIN TE MANEABA PRIVILEGE COMMITTEE

Question proposed, the following members spoke on the motion:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon.Mikarite Temari

Meeting adjourned for afternoon break at 4:00pm and resumed at 4:30pm.

The following members continued deliberating on the motion:

Hon.Tangariki Reete

Hon.Tebuai Uaai

Hon.Betero Atanibora

Sum up at 17:05 pm.

Question Put – Motion Carried

11. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ1. In one of the meetings of Parliament last year, Government stated that she will look into the freight levy subsidy to Kiritimati. What is the latest on this?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Kiritimati & Kanton and this Parliament that the freight levy fund related decisions for Kiritimati is nearing finalization before end of this year.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ4. Can the responsible Minister provide the Ministry or Government plan in providing new heavy plant and machinery for the KPA on Kiritimati to address the current continuous mechanical breakdowns of the current plants and machinery which is affecting container release on Kiritimati and adding costs to prices of goods?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

I am delighted to state that the Kiribati Port Authority (KPA) has already initiated the procurement of the necessary machinery for the Kiritimati Branch.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ2. What are Government plans for development on Kanton?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

The Government has plans in place to rehabilitate the aerodrome, wharf, and bridge in Kanton. Currently, my Ministry has been working with our Development Partners to progress this initiative.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ6. In 2021 the European Union had signed a Financing Agreement with the European Union allocating EUR2.5 million to complete a detailed engineering design, which will include an estimated cost for the port, operation, and maintenance for Kiritimati. Can the responsible Minister provide an update of the progress of this multi-purpose port design for Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker the implementation of the Multi-Purpose Port Project design for Kiritimati is being delayed due to COVID 19 lockdown in May 2021 and recently the EU has asked for more time to conclude its internal arrangement with its new implementing agency for this Project.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Jacob Teem, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ3. What is Government plan for the improvement of electricity on Kiritimati?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker, Government through my Ministry, the Linnix, is pleased to share the following plan for electricity improvement on Kiritimati: The electricity services will be improved to a level where power shortages will no longer be an issue. Areas that have not been connected will be connected or addressed.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.



Maneaba ni Maungatabu 2nd Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament

Minute of Proceedings for Friday 6th December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and read prayers.
2. **PRESENTED PAPER**

By Hon. Kauoman Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2024

Paper No.39/24

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ10. This Government has informed the people of Oneke that the solar grid project will also be implemented on their islet. Could the Minister concerned explain when will this project be implemented, please?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Kuria that it was KGES under MISE that had conducted a survey in mid-2024 to collect info on households' electric appliances on Oneke.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ5. The status of the Kiritimati power (utility) is fast deteriorating and requires urgent attention as load shedding is becoming very frequent where businesses, households, church activities, the hospital and many more are

affected. Can the responsible Hon. Minister provide us his pathways to address this problem which is affecting everyone on Kiritimati Island?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker I deeply regret for the many inconveniences that has been encountered due to power disruptions. However, I am happy to inform this Parliament that the power disruptions have been addressed or will be addressed in a few days from now. In addition, there has been a lot of improvements work that has been made and more improvement plans will be implemented as soon as possible.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ12. Could the Minister concerned explain the latest update regarding Kuria Island Council Trust Fund please?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Kuria and this House that the Kuria Island Council Trust Fund as of 31st October 2024 now stands at \$468,406.91.

The member asked 1 supplementary question.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ9. Can the responsible Minister consider increasing the agricultural activities on Kiritimati Island to promote small scale family and community-based agricultural projects such as planting of local plant (breadfruits, coconut trees, te beero, te kaina) and also encourage small scale project such as piggery and poultry farming?

Replied by Hon. Tokaibure Rabaua, MP (Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development)

Honorable Speaker, there is a project by my Ministry that aligns with the Honorable Member of Parliament's oral question. The project will commence once approved by the donor.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tebuai Uaai, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ18. There is only one (1) wheelchair available each ward by our patients at Nawerewere hospital may I request the Government to provide 2 or 3 wheelchairs for each ward?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honorable MP from South Tarawa for his question and this is the response. I am happy to inform this House that we have recently received wheelchairs to address this issue.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria) withdraw

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ19. There is an urgent need for repair work on teachers' houses on Arorae. Could the responsible Minister consider replacing these buildings with permanent materials?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am grateful to inform the Honourable MP and this Maneaba that my Ministry is ready to work in collaboration with relevant Ministries to put this into effect as soon as practical.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ15. The need for the improvement of the road on my island Kuria has been raised too many times. Can this Government clarify when the improvement/upgrading work for the road in Kuria will commence?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am grateful to inform the Honorable MP and this House that my Ministry is currently working with Island Council and Clerk on the continuous implementation of road maintenance on Kuria.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ20. Could I ask the responsible Minister if it would be possible to consider securing funds to fence Arorae JSS?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank the Honourable MP from Arorae for an important question, and this is the Government's response. My Ministry is ready to assist for the construction of fence for JSS Arorae including those in other islands since this is one of Government's Manifestos.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ16. Could the Minister concerned inform the people of Kiribati whether they will receive an increase to the price of copra during this four-year term or not?

Replied by Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform the Hon. MP from Kuria that the Government has plans to review the current price of copra in line with its Motinnano for the next four-year term.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tebuai Uaai, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ26. The problem of not paying the 2023 leave grants to employees of registered companies and our Churches is a long outstanding issue which has never been resolved. Would the responsible Minister look into this problem and offer a favorable and good resolution by paying such leave grants before the end of this year, 2024?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I would like to inform the Hon. MP from TUC and this Maneaba that my office will look into this issue in line with the policies already in place.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ21. Over the past years, the Government had committed to solar energy initiatives in the outer islands. Could the responsible Minister ensure that solar inverters are provided to support this commitment and address the ongoing energy needs on Arorae?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeuia Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Arorae that my Ministry with KGES will work with the people of Arorae to identify the issues and seek solutions to managing solar inverters issues on the island.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Betero Atanibora, MP (Abaiang)

OQ27. I want to ask the Minister for Education; when will the construction of Abaiang's second JSS start?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Abaiang for his continued efforts in following up the question on the second JSS for Abaiang which he raised on many occasions in previous meetings of Parliament. This is Government's response. The construction of Abaiang's second JSS will start when all the necessary tasks essentially for constructing another JSS in Abaiang are complete.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ22. Due to the lack of available transport on Arorae can the responsible Minister consider if it would be possible to procure two trucks for the benefit of the old men and women in the villages of Tamaroa and Roreti?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I wish to inform the Honorable MP that my Ministry is ready to assist with the proposed project if it becomes a priority of the Island Council.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Betero Atanibora, MP (Abaiang)

OQ28. I would like to ask the Minister for Fisheries when will the construction work start for Tebunginako Ice Plant?

Replied by Hon. Ribanataake Tiwau (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Abaiang that the construction of the ice plant will commence once land mapping and other issues are finalized.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ23. It is understood that the people of Arorae frequently face a lack of access to potable water. Could the responsible Minister ensure that the installation of the water desalination machine donated by the latter-Day Saints on Arorae is completed, so the community on my island can have access to clean water?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

I am pleased to inform the Honorable Member of Parliament for Arorae that my office is actively working to ensure the full installation of the Water Desalination Project in Arorae.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ7. Wildfire on Kiritimati is becoming a regular natural disaster on Kiritimati and is posing risks to the lives of people as well as to the wildlife. During 2024 alone, the frequency and instances of wildfire is becoming high. Can the Hon. Minister responsible for disaster management find a way to address such a disaster so it is quickly addressed once it happens or it is avoided from happening?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker, my Ministry in partnership with all the people of Kiritimati Island will work together to quickly address and prevent such a disaster.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ24. Repair work on the Arorae airstrip is currently underway using heavy machinery and equipment. Could the responsible Minister consider scheduling road work afterward, given that this machinery is already available on the island?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP that my Ministry is ready to assist with this request for the use of machines on the island to repair the roads.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae)

OQ25. Could I ask the responsible Minister if it would be possible to provide a list of projects on Arorae that were funded under the Livelihood Grant program, under this Government initiative?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

I am pleased to inform the Honorable Member of Parliament for Arorae that several projects on Arorae have been funded through the Livelihood Grant Projects Fund.

My Office is ready to work closely with the Honorable MP on these funded projects, in accordance with the existing guidelines.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Teribwa Taabe, MP (Kiritimati & Kanton)

OQ8. The road on Kiritimati which was built by the British Military during WWII era is fast deteriorating and some sections of the road between the airport and Ronton which is about 25km have already reached their scrap value. The current road condition is very poor and dangerous to the people of Kiritimati and is the major cause to vehicles breakdown. Can the responsible Hon. Minister provide us an update of the World Bank funding which has been identified by the Government to construct the new road?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Island Development)

Hon. Speaker I am pleased to report that Kiritimati Major Road Rehabilitation Project will commence from early next year 2025 with the support of the World Bank.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm for lunch break. At exactly 2:00 pm, the meeting resumed at considered Motions.

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Hon. Tauanei Marea, MP (Nikunau) moved;

Motion No. 1

That this Maneaba expresses its grave concern over the misuse of social media platforms, such as Facebook, to spread misleading, false and unconstructive information to the public, and urges the Government to take action to address this issue.

Members spoke on the Motion:

Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Birimaaka Takanene
Hon. England Iuta
Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo
Hon. Booti Nauan
Hon. Teekeua Tarati
Hon. Pinto Katia
Hon. Koraubati Remuera
Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria
Hon. Ribanataake Tiwau
Hon. Teuea Toatu
Hon. Jeremia Tabai
Hon. Tokaibure Rabaua
Hon. Dennis Waysang
Hon. Niiti Itaaka
Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara

Hon. Auria Kitina
Hon. Matanga Aran
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Bautaake Beia
Hon. Tangariki Reete
Hon. Banuera Berina
Hon. Martin Moreti
Hon. Ruth Maryanne Cross Kwansing
Hon. Riteta Iorome
Moannata Ientaake
Hon. Tauanei Marea sum up at 6:13pm

Question Put - Carried

5. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.



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Minute of Proceedings for Tuesday 10th December 2024

1. At 10 am, the Speaker assumed the chair, and Hon. Tokaibure Rabaua led the opening prayer.

2. Announcement By Hon. Speaker

Speaker announced the names of SOEs and Island Councils outstanding account for 2023; Airport Authority of Kiribati 2023, Kiribati Housing Corporation 2023, Makin Island Council, Butaritari Island Council, Marakei Island Council, Abaiang Island Council, Eutan Tarawa Island Council, TUC, BTC, Maiana Island Council, Kuria Island Council, Aranuka Island Council, Abemama Island Council, Nonouti Island Council, Tab North Island Council, Tab South Island Council, Onotoa Island Council, Beru Island Council, Nikunau Island Council, Tamana Island Council, Arorae Island Council, Kiritimati Island Council, Tabuaeran Island Council, Teraina Island Council, and Banaba Island Council.

Speaker also reminded the members to observe Rules that governed Oral Questions and Point of orders to ensure the smooth flow of business.

3. BILL – FIRST READING

Appropriation Bill 2024- Budget Speech

Hon. Dr Teuea Toatu, MP (Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance and Economic Development) made a Budget Speech;

That the Appropriation Bill 2024 Be read the first time.

4. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hon. Betero Atanibora, MP (Abaiang)

OQ29. May I ask the Minister responsible for road projects, about his plans for my question raised in the previous Parliament where the Minister for MCIA replied that he would consider implementing it. As this is the third time this question has been raised, I would like to request a response from the Minister, given the critical nature of this issue as experienced by my constituents in Abaiang?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Culture and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am grateful to inform the Honorable MP and this Maneaba that my Ministry is currently working with the Island Council and Clerk on the continuous implementation of road maintenance on Abaiang.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Betero Atanibora, MP (Abaiang)

OQ30. In response to my question raised in the last sitting, it was earmarked that the work to construct Abaiang's wharf will commence in November. I want to ask why this has not started yet?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

I am delighted to state that the agreement with the company that will be constructing Abaiang's wharf has been signed. I am also delighted to state that the first step in the implementation of the project has also been initiated. That is, on the 11th November 2024, this company visited Abaiang to conduct its survey and physical assessment.

The remaining work such as completion of a detailed technical design, procurements, mobilization of materials, and eventually the construction work will be initiated in 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Birimaka Tekanene, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ31. Power outage on Tarawa is causing inconvenience to the public, damage to frozen foods and electrical appliances. Can the Minister responsible explain the main cause of the problem and plans to address this problem?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honourable Speaker, the power outages in Tarawa are due to the breakdown of two PUB generators. My Ministry, in collaboration with PUB, is mobilizing spare parts for repairs and preparing to install two rental generators to restore power.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ35. I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned to kindly consider completion of the road upgrading on my constituency.

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker, my Ministry will consider completion of road upgrading at Tabuaeran once a new set of medium size road machineries arrives in the Line Islands next year 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Birimaka Tekanene, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ32. The need for tutors here at the USP Kiribati Campus is an issue that can affect their studies. Can the Minister responsible assist on this matter?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from South Tarawa for an important question and this is Government's response. The need for tutors here at USP Kiribati Campus is not a new issue but I am pleased to say that my Ministry had raised the issue to the Vice Chancellor and President of the USP in Fiji in one of the discussions held last year.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ36. I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned what is the latest update regarding the mobile connectivity roll out to my constituency?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

Currently, the selection of the operator to install the mobile network system on Tabuaeran and Teraina has been completed. The next step is the signing of the agreement with this selected operator, which is currently being finalized by the Office of the Attorney General

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ41. There is recognition of this Government's relentless effort in improving delivery of quality education in various ways. One of these is the continuation in payment of school committee's allowances at an amount of \$10 per sitting, with two sittings per term or six sittings per year. The question is, can the Government consider reviewing this current rate?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Tabiteuea for an important question and this is the response. My Ministry is ready to consider the request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ40 I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned to consider the reexportation of seaweed from my constituency?

Replied by Hon. Mikarite Temari, MP (Minister of Line and Phoenix Islands Development)

Hon. Speaker, Government through my Ministry the Linnix is still considering options on how to address the major issue that hindered the revival of seaweed export from Tabuaeran.

The member asked 3 Supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ43. What is the current progress of the Government project on improving telecommunications at Tabiteuea Meang.? As previously stated by the responsible Minister, the project is part of the Outer Islands Mobile Towers Phase 3 even reflected in the 2024 development budget. The project will involve

erection of towers for enhancing mobile signal connectivity, especially mobile phones.

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

I am delighted to announce that the implementation of the project mentioned in this question has begun. The towers to be constructed in this phase have been shipped to all the islands involved, including Abaiang, Marakei, Abemama, Tabiteuea Meang, and Onotoa.

Construction is currently starting from the northern islands and will progress southward. The project is expected to be completed by June 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ39. One of the significant issues confronting commuted students in my constituency is the repetitive breakdown to their transport, especially those students residing at Tereitaki and Betania villages. I would like to request the Honourable Minister to consider the procurement of a new school transport for students in my constituency.

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Tabuaeran for a question which was also raised in April 2024 or earlier this year, and this is the Government's response. As known, the transport of one truck for school students on Tabuaeran had been procured in line with the Government's Manifesto. Now that the procurement of the new transport for students to replace the old one, my Ministry is ready to consider the request.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ44. The desalination machines installed at the 3 villages of Aiwa, Bangai and Tenatorua remain inoperative. With ongoing need of fresh water there was a communication with OB where they agreed to provide two (2) more distillation machines for each of the islets. The question is this agreement remains and to be implemented?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP that three solar distillation units were installed on the islets of Aiwa, Bangai and Tenatorua in May 2023. Recognizing that one unit per islet is insufficient, an additional unit has been installed on each islet for verification purposes. This initiative is part of the Engineers. Without Borders MFAT project, conducted in close collaboration with the respective island councils.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang, MP (Betio)

OQ46. It is understood that the Government currently has a desalination project in Betio. Could I ask the responsible Minister to explain the expected completion timeline and the delivery of this water to households that do not have such access, such as those at the St. John communities and parts of Takoronga?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Hon. Speaker, the construction of water supply network and connection of water delivery system to all households across South Tarawa and Betio is expected to commence in late 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ55. Can the Minister concerned answer the question of who is responsible for transporting civil servants who commute from islets of Tarawa Teinaieta particularly Tabiteuea, Abatao and Buota when the bridge connection Buota and Tanaea will be under renovation?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

I thank the Honorable MP for his question, and I am happy to say that employees in consultation with their respective Ministries will arrange appropriate mitigation measures once the Buota bridge undergoes maintenance work.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ45. What is the status of Non-ER leave grant for Tabiteuea Meang council staff that remains unpaid for the years 2023 and 2024?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman Beretienti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I would like to inform the Hon. MP that the Non-ER leave grant payment for the island council in Tabiteuea North is still ongoing, the delays or rejection of payment is due to incompliance with the non-ER LG policy.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ51. The JSS maneaba on Nonouti has totally collapsed and the only things remaining are the concrete posts and the floor. There has never been any repair work done since it was first constructed many years ago. I want to ask what is the problem that has prevented the government from doing the necessary repair and maintenance work?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honorable MPs from Nonouti for an important question and this is the response. In addition to my Ministry's responsibility to the maintenance of school's maneaba, my Ministry is also providing maintenance and repair of classrooms so that students' learning is not affected. However, I am pleased to say that work is now in progress for the re-construction of JSS Nonouti maneaba.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ42. There is disruption to the ongoing construction work for the new Form Seven (7) dormitories at Teabike College in Tabiteuea Meang. It has been more than a year since the construction commenced which begs the question; what caused the delay?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Tabiteuea Meang for an important question and this is Government's response. Fast-tracking the construction of Form 7 dormitories at the Teabike College is the priority of my Ministry so that students can live comfortably. Achieving this requires the collaboration with various stakeholders so the construction can progress well without delays. However, in the process, delays do happen to logistical arrangements resulting in the delayed completion of the work.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutake, MP (Rabi)

OQ57. Can the Minister responsible provide more water tanks to Banaba since the island is one of the most affected places during prolonged dry season?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable Minister that my Ministry is ready to consider and address this request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang, MP (Betio)

OQ61. Could the Minister responsible, find ways to increase the number required for the employment schemes in New Zealand and Australia?

Replied by Hon. Auria Kitina, MP (Minister of Employment and Human Resources Development)

Honourable Speaker, in responding to the Honourable MP's question, yes, and my Ministry is focused on this priority of job creations, within the region, and beyond.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang, MP (Betio)

OQ62. Could I ask the Minister of MISE for his assistance towards to timely payment to the unimwane and unaine of Betio, for the upkeep of the public toilets in Temakin?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Hon. Speaker, I am pleased to inform one of the Hon. MPs from Betio that my Ministry will process payment for the upkeep of the Temakin public toilet to Te Boboti n Unimwane ao Unaine i Betio.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ72. There are still a lot of people who work in privately owned companies which are VAT registered that are still not yet receiving their leave grant because they also received SFU for some months during the year on which the leave grant payment for VAT registered companies' employees commenced. Can the Government revisit these cases and consider paying their leave grant on a prorata basis?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I wish to inform one of the Honorable MPs from North Tarawa that as per the Non-ER leave grant policy, an employee of a VAT registered company or business who is found to have received unemployment support during his/her employment period will be deemed ineligible for the Leave Grant.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ75. The Banaban give thanks to the Government for the continued supply of grain cargo to Banaba such as rice, flour, salt and many more, the only problem is that the prices is beyond the recommended prices of cargo. I want to request the Government, if possible, to improve the prices of these cargoes for Banaba, please?

Replied by Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

Hon. Speaker, I thank the Hon. MP from Banaba for his question, and I am delighted to inform him that my Ministry is ready to assist on this matter.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tebuai Uaai, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ17. In 2023, the Government declared on the floor of this Maneaba that my Amendment Bill on 4(7)(c) of Maneaba members' salaries and allowances was accepted and would be given proper consideration, meaning it would be amended?

Replied by Hon. Martin Moreti, MP (Minister of Justice)

Government is ready to fully consider this amendment.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria , MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ34. It is evident that one significant problem facing patients in my constituency is concerned with medicines being running out of stock repetitively. I would like to request the Honourable Minister responsible to inform this Maneaba what is the Government plan to address this issue?

Replied by Hon.Booti Nauan , MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honourable MP from Tabuaeran for raising this important question and I am pleased to convey that there are plans and actions underway to improve medicines stocks in Kiritimati which also supplies Tabuaeran and the wider Linnix group.

The member asked 1 supplementary question.

5. Adjournment Motion

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.



**Maneaba ni Maungatabu
2nd Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament**

**Minute of Proceedings
for
Wednesday 11th December 2024**

1. Deputy Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and the prayer was led by Hon. Tebuai Uaai.

2. PRESENTED PAPER

By Hon. Kauoman Beretitenti & Minister of Finance & Economic Development

2025 Recurrent Budget Speech

Paper No.40/24

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiritimati Urban Council Statements for the year ended 31st December 2018 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.41/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Tabuaeran Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2018 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.42/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Teraina Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2018 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.43/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Beru Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Paper No.44/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Tamana Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Paper No.45/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Arorae Island Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.46/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Butaritari Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.47/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Nikunau Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended December 2019 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.48/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Tabiteuea Maiaki Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2019 to 31st December 2021.

Paper No.49/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kuria Island Council Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020 to 31st December 2022

Paper No.50/24

3. ORAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By Hon. Birimaka Tekanene, MP (Tarawa Teinainano)

OQ33. Can the Minister responsible consider providing return transport to patients living at Teinainano who are discharged late at night and/or those who are not well, but were sent home on medication?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank one of the esteemed members of Parliament from South Tarawa for his question and this is the response. At present, only post-delivery mothers without transport and their newborns are assisted with transport back home.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang, MP (Betio)

OQ47. Unfortunately, people are still facing ongoing issues with opening their accounts with ANZ bank. Could I ask the Government if it is able to assist with this problem?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I wish to inform the Hon. MP from Betio and this House that ANZ continues to open accounts for the people of Kiribati during working hours from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ38. Can the Minister responsible inform this Maneaba what is Government's policy that is currently used for referral cases in Kiritimati Island regarding their meal allowance?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honourable Member of Parliament from Tabuaeran for his question and this is the response. Referred patients from Fanning Island to Kiritimati currently receive meal allowance in accordance with the existing Local Referral Policy.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Jeremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ48. Since its completion and opening one or two years ago by three Ministers who came from Tarawa, the mini hatchery has never worked as intended until now. I want to ask why the project has been allowed to remain in this situation for such a long time?

Replied by Hon. Ribanaataake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Hon. Speaker, the information provided to me confirms that a trial run has been carried out in the hatchery.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ53. There is a need to provide the cost of transport for Court Magistrates in North Tarawa to attend court hearings as there is no provision for such cost paid to them. Can I ask the concerned Minister whether there is a government plan to provide such costs or not?

Replied by Hon. Martin Moreti, MP (Minister of Justice)

Government is ready to consider this request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutake, MP (Rabi)

OQ58. Can the Minister responsible provide an update on the proposed construction of an airport on Banaba?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

I am delighted to state that on the 26th March 2024 the initial site surveillance of the Banaba airstrip has been conducted. While conducting this activity this activity by the team, they were advised by Banaba that there are particular sites that they recommended. Unfortunately, after the survey it was discovered that these sites have huge challenges and may not be feasible for an airstrip. This is given that the sites are not long enough for landing or aircrafts, there are a lot of hills, hard rocks and trenches that are quite deep.

There will be a follow-up detailed survey on Banaba to be conducted next year at the new recommended site which is better suited for an airstrip. This detailed survey will produce a detailed technical design of the airstrip and cost of the project.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ52. Work on the desalination plant for Abamakoro started some time ago. It remains uncompleted and there are doubts about its completion given that the person in charge of the project has long gone. I want to ask why the project has been allowed to remain uncompleted for a long time, and when the project is expected to be completed?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Nonouti that the project for the village Abamakoro is expected to be completed by 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Ieta)

OQ54. Can the Minister concerned explain when will Tarawa Teinaieta's share for boats arrive and to be distributed on the island please?

Replied by Hon. Ribanaake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from North Tarawa, that the implementation of this project is still in progress with shares for North Tarawa earmarked to be distributed before the end of this year.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ63. When will the remaining share on the fibreglass boats and engine for Tabiteuea North Island council be sent to the island?

Replied by Hon. Ribanaake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Tabiteuea North that the remaining shares for Tabiteuea North are expected to be on the available shipping route scheduled to leave to the Southern Islands this week.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutake, MP (Rabi)

OQ59. Can the Minister responsible provide an update on the status of a review for awards of scholarships to Banaba students from Rabi Island?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank the Honourable MP from Rabi for his question. This is the response, under the current policy, Banaban students have already been included in the Government of Kiribati scholarship. However, the applicant should comply with the scholarship requirements.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ68. Can Government consider the need to purchase a well-equipped and safe speed boat which could be used to transport referral patients from North Tarawa and nearby islands?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Hon. MP from North Tarawa for his question, and I am happy to inform this Maneaba that we are expecting delivery of two sea ambulances in 2025.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ64. Form 7 Science is yet to be established at Teabike College at Eita in Tabiteuea North. Could I ask the Minister responsible for Education respond, please?

Replied Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Tabiteuea Meang for an important question and this is the Government's response. At this stage, my Ministry is undertaking a feasibility study on the establishment of Form 7 Science at Teabike College.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ69. Obviously, there has been an increase in the temperature levels felt and experienced in Kiribati which could possibly pose any problems and affect our livelihood. Does Government have a special assessment on this problem and what are its plans to address for any threats to the people and nation that may be caused by the increased temperature?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honorable Speaker, in response to the Member for North Tarawa, I wish to inform the House that my Office, in collaboration with relevant Ministries and international partners, continues to assess and monitor the devastating

impacts of climate change on our communities, including the effects of rising temperatures.

The Kiribati Development Plan and National Adaptation Plan acknowledge these challenges and outline strategies to mitigate and adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change in close partnership with relevant stakeholders.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ66. Could Government make the ice plant at Terikiai, Tabiteuea North, a branch of CPPL at Betio so as to increase its capacity to receive more fish from the local fishermen for sale on the island as well as for the Tarawa market?

Replied by Hon. Ribanataake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Honourable Speaker, I wish to inform this Maneaba that CPPL has plans to expand their operations in the outer islands, and consultations are on-going between CPPL and Tabiteuea North Island Council in support of this project.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaiesta)

OQ71. During the last term, I raised the need to establishing the JSS for students living on Tarawaieta islets from Kainaba to Buota village. The Government's response at the time was that there is a plan based on the genuine need to build another JSS on Tarawaieta. May I ask Government on the status of this request?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from North Tarawa for his question and this is the response. At this stage, my Ministry is preparing a feasibility study on the construction of the JSS for islets of North Tarawa.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tibanga Taratai, MP (Banaba)

OQ77. Last year, Banaba made a request to import foreign plants. I would like to follow up regarding the importation of these foreign plants.

Replied by Hon. Tokaibure Rabaua, MP (Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development)

Honorable Speaker, plants stated by the Honourable Member of Parliament have arrived and observations are ongoing until such time the plants are ready to be sent.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

At 12:30pm, the meeting was adjourned for lunch break and resumed at 2:00pm

4. MOTIONS.

4.1 Hon. Niiti Itaaka, MP (Arorae) moved;

Motion 2.

That this Maneaba urges the Government to consider ensuring that ancient relics and shrines found across the islands of Kiribati, which are integral to our culture and traditions, are preserved and safeguarded to help boost our tourism sector.

Members spoke on the motion:

Hon. Harry Tekaiti
Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Martin Moreti
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria
Hon. Moannata Ientaake
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga
Hon. Ribanaataake Tiwau
Hon. England Iuta
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo
Hon. Tangariki Reete
Hon. Pinto Katia
Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara
Hon. Kourabati Remuera
Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Tauanei Marea
Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Dennis Waysang
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Teribwa Taabe
Hon. Tekeeua Tarati
Hon. Auria Kitina
Hon. Birimaaka Tekanene
Hon. Riteta Iorome
Hon. Niiti Itaaka SUM UP AT 4:45PM

Question Put - Carried

4.2 Hon. Niiti Itaake, MP (Arorae) moved;

Motion 3

That this Maneaba requests the Government to consider installing fuel tank storage on the outer islands to ensure a sufficient supply of fuel.

Members spoke on the motion:

Hon. Tekeeua Tarati
Hon. Harry Tekaiti (Interrupted for adjournment at 6:07)
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo
Hon. Tauanei Marea
Hon. Dennis Waysang
Hon. Niiti Itaaka Sum up at 6:33pm

Question Put - Carried

The Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.



**Maneaba ni Maungatabu
2nd Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament**

**Minute of Proceedings
for
Thursday 12th December 2024**

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and read prayer.
2. The Speaker reminded members to leave their microphones on if they had already activated them and encouraged them not to turn them off again.
3. **Presented Papers**

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Government of Kiribati Annual Account (Part 1) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Paper No.51/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Government of Kiribati Annual Account (Part II) of the Ministries Recurrent revenues & Expenditures for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Paper No.52/24

By Hon. Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Amended pages 61 & 62 of the Recurrent Budget Book 2024.

Paper No. 53/24

4. Bills – First Reading

4.1 Appropriation Bill 2024 (Budget Debate)

Hon Hon.Dr Teuea Toatu, MP (Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance and Economic Development) moved;

That the Appropriation Bill 2024 be read the first time; Question Put;

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Teribwa Taabe
Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga
Hon. Ieremia Tabai
Hon. Ribanaataake Tiwau
Hon. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Bootii Nauan

At 12:42pm, the meeting was adjourned for lunch break and resumed at 2:10pm

Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Harry Tekaiti
Hon. Tekeeuua Tarati
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Moanata ientaake
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Pinto Katia
Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Afternoon tea break and resume at 4:45pm

Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Hon. Tangariki Reete
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara
Hon. Tauanei Marea
Hon. Koraubati Remuera

Hon. England Iuta
Hon. Martin Moreti
Hon. Ruth Maryanne Cross Kwansing
Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu Sum up at 7:20pm

Question Put Carried

Break for 10 minutes and house resumed at 20:05pm

4.2 Supplementary Appropriation Bill (No.1) Bill 2024

Hon Hon.Dr Teuea Toatu MP, (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance and Economic Development) moved;

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2024 be read the first time. Question Put; the following members spoke on the Bill:

Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne – Supported
Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Teribwa Taabe
Hon. Tebuai Uaai
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria
Hon. Ieremia Tabai
Hon. Tekeeua Tarati
Hon. Moannata Ientaake
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga
Hon. Tauanei Marea
Hon. Martin Moreti interrupt at 10:12
Hon. Tauanei Marea continued
Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu Sum up at 10:21pm

Question Put - Carried

The Meeting adjourned at 10:26pm.



Maneaba ni Maungatabu Second Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament

Minute of Proceedings for Friday 13th December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and gave the floor to Hon Teribwa Tabe to led the prayers.

2. PRESENTED PAPER

**By Hon. Te Kauoman ni Beretenti & Minister of Finance and
Economic Development**

2025 Development Budget

Paper No.56/24

3. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ78. Could the responsible Minister consider the need to build more water taps at Buota at the area near the Primary School and at other areas where necessary as the daily consumption of water for the people of Buota is a necessity?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House that my Ministry, in close collaboration with the Public Utilities Board (PUB), will conduct a thorough survey and evaluation of this issue, with the aim of addressing it promptly.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa)

OQ82. There is an issue on Onotoa with the inconsistency of price setting from bechedemer buyers when trading with local fishermen. The government is kindly requested to impose and enforce set prices for bechedemers?

Replied by Hon. Ribanataake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development)

Hon. Speaker, my Ministry has worked out all benchmark prices for each sea cucumber species currently allowed for harvest this fishing season.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ85. Four years passed with no single project for Butaritari being implemented. Could the Honourable and new Minister for MCIA kindly give priority attention to all Councils pending projects including Butaritari to ensure the new Government smooth transition and efforts to better the lives of its people in the outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I wish to inform the Honorable MP that my Ministry is ready to assist on this issue.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa)

OQ81. I kindly ask the Government to provide an update on the water tank distribution to outer islands, including Onotoa where tanks are greatly needed especially in villages that lack potable water, so that they can store water they hauled from other villages?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeuua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Hon. Speaker, I am pleased to inform one of the Honourable MPs from Onotoa that there is an upcoming project in the pipeline that focuses on the distribution of water tanks to the household level in the outer islands.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ86. A food processing project for Butaritari has long been approved but still awaits funding. Could the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperative make a polite preliminary flagging with the Australian High Commission if they would have interest in funding this project?

Replied by Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform the Hon. MP from Butaritari that my Ministry is ready to consider and facilitate this request.

The member asked 1 supplementary question.

By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

OQ88. Can Government please explain the constant power outages on Tarawa and its plan to resolve this issue?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honourable Speaker, the power outages in Tarawa are due to the breakdown of two PUB generators. My Ministry, in collaboration with PUB, is mobilizing spare parts for repairs and preparing to install two rental generators to restore power.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa)

OQ83. We thank the Government for delivering Onotoa's share of streetlights. However, the problem is that these streetlights are too far from each other when installed in the villages, so we request the Government again to consider improving Onotoa's share so that the street is well illuminated during dark nights?

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honourable Speaker, I thank the Honourable MP for raising this question and I am glad to inform him that my Ministry is ready to assist Onotoa to convey his request to relevant authorities that provide such lights.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ11. In its manifesto this Government promised that there will be an improvement to the elderly grants. I wish to ask this Government to explain whether or not this improvement includes an increase to the elderly grants?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs)

Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank the Honourable MP from Kuria for his question, I am happy to inform the Hon. MP from Kuria that my Office is ready and happy to work on this Government commitment in collaboration with the concerned Ministry, such as the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ65. This Government is just serving its final term in office while Kieia Ataei Referral Hospital located at Utiroa village, Tabiteuea North, for the Southern Islands will soon disappear, for lack of maintenance since completion. The Public would like to know if there, are plans by this Government regarding this referral Hospital?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honourable Member of Parliament for his question, and this is the response of Government. This Government remains committed to the prioritization of maintenance works for the Southern Kiribati Hospital of Tabiteuea North. In line with this commitment, immediate repair and maintenance works are currently underway with more substantive works to commence very soon.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)

OQ13. In its manifesto this Government promised that there will be an improvement to the unemployment benefit grants. I wish to ask this Government to explain whether or not this improvement includes an increase to the unemployment grants during its current term?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs)

Hon. Speaker, I would like to thank the Honorable MP from Kuria for his question, and this is the response. My Office has continued working towards the improvement of the Social Protection System in Kiribati in collaboration with the respective bodies concerned.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Matanga Aran, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ105. Could the Honorable Minister provide an update on the distribution of lights donated by China, because I know for sure that my constituency, Tabuaeran has not yet received any?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeuia Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honourable Speaker, I would like to inform Hon. MP from Tabuaeran that my Ministry is now awaiting further updates from the Chinese Embassy on the status of the solar lights share for the remaining 5 islands including Tabuaeran.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ67. Could the responsible Minister inform those concerned that all their backpay outstanding payments including to those partially as well as those not paid at all will be made?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I thank the Honourable MP from Tab-North for his question. My Ministry prioritises this outstanding payment in order to resolve this issue.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaiesta)

OQ74. Can Government review the cases of patients who are paying their own treatment overseas because they cannot be treated in Nawerewere hospital and consider providing financial assistance which would be determined by the referral committee? In case, the current referral policy does not allow this request, can the policy be reviewed accordingly?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honourable Member of Parliament from Tarawaieta for this question and this is the response. A review process of the Overseas Referral Policy will soon be rolled out and this request by the Honorable MP can be considered for evaluation, under this review process.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ84. Could the new Minister for MCIA revisit Butaritari request for the procurement of 4 stroke out board engines for its landing craft ferry which is still not operational?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural & Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am happy to inform Honourable MP from Butaritari that my Office is still ready to assist in seeking support for the need of 4 stroke out board engines for Butaritari landing craft ferry.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

At 12:30pm, the meeting was adjourned for lunch break and resumed at 2:08pm

4. MOTIONS

4.1 Hon. Tebuai Uaai, MP (Tarawa Teinainano) moved;

Motion No. 16

Bracket three (3) shall be inserted after bracket two (2) of Rule 12A, and its wording is as follows:

That, a recognised political party must enjoy the Maneaba ni Maungatabu's privileges, such as to use and own a lounge if its Maneaba membership is not less than nine (9).

Hon. Martin Moreti

Hon. Banuera Berina

Hon. Mikarite Temari

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon. Teribwa Taabe

Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu
Hon. England Iuta
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Ieremia Tabai
Hon. Tebuai Uaai Sum up at 3:31 pm

Question Put - Carried

4.2 Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran) moved;

Motion No. 5

That this Maneaba requests the Government to re-examine its policy on the support fund for unemployed (SFU) especially those who still have not been received their arrears yet and those who haven't fully received their SFU as they late to fill in and submitted their SFU form to the Ministry concerned.

Hon. Ruth Maryanne Cross Kwansing
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga

(Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea break at 4:00pm and resumed at 4:42pm)

Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. England Iuta
Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Martin Moreti
Hon. Mikarite Temari interrupt at 6:09pm
Hon. Banuera Berina
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria Sum up at 6:17pm

Question Put – Not Carried

5. The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.



Maneaba ni Maungatabu Second Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament

Minute of Proceedings for Monday 16 December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and asked Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne to say the prayers.

2. Announcement By Hon Speaker

3. Revised Order of Government Business

HE. Te Beretitenti made a statement on the Revised Order of Government Business.

Monday 16th December 2024

Appropriation Bill 2025; Committee Stage and 2nd Reading

Tuesday 17th December 2024

Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024; Committee Stage and 2nd Reading

4. Bill – Committee Stage

4.1 Appropriation Bill 2024

Chairman proposed that the Appropriation Bill 2024 considered in committee of the whole House:

Chairman proposed that Head 01 - Office of Te Beretitenti in the amount of \$3,298,111 stand part of the schedule:

Question proposed, the following members asked for clarification and replied by H.E Te Beretitenti and Vice Beretitenti Hon Dr Teuea Toatu:

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 02 – Public Service Office in the amount of \$1,620,880.00 stand part of the schedule:

Members asked for clarification:

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 03 – Judiciary in the amount of \$1,620,880.00 stand part of the schedule:

Members asked for clarification:

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon Jeremia Tabai

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 04 – Kiribati Police Services in the amount of \$15,680,265.00 stand part of the schedule:

Members asked for clarification:

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 05 – Public Service Commission in the amount of \$408,822.00 stand part of the schedule:

Members asked for clarification:

Hon Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 06 – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration in the amount of \$5,170,433.00 stand part of the Bill: Member asked for clarification:

Hon.Taberannang Timeon

Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 07 – Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs in the amount of

\$4,217,063 stand part of the Bill : Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Ieremia Tabai

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 08 – Ministry of Environment, Land and Agricultural Development in the amount of \$5,994,212 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Taberannang Timeon
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 09 – Maneaba ni Maungatabu in the amount of \$4,909,312 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Ieremia Tabai
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 10 – Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industrial Cooperation in the amount of \$3,709,371 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Pinto Katia
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 11 – Kiribati Audit Office in the amount of \$1,356,960 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Pinto Katia
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 12 – Office of the Attorney General in the amount of \$1,286,991 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Question Put- Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 13 – Ministry of Fisheries in the amount of \$5,248,953 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Taberannang Timeon
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put- Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 14 – Ministry of Health and Medical Services in the amount of \$38,349,864 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Taberannang Timeon
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon.Ieremia Tabai

Question Put- Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 15 – Ministry of Education in the amount of \$47,125,191 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

(Meeting adjourned for afternoon Tea break at 16:10 pm and resumed at 16:42 pm. The Maneaba resolved into committee and continued on committee stage).

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 16 – Ministry of Information, Communication and Transport in

the amount of \$5,924,812 stand part of the Bill:
Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon.Pinto Katia

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 17 – Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in the amount of \$7,549,995 stand part of the Bill:
Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Pinto Katia
Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon.Ieremia Tabai
Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 18 – Ministry of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs in the amount of \$2,560,559 stand part of the Bill:
Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 19 – Ministry of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy in the amount of \$5,560,630 stand part of the Bill:
Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 20 – Ministry of Employment, Human Resources Development in the amount of \$6,740,115 stand part of the Bill:
Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki

Hon.Tessie Eria Lamourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 21 – Ministry of Line and Phoenix in the amount of \$6,174,432 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lamourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 22 – Ministry of Justice in the amount of \$3,681,531 stand part of the Bill: Members asked for clarification:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lamourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 23 – Leadership Commission in the amount of \$520,253,000 stand part of the Bill:

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that Head 25 – Subsidies Grant and Other Commitments in the amount of \$73,786,162 stand part of the Bill:

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that the Local Contribution to the Development Fund in the amount of \$130,702,056 stand part of the Bill:

Hon.England Iuta

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that section 2,3 and 4 stand part of the Bill:

Hon.Tessie Eria Lamourne

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that the short title stand part of the Bill:

Question Put - Carried

Chairman proposed that the long title stand part of the Bill:

Question Put – Carried

5. Bill – Second Reading

5.1 Hon.Dr Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance and Economic Development) moved;

That the Appropriation Bill 2024 be read the second time and do pass

Question Put - Bill Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.



Maneaba ni Maungatabu Second Meeting of Thirteenth Parliament

Minute of Proceedings for Tuesday 17th December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00am and read prayers.
2. **PRESENTED PAPERS**

By Hon. Speaker

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of the Plant Vehicle Unit Financial Account for the year ended 31st December 20202022.

Paper No.57/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati National Shipping Lines Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2021-2022.

Paper No.58/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Air Kiribati Limited Financial Statement for the year ended 31st December 2021-2022.

Paper No.59/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Communications Commission of Kiribati for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Paper No.60/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Kiribati Provident Fund for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Paper No.61/24

Report of the Auditor General on the Account of Teatinimarawa Company Limited for the year ended 31st December 2023.

3. BILL – COMMITTEE STAGE

3.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2024

Chairman proposed that the Schedule under Head 07 – MCIA Operational Cost in the Amount - \$688,650.00

Members asked for clarification;

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed Subsidy Grant and Other Commitment No.25 in the amount of \$5,158,517.00

Member asked for clarification:

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed Section 1 Subsection 2 and 3

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that a short title stand part of the Bill

Question Put – Carried

Chairman proposed that a long title stand part of the Bill

Question Put – Carried

4 Bill – Second Reading

4.1 Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2024

Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu , MP (Vice President & Minister of Finance and Economic Development) Moved;

That the Supplementary Appropriation (No.1) Bill 2024 be read the second time and do pass

Question Put – Carried

4. BILL – SECOND READING

4.1 Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti and Minister of Finance & Economic Development) moved;

That the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2024 be read the second time and do pass.

Question Put - Carried

5. ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ70. Sport offers many good and positive things to youths. These include improving their health, harness friendship and cooperation amongst them and instill moral values in their lives. MWYSSA cannot provide enough sport equipment to all Councils. Will Government be able to provide and distribute sport equipment to all Councils so sport development activities can be carried out and sustained on outer islands?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform one of the Honourable MPs from North Tarawa that this time, sports equipment are no longer available with the Sport division within the Ministry of Women, Youth, Sport and Social Affairs.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta) deferred

By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

OQ89. Can Government please inform this Maneaba on how soon our seafarers can resume their work on merchant ships?

Replied by Hon. Auria Kitina, MP (Minister of Employment and Human Resources)

Honourable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP and this Maneaba that the Seafarers have resumed work on merchant ships with a new company.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

OQ90. I want to ask Government why Kiribati did not participate in the recently implemented Australian labour migration programme, the Pacific Engagement Visa?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honourable Speaker, Kiribati did not participate in the first round of the Australian Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV) because there is a need to consult the people of Kiribati for this program.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

OQ91. In the last Maneaba, I raised a motion and question on the new freight refund system that the Government put in place which has continued to cause lots of problems for our small businesses and the public at large. The Government responded at that time that it would change the system back to the original arrangement.

I want to ask the Government if it has made these changes and if it has not to explain why?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Abemama that the reimbursement for freight refunds on outer islands under the new ILF is operating efficiently and effectively.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

OQ92. I want to ask Government why the road project on Abemama is not yet completed?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honorable Speaker, I would like to inform MP that the road upgrading on Abemama has not yet commenced. The ongoing work is only the road preparation works.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ94. I would like to ask the responsible Minister what is the status of overseas employment especially for those that has been selected from Tabiteuea North and now awaiting recruitment?

Replied by Hon. Auria Kitina, MP (Minister of Employment and Human Resources)

Honourable Speaker, I wish to inform the Honourable MP from Tabiteuea Meang about the status of their boys and girls who have been selected from the island council for overseas employment schemes, that few of them have been recommended to the Employers, and the rest are still waiting.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Moannata Ientaaake, MP (Marakei)

OQ97. Could the Hon. Minister or Government inform this House as to when could the Government rebuild the crescent seawall that was proved to have protected sea inundation and rebuilt or maintained beautiful long beach at Rawannawi Marakei in the past and have raised the same question here twice previous years, please?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honourable MP from Marakei that this proposal has been approved by DCC and funding consideration is now rest with NEPO-MFED

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ99. A request to the Hon. Vice Beretitenti and Minister for Finance and Economic Development if it is possible to assist council workers, seafarers and other IKiribati working abroad who lost or forfeit their leave grant due to embezzlement?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Butaritari that my Ministry can assist in investigating this issue.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ101. Many families have already lost their food crops and trees and many more will as the road upgrading work is progressing in Butaritari. Does Government have plans to compensate or not?

Replied by Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy)

Honorable Speaker, I would like to inform the Honorable MP from Butaritari that there was an agreement that had been signed between Butaritari Unimwane and my Ministry confirming there is no compensation to be made to nonbearing and bearing trees affected during the road construction work.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)

OQ93. What is the update and progress of a Solar Power Grid System approved earlier this year and to be funded under the Italian Fund for the 3 villages of Aiwa, Bangai and Tenatorua?

Replied By Hon. Tekeeua Tarati, MP (Minister of Infrastructure & Sustainable Energy)

I am pleased to inform the Hon. MP from Tabiteuea North that the fund for this project has been received from Italy in October 2024 and the implementation of the project is expected to start soon and to be completed around mid-year 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Moannata Ientaake, MP (Marakei)

OQ98. Could the Government or the Minister responsible provide a new light house pulp that can be placed at the Beacon on Marakei just like the ones at Betio, Maiana and North Tarawa to assist fisherman and sea travelers from Marakei at night please?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

My Ministry has an ongoing programme for the installation of navigational lights that are installed on communication towers on every island in Kiribati. As per this programme, I am delighted to state that Marakei's navigational light will be installed on its new communication tower that will be constructed before the end of this year and is anticipated to be completed during the first quarter of 2025.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ100. A request was raised and accepted by the previous Government if the benefit for senior citizens for the 3 months following the death of the person could be paid to the family as contribution to the cost of the funeral. Could the Hon. Minister for MWYSSA inform this Maneaba of progress to-update?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)

I thank the Honorable MP for his question, and this is Government's response. I am happy to say that my Ministry is working with stakeholders and Government bodies involved with this request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ109. A desalination plant has been constructed probably to address the problem of potent drinking water which has long been an issue for Aoniman village, and we are grateful for the assistance. A few more works will be required before the plant is finally commissioned. The problem however is that the plant is based at the very northern end of the village and is far from the dwellings. To ease the issue of fetching water by the villagers can Government

consider extending the reach of the system by laying pipes to the southern end of the village please.

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honorable Mr Speaker, in response to one of the Honourable MPs from Beru, I am pleased to inform that my Office is ready to consider this request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Matanga Aran, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ103. Could the honourable Minister concerned explain the Government's referral policies for patients flying from Tabuaeran to Kiritimati for immediate medical treatment and hospitalization because they are being told that their airfare will be covered by the Health Ministry?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Hon MP from Tabuaeran for his question. I am pleased to convey that my Ministry embarked on an MOU with Air Kiribati in 2023 to fast-track and expedite referral of patients from the outer islands including from Tabuaeran to Kiritimati.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

(Meeting adjourned for lunch break at 12:38 and at 2:10pm, the meeting resumed and continued Motions)

6. MOTIONS

6.1 Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development) moved;

Motion 21

That this Maneaba approves the Development Budget for 2025 in the sum of \$353,234,286.00 as presented in the 2025 Development Budget Book.

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne response Butimwaia

Hon. Mikarite Temari

Hon. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Bootii Nauan

Hon. England Iuta

Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Afternoon tea break
Hon. Harry Tekaiti
Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Teribwa Taabe
Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara
Hon Ribanaataake Tiwau
Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Auria Kitina
Hon. Birimaaka Tekanene
Hon. Ieremia Tabai
Hon. Tekeeua Tarati
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Pinto Katia
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria
Hon Niiti Itaaka
Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu sum up at 8:10 pm

(Meeting adjourned for 10 minutes break and resumed at 8:22pm)

6.2 Hon. Martin Moreti, MP (Minister of Justice) moved;

Motion No. 20

That this Maneaba is to consider the notice to amend the Rules of procedure of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu. The proposed amendments are as follows;

1. Rules 45 Length of Speeches

The proposed amendment is to remove Rule 45(2A) for supplementary questions.

2. Rules 68 General Committee Provision

The proposed amendment is to remove Rule 68(2A) to allow for flexibility in Committee's membership.

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne – totokoia
Hon. Martin Moreti sum up at 8:48pm

Question Put - Carried

6.3 His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti) moved;

Motion No. 19

That this Maneaba approves the establishment of a Select Committee to study, explore diverse and enhance revenue streams for Councils through expanded licensing opportunities and innovative initiatives to achieve financial sustainability.

These diverse and new revenue streams will assist the Councils to financially support their annual operations and to an extent development projects. This Committee shall comprise of four members who have consented to being members as follows: -

Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa Chairman

Hon. Moannata lentaake Member

Hon. Choy Freddy Member

Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutaake Member

The Committee shall have the following terms of references:

- 1.** To study, explore diverse and enhance revenue streams and also to identify new significant revenue streams that can be considered/applied by Councils. These revenue streams can be through expanded licensing opportunities, innovative initiatives that have proven successful in other countries, with similar contexts and even original initiatives.
- 2.** To study available reports on islands natural resources (marine, agricultural, cultural etc) noting the varying differing soil, marine conditions, weather besides others. To recommend potential council developments based on islands natural wealth, climate conditions and attractiveness that can generate new revenue streams.
- 3.** To examine and analyse available reports and existing regulatory frameworks to recommend ways to empower Councils on collection of these revenue
- 4.** To assess island Council staff capacity (financial, technical and manpower) to collect revenue and maintain major infrastructural assets by recommending medium and long-term ways to strengthen

capacity and ability of Councils to increase revenue generation streams for Councils in this area.

5. Based on the findings, the Committee is to provide recommendations and identify the best immediate, medium and long-term options to be prioritized by the Government.

6. The Committee will commence its work in January 2025 and table its report at the Parliament's last meeting 2025.

Question put, the following members spoke on the motion:

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga

Hon. Alexander Teabo

Hon. Harry Tekaiti

Hon. Ieremia Tabai

Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Hon. Mikarite Temari

Hon. Tebuai Uaai

Hon. Tekeeua Tarati

Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo

Hon Niiti Itaaka

H.E Taneti Maamau sum up at 10:53 pm

Question Put - Carried

6.4 His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti) moved;

Motion 18

That this Maneaba approves the establishment of a Select Committee to study and identify ways to increase financial support to health care services enabling I-Kiribati access to better and quality health care services.

This Committee shall comprise of five members who have consented to being members as follows: -

Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang

Chairman

Hon Betero Atanibora Member

Hon. Tawaria Komwenga Member

Hon. Niiti Itaaka Member

The Committee shall have the following terms of references: -

1. Based on the experiences, examples of good practice and lessons learned in countries that have been imposing sin taxes, the committee will:
 - a. study and identify sin goods or products that are contributing to the rise of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and as such are harming the health of I-kiribati people.
 - b. study and analyze reports on the application of taxes on sin goods and recommend appropriate levels, including percentage, that will discourage consumption of these taxed items and in turn encourage healthier lifestyles.
 - c. examine and provide advice on the most legitimate, practical, sustainable and secure approaches to securing long-term implementation of the taxes and hypothecation options for a health-related fund.
 - d. review gaps in current medical equipment and supplies for the screening, treatment and management of NCDs, and how these gaps can be addressed using funds raised from sin tax.
 - e. explore the feasibility of utilization of funds generated from sin tax to:
 - i. support medical insurance cover for civil for civil servants.
 - ii. expand health care coverage in-country and overseas for the general public.
 - f. study and identify ways to promote consumption of healthy foods and to increase physical activity through taxation reductions, subsidies and other measures.
2. Based on the findings of the above work, the Committee will make recommendations for:

- a) the establishment and management of a health care fund,
- b) a body or mechanism to oversee best use of the funds for improving health in Kiribati,
- c) development of appropriate policy(ies) and manuals to provide guidance on the management and use of the health care fund.

3. The Committee will commence its work in January 2025 and table its report of the Parliament's last meeting 2025.

6.5 His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti) moved;

Motion No. 17

That this Maneaba approves the establishment of a Select Committee to study potential marketable value-added products from natural resources to stimulate the growth of local and traditional cottage industries fostering growth and diversification.

This Committee shall comprise of four members who have consented to being members as follows:

Hon. Dennis Kum Kee	Chairman
Hon. Tibanga Taratai	Member
Hon. Matanga Aran	Member
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	Member
Hon. Tinian Reiher	Member

The Committee shall have the following terms of references:

1. To conduct a feasibility study on potential value-added products in Kiribati that are marketable locally, regionally and internationally.
2. To identity potential buyers for these value-added products regionally and internationally.

3. To study and determine the market demand and confirm if these cottage industries can sustainably meet the annual quota in the long term without negative implications on the supply chain.
4. To study and determine the equipment required to set up local cottage industries to manufacture these products. These equipment needs to be sturdy and user -friendly given out harsh environment and limited skills base.
5. Analyse reports and provide recommendations of potentially viable islands to set up these cottage industries based on factors such as resource availability, location, access to transport etc.
6. To analyse reports and recommend policy guidelines for quality assurance of exported products and processes required to assure markets of the exported products quality.
7. To recommend capital, training and others required to set up these cottage industries across Kiribati.
8. Based on the findings, the Committee will provide recommendations on the resources, equipment, infrastructure needed to stimulate the growth of local and traditional cottage industries in Kiribati, fostering economic development and diversification.
9. The Committee will commence its work in January 2025 and table its report that includes the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) at the Parliament's last meeting 2025.

Question proposed, the following members spoke on the motion:

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo
H.E Taneti Maamau sum up at 12:21pm

Question Put - Carried

The Meeting adjourned at 12:26pm.



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Minute of Proceedings for Wednesday 18th December 2024

1. Speaker took chair at 10:00 am and read prayers.

2. PRESENTED PAPERS

By Hon. Te Kauomanni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development

Revenue Equalisation Reserve Fund (RERF) Annual Report for 2023.

Paper No. 63/24

Airport Kiribati Authority Annual Report for 2023.

Paper No. 64/24

Air Kiribati Limited Annual Report for year ended 31st December 2023.

Paper No. 65/24

Broadcasting & Publications Authority Annual Report for the year ended 2023.

Paper No. 66/24

BwebwerikiNET Limited Annual Report for 2023.

Paper No. 67/24

Central Pacific Producers Limited Annual Report for 2023.

Paper No. 68/24

Development Bank of Kiribati Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 69/24**

Kiribati Coconut Development Limited Annual Report for 2023.

Paper No. 70/24

Kiribati Housing Corporation Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 71/24**

Kiribati Insurance Corporation SOI Annual Progress Report for 2023.

Kiribati Land Transport Authority Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 73/24**

Kiribati Oil Company Limited Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 74/24**

Kiribati Ports Authority Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 75/24**

Plant and Vehicle Unit Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 76/24**
Public Utilities Board Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 77/24**

Te Atinimarawa Company Limited Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 78/24**

Kiribati National Shipping Line Annual Report for 2023. **Paper No. 79/24**

Airport Kiribati Authority Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 80/24**

Air Kiribati Limited Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 81/24**

Broadcasting and Publications Authority Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 82/24**

BwebwerikiNET Limited Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 83/24**

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Development Bank of Kiribati Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 85/24**

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Kiribati Oil Company Limited Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 89/24**

Kiribati Ports Authority Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 90/24**

Plant and Vehicle Unit Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 91/24**

Public Utilities Board Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 92/24**

Te Atinimarawa Company Limited Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 93/24**

Kiribati National Shipping Line Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 94/24**

Tourism Authority of Kiribati Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 95/24**

Kiribati Coconut Development Limited Half-Year Report for 2024. **Paper No. 96/24**

Airport Kiribati Authority Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 97/24**

Air Kiribati Limited Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 98/24**

Kiribati Oil Company Limited Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 99/24**

Plant and Vehicle Unit Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 100/24**

Tourism Authority of Kiribati Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 101/24**

Kiribati Coconut Development Limited Statement of Intent for 2024-2026. **Paper No. 102/24**

Kiribati Green Energy Solution Half-Year Report 2024. **Paper No. 103/24**

Kiribati Green Energy Solutions Annual Report 2023. **Paper No. 104/24**

Government of Kiribati Virement Schedule (No.1) 2024. **Paper No. 105/24**

3. STATEMENT

Hon. Tebuai Uaai, MP (Tarawa Teinainano) made a statement on the following;

“Beretitenti campaign in Kiribati”.

The following members asked for elucidating:

Hon. Mikarite Temari
Hon. Taberannang Timeon
Hon. Pinto Katia
Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria

4. ORAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ110. A request to Government if it can kindly review its retirement policy in extending the retirement age of council workers to 60 years in line with their brethren in the civil service and SOE's on grounds of equality and fairness and in compliance with the theme that 'No One is Left Behind'?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I may thank the Honourable MP for raising this similar question in recent session of this House, and I am grateful to inform the MP that work on this is still in progress.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa)

OQ102. The ice plant on Onotoa installed in 2008, has been non-operational for several years due to a lack of spare parts. In November 2024, it was finally restored to service. Could the Government consider replacing this aging machine with a new one?

Replied by Hon. Ribanataake Tiwau, MP (Minister of Fisheries and Marine, Resources Development)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform this Maneaba that the Government through my Ministry is working to identify potential projects in support of this request.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ111. Wish to enquire from Government if it has plans of reviving the project on provision of the trucks to the old men's association, please?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform the Honorable MP from Beru that my office is ready to assist if this proposal becomes a priority project of the Island Council.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ112. Will Government be able to review its policy regarding payment of the balance of preschool teachers KPF contributions that is supposedly to be paid by the providers?

Replied by Hon. Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from Beru for his question and this is the response. Now, my Ministry is still using the existing payment policy whereby the pre-school teachers pay their KPF contribution being deducted from their salaries and assisting in paying the contribution for pre-school teachers to KPF that is supposedly to be paid by the service providers.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ113. Can Government do away with the practice of employing the public on voluntary basis on the delivery of all project funded developments. Can it consider funding the wages where required for those engaged in the works?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I wish to inform the Honourable MP that wages of labourers can be covered from the project funds if there is a provision for it.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ116. Can the Minister responsible explain to this House why the Social Stability Fund payment to Churches is delayed this year 2024?

Replied by Hon. Ruth Cross Kwansing, MP (Minister of Women, Youth, Sports and Social Affairs)

Hon Speaker, I thank one of the Honorable MPs from Makin is raising this question, and I am pleased to say to this Maneaba that the church grant to churches (known as Social Stability Fund) has been paid by my Ministry on its annual year accordingly.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

OQ114. During the final meeting of the last parliament, I raised the issue of missing consignments to Beru during the height of Covid-19 lockdown. The Minister responsible at the time responded that I submit the shipping documents of the missing goods to his offices before end of parliament so they can be thoroughly investigated.

I have submitted the documents and understand that MTCIC has looked into the matter. I just want to enquire as to the results of the investigations and what is the current Government's position on the matter, please?

Replied by Hon. Tangariki Reete, MP (Minister of Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives)

Hon. Speaker, I wish to inform the Hon. MP from Beru that my Office has approached this matter in close consultation with the concerned shipping line involved in the delivery of Beru cargo during the COVID-19, hence the shipping line claimed that all cargoes have been offloaded in Beru at that time.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

OQ117. At the beginning of this year, a few houses were destroyed from very strong winds on Makin and Kiebu. Can Government find ways of assisting families who have been affected please?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honorable Speaker, I am happy to inform the MP from Makin that my Office is ready to consider this request in compliance with the Guidelines for humanitarian assistance to affected households due to emergency events caused by natural hazards.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)

OQ37. One complaint from Business owners in my constituency is concerned with their freight refund that had never been received despite having complied with all the requirements and procedures for freight refund. Can the Minister responsible explain to this House why is this happening and how would Government address this issue?

Replied by Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu, MP (Te Kauoman ni Beretitenti & Minister of Finance and Economic Development)

I wish to inform the Honourable MP and this House that my Ministry is ready to assist if the refund documents has been submitted to the Treasurer in Tabuaeran.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ49. It is now over a month and the people working at the clinic on Nonouti between Mwakauro and Tengeauareke have not been paid yet. I want to ask why these workers have been allowed to go without pay for over a month?

Replied by Hon. Bootii Nauan, MP (Minister of Health and Medical Services)

I thank the Honorable Member of Parliament from Nonouti for the question and this is the response. The delayed payment stated here by the Honorable Member of Parliament was due to the late submission of the required supporting documents to my Ministry. However, I am pleased to convey that the payment of salaries has been made upon receipt of such documents.

The member asked 1 supplementary question.

By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ50. In the last presidential campaign, the President made many promises that he intends to deliver if elected. I want to ask that when he made those promises, did he know how much money would be needed to be able to deliver on them?

Replied by His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti)

Honorable Speaker, I am pleased to inform this House that the promises we intend to deliver as noted in our recent Presidential election campaign were guided by our long-term vision for Kiribati, known as the KV 20. This is a comprehensive vision that has been made available to the public. It is understood that the process of financing and fulfilling campaign promises is

an ongoing endeavor that requires sustained effort and commitment moving forward.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ56. I would like to ask the Minister concerned if his/her Ministry can build passengers' shelter of arrival and departure for the people of Tarawa Teinaieta at both Ambo and Abarao like shelters which were built at the wharf to the jetty in Betio?

Replied by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Transport and Communication)

The landing sites mentioned in this question have not been legally declared as designated landing sites. However, given that the people of North Tarawa heavily rely on these sites as an access part for them, my Ministry will address the request as best as it can.

The member asked 3 supplementary questions.

OQ60. by Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutake, MP (Rabi) – was deferred

By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ73. I raised during last term the need for supplying all Councils with heavy plants and equipment to enable Councils to maintain conditions of public roads. The response by the Government was not so promising at the time. May I kindly ask Government to revisit and reconsider this request?

Replied by Hon. Harry Tekaiti, MP (Minister of Cultural and Internal Affairs)

Honorable Speaker, I am happy to inform Honorable MP from North Tarawa that the machines and equipment to support maintenance efforts for public roads would arrive in Tarawa on the second week of December.

The member asked 2 supplementary questions.

By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawa Teinaieta)

OQ80. What is the latest on the leave grants for pre-school teachers on North Tarawa?

Reply by Hon Ruateki Tekaiara, MP (Minister of Education)

I thank one of the Honourable MPs from North Tarawa for an important question and this is Government's response. At this stage, my Ministry is finalizing the list of pre-school teachers, ensuring they are correct before the payment of their leave grant is processed.

The member asked 2 supplementary.

By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)

OQ87. Could the Honourable Minister for Communications urge Oceanlink telephone company to carryout immediate works needed to improve the internet connection which is still woefully deficient?

Reply by Hon. Alexander Teabo, MP (Minister of Information, Communications and Transport)

My Ministry have urged and firmly warned Oceanlink Ltd to improve its service immediately and to put in place solutions to improve its service and eradicate its deficiency continuously.

The member raised 3 supplementary.

At 12:30pm, the meeting was adjourned for lunch break and resumed at 2:00pm

5. MOTIONS

5.3 Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang) moved;

Motion No. 7

That this Maneaba requests Government to consider accomplishing one of its Manifestos for the rehabilitation of outer islands roads similar to that currently undertaken in Butaritari.

Hon. Tekeeua Tarati – response boutokaia

Hon. Taberannang Timeon

Hon. Alexander Teabo

Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria

Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu

Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa

Hon. Dennis Waysang

Hon. Bautaake Beia

Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon. Dr. Teuea Toatu
Hon. Koraubati Remuera
Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang
Hon. Tawaria Komwenga
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga Sum up at 3:42pm

Question Put- Carried

5.4 Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa) moved;

Motion No. 8

That this Maneaba requests the Government to consider providing support for students pursuing undergraduate studies, ensuring they have opportunities to continue their education up to the postgraduate level without having to return to work for the Government to serve the current three-year mandatory service bond.

Afternoon tea at 4:15 pm and resumed at 4:45pm

Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki
Hon. Alexander Teabo
Hon. Tauanei Marea
Hon. Bootii Nauan
Hon. Tinian Reiher
Tokaibure Rabaua
Hon. Tebuai Uaai
H.E Taneti Maamau
Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne
Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa
Hon. Betero Atanibora
Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo
Hon. Auria Kitina
Hon. Tangariki Reete
Hon. Tawaria Komwenga
Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga
Hon. Dennis Waysang
Hon. Teribwa Taabe
H.E Taneti Maamau interruption at 6:17
Hon. Tekeeuua Tarati
Hon. Riteta Iorome Sum up at 6:22pm

Question Put - Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE MOTION

His Excellency Taneti Maamau, MP (Te Beretitenti) moved that the meeting be adjourned until further notice;

Question proposed, the following members were given the floor to wrap up the discussion before adjournment of the meeting.

H.E Te Beretitenti

Hon Tessie Eria Lambourne

Hon Banuera Berina

Meeting adjourned until further notice at 6:42pm.

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Can the responsible Minister provide the Ministry or Government plan in providing new heavy plant and machinery for the KPA on Kiritimati to address the current continuous mechanical breakdowns of the current plants and machinery which is affecting container release on Kiritimati and adding costs to prices of goods?	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ04	14
What are Government plans for development on Kanton?	Hon.Jacob Teem	OQ02	14
In 2021 the European Union had signed a Financing Agreement with the European Union allocating EUR2.5 million to complete a detailed engineering design, which will include an estimated cost for the port, operation, and maintenance for Kiritimati. Can the responsible Minister provide an update of the progress of this multi-purpose port design for Kiritimati?	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ06	15
What is Government plan for the improvement of electricity on Kiritimati?	Hon.Jacob Teem	OQ03	15
This Government has informed the people of Oneke that the solar grid project will also be implemented on their islet. Could the Minister concerned explain when will this project be implemented, please?	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ10	16
The status of the Kiritimati power (utility) is fast deteriorating and requires urgent attention as load shedding is becoming very frequent where businesses, households, church activities, the hospital	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ05	17

and many more are affected. Can the responsible Hon. Minister provide us his pathways to address this problem which is affecting everyone on Kiritimati Island?			
Could the Minister concerned explain the latest update regarding Kuria Island Council Trust Fund please?	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ12	17
Can the responsible Minister consider increasing the agricultural activities on Kiritimati Island to promote small scale family and community-based agricultural projects such as planting of local plant (breadfruits, coconut trees, te beero, te kaina) and also encourage small scale project such as piggery and poultry farming?	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ09	17
There is only one (1) wheelchair available each ward by our patients at Nawerewere hospital may I request the Government to provide 2 or 3 wheelchairs for each ward?	Hon.Tebuai Uaai	OQ18	18
There is an urgent need for repair work on teachers' houses on Arorae. Could the responsible Minister consider replacing these buildings with permanent materials?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ19	18
The need for the improvement of the road on my island Kuria has been raised too many times. Can this Government clarify when the improvement/upgrading work for the road in Kuria will commence?	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ15	18
Could I ask the responsible Minister if it would be possible to consider securing funds to fence Arorae JSS?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ20	19
Could the Minister concerned inform the people of Kiribati whether they will	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ16	19

receive an increase to the price of copra during this four-year term or not?			
The problem of not paying the 2023 leave grants to employees of registered companies and our Churches is a long outstanding issue which has never been resolved. Would the responsible Minister look into this problem and offer a favorable and good resolution by paying such leave grants before the end of this year, 2024?	Hon.Tebuai Uaai	OQ26	19
Over the past years, the Government had committed to solar energy initiatives in the outer islands. Could the responsible Minister ensure that solar inverters are provided to support this commitment and address the ongoing energy needs on Arorae?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ21	20
I want to ask the Minister for Education; when will the construction of Abaiang's second JSS start?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	OQ27	20
Due to the lack of available transport on Arorae can the responsible Minister consider if it would be possible to procure two trucks for the benefit of the old men and women in the villages of Tamaroa and Roreti?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ22	20
I would like to ask the Minister for Fisheries when will the construction work start for Tebunginako Ice Plant?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	OQ28	21
It is understood that the people of Arorae frequently face a lack of access to potable water. Could the responsible Minister ensure that the installation of the water desalination machine donated by the latter-Day Saints on Arorae is completed, so the community on my island can have access to clean water?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ23	21

Wildfire on Kiritimati is becoming a regular natural disaster on Kiritimati and is posing risks to the lives of people as well as to the wildlife. During 2024 alone, the frequency and instances of wildfire is becoming high. Can the Hon. Minister responsible for disaster management find a way to address such a disaster so it is quickly addressed once it happens or it is avoided from happening?	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ07	21
Repair work on the Arorae airstrip is currently underway using heavy machinery and equipment. Could the responsible Minister consider scheduling road work afterward, given that this machinery is already available on the island?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ24	22
Could I ask the responsible Minister if it would be possible to provide a list of projects on Arorae that were funded under the Livelihood Grant program, under this Government initiative?	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	OQ25	22
The road on Kiritimati which was built by the British Military during WWII era is fast deteriorating and some sections of the road between the airport and Ronton which is about 25km have already reached their scrap value. The current road condition is very poor and dangerous to the people of Kiritimati and is the major cause to vehicles breakdown. Can the responsible Hon. Minister provide us an update of the World Bank funding which has been identified by the Government to construct the new road?	Hon.Teribwa Taabe	OQ08	22
May I ask the Minister responsible for road projects, about his plans for my question raised in the previous Parliament where the Minister for MCIA replied that he would consider implementing it. As this is the third time this question has been raised, I would like to request a response	Hon.Betero Atanibora	OQ29	25

from the Minister, given the critical nature of this issue as experienced by my constituents in Abaiang?			
In response to my question raised in the last sitting, it was earmarked that the work to construct Abaiang's wharf will commence in November. I want to ask why this has not started yet?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	OQ30	26
Power outage on Tarawa is causing inconvenience to the public, damage to frozen foods and electrical appliances. Can the Minister responsible explain the main cause of the problem and plans to address this problem?	Hon.Birimaaka Tekanene	OQ31	26
I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned to kindly consider completion of the road upgrading on my constituency	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ35	27
The need for tutors here at the USP Kiribati Campus is an issue that can affect their studies. Can the Minister responsible assist on this matter?	Hon.Birimaaka Tekanene	OQ32	27
I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned what is the latest update regarding the mobile connectivity roll out to my constituency?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ36	27
There is recognition of this Government's relentless effort in improving delivery of quality education in various ways. One of these is the continuation in payment of school committee's allowances at an amount of \$10 per sitting, with two sittings per term or six sittings per year. The question is, can the Government consider reviewing this current rate?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ41	28
I would like to request the Honourable Minister concerned to consider the reexportation of seaweed from my constituency?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ40	28

What is the current progress of the Government project on improving telecommunications at Tabiteuea Meang.? As previously stated by the responsible Minister, the project is part of the Outer Islands Mobile Towers Phase 3 even reflected in the 2024 development budget. The project will involve erection of towers for enhancing mobile signal connectivity, especially mobile phones.	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ43	28
One of the significant issues confronting commuted students in my constituency is the repetitive breakdown to their transport, especially those students residing at Tereitaki and Betania villages. I would like to request the Honourable Minister to consider the procurement of a new school transport for students in my constituency.	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ39	29
The desalination machines installed at the 3 villages of Aiwa, Bangai and Tenatorua remain inoperative. With ongoing need of fresh water there was a communication with OB where they agreed to provide two (2) more distillation machines for each of the islets. The question is this agreement remains and to be implemented?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ44	29
It is understood that the Government currently has a desalination project in Betio. Could I ask the responsible Minister to explain the expected completion timeline and the delivery of this water to households that do not have such access, such as those at the St. John communities and parts of Takoronga?	Hon.Dr Tinte Itinteang	OQ46	30
Can the Minister concerned answer the question of who is responsible for transporting civil servants who commute from islets of Tarawa Teinaieta particularly Tabiteuea, Abatao and Buota when the	Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	OQ55	30

bridge connection Buota and Tanaea will be under renovation?			
What is the status of Non-ER leave grant for Tabiteuea Meang council staff that remains unpaid for the years 2023 and 2024?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ45	30
The JSS maneaba on Nonouti has totally collapsed and the only things remaining are the concrete posts and the floor. There has never been any repair work done since it was first constructed many years ago. I want to ask what is the problem that has prevented the government from doing the necessary repair and maintenance work?	Hon.Ieremia Tabai	OQ51	31
There is disruption to the ongoing construction work for the new Form Seven (7) dormitories at Teabike College in Tabiteuea Meang. It has been more than a year since the construction commenced which begs the question; what caused the delay?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ42	31
Can the Minister responsible provide more water tanks to Banaba since the island is one of the most affected places during prolonged dry season?	Hon.Iakoba Jacob Karutaake	OQ57	32
Could the Minister responsible, find ways to increase the number required for the employment schemes in New Zealand and Australia?	Hon.Dr Tinte Itinteang	OQ61	32
Could I ask the Minister of MISE for his assistance towards to timely payment to the unimwane and unaine of Betio, for the upkeep of the public toilets in Temakin?	Hon.Dr Tinte Itinteang	OQ62	32
There are still a lot of people who work in privately owned companies which are VAT registered that are still not yet receiving their leave grant because they also received SFU for some months during	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ72	33

the year on which the leave grant payment for VAT registered companies' employees commenced. Can the Government revisit these cases and consider paying their leave grant on a prorata basis?			
The Banaban give thanks to the Government for the continued supply of grain cargo to Banaba such as rice, flour, salt and many more, the only problem is that the prices is beyond the recommended prices of cargo. I want to request the Government, if possible, to improve the prices of these cargoes for Banaba, please?	Hon.Tibanga Taratai	OQ75	33
In 2023, the Government declared on the floor of this Maneaba that my Amendment Bill on 4(7)(c) of Maneaba members' salaries and allowances was accepted and would be given proper consideration, meaning it would be amended?	Hon.Tebuai Uaai	OQ17	33
It is evident that one significant problem facing patients in my constituency is concerned with medicines being running out of stock repetitively. I would like to request the Honourable Minister responsible to inform this Maneaba what is the Government plan to address this issue?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ34	34
Can the Minister responsible consider providing return transport to patients living at Teinainano who are discharged late at night and/or those who are not well, but were sent home on medication?	Hon.Birimaaka Tekanene	OQ33	36
Unfortunately, people are still facing ongoing issues with opening their accounts with ANZ bank. Could I ask the	Hon.Dr Tinte Itinteang	OQ47	37

Government if it is able to assist with this problem?			
Can the Minister responsible inform this Maneaba what is Government's policy that is currently used for referral cases in Kiritimati Island regarding their meal allowance?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	OQ38	37
Since its completion and opening one or two years ago by three Ministers who came from Tarawa, the mini hatchery has never worked as intended until now. I want to ask why the project has been allowed to remain in this situation for such a long time?	Hon.Ieremia Tabai	OQ48	37
There is a need to provide the cost of transport for Court Magistrates in North Tarawa to attend court hearings as there is no provision for such cost paid to them. Can I ask the concerned Minister whether there is a government plan to provide such costs or not?	Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	OQ53	38
Can the Minister responsible provide an update on the proposed construction of an airport on Banaba?	Hon.Iakoba Jacob Karutaake	OQ58	38
Work on the desalination plant for Abamakoro started some time ago. It remains uncompleted and there are doubts about its completion given that the person in charge of the project has long gone. I want to ask why the project has been allowed to remain uncompleted for a long time, and when the project is expected to be completed?	Hon.Ieremia Tabai	OQ52	38
Can the Minister concerned explain when will Tarawa Teinaieta's share for boats arrive and to be distributed on the island please?	Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	OQ54	39

When will the remaining share on the fibreglass boats and engine for Tabiteuea North Island council be sent to the island?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	OQ63	39
Can the Minister responsible provide an update on the status of a review for awards of scholarships to Banaba students from Rabi Island?	Hon.Iakoba Jacob Karutaake	OQ59	39
Can Government consider the need to purchase a well-equipped and safe speed boat which could be used to transport referral patients from North Tarawa and nearby islands?	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ68	40
Form 7 Science is yet to be established at Teabike College at Eita in Tabiteuea North. Could I ask the Minister responsible for Education respond, please?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	OQ64	40
Obviously, there has been an increase in the temperature levels felt and experienced in Kiribati which could possibly pose any problems and affect our livelihood. Does Government have a special assessment on this problem and what are its plans to address for any threats to the people and nation that may be caused by the increased temperature?	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ69	40
Could Government make the ice plant at Terikiai, Tabiteuea North, a branch of CPPL at Betio so as to increase its capacity to receive more fish from the local fishermen for sale on the island as well as for the Tarawa market?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	OQ66	41
During the last term, I raised the need to establishing the JSS for students living on Tarawaieta islets from Kainaba to Buota village. The Government's response at the time was that there is a plan based on the genuine need to build another JSS on	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ71	41

Tarawaieta. May I ask Government on the status of this request?			
Last year, Banaba made a request to import foreign plants. I would like to follow up regarding the importation of these foreign plants.	Hon.Tibanga Taratai	OQ77	41
Could the responsible Minister consider the need to build more water taps at Buota at the area near the Primary School and at other areas where necessary as the daily consumption of water for the people of Buota is a necessity?	Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	OQ78	47
There is an issue on Onotoa with the inconsistency of price setting from bechedemer buyers when trading with local fishermen. The government is kindly requested to impose and enforce set prices for bechedemers?	Hon.Riteta lorome	OQ82	48
Four years passed with no single project for Butaritari being implemented. Could the Honourable and new Minister for MCIA kindly give priority attention to all Councils pending projects including Butaritari to ensure the new Government smooth transition and efforts to better the lives of its people in the outer islands?	Hon.Tinian Reiher	OQ85	48
I kindly ask the Government to provide an update on the water tank distribution to outer islands, including Onotoa where tanks are greatly needed especially in villages that lack potable water, so that they can store water they hauled from other villages?	Hon.Riteta lorome	OQ81	48
A food processing project for Butaritari has long been approved but still awaits funding. Could the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Commerce, Industry and Cooperative make a polite preliminary flagging with the Australian High	Hon.Tinian Reiher	OQ86	49

Commission if they would have interest in funding this project?			
Can Government please explain the constant power outages on Tarawa and its plan to resolve this issue?	Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne	OQ88	49
We thank the Government for delivering Onotoa's share of streetlights. However, the problem is that these streetlights are too far from each other when installed in the villages, so we request the Government again to consider improving Onotoa's share so that the street is well illuminated during dark nights?			
In its manifesto this Government promised that there will be an improvement to the elderly grants. I wish to ask this Government to explain whether or not this improvement includes an increase to the elderly grants?	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ11	50
This Government is just serving its final term in office while Kieia Ataei Referral Hospital located at Utiroa village, Tabiteuea North, for the Southern Islands will soon disappear, for lack of maintenance since completion. The Public would like to know if there, are plans by this Government regarding this referral Hospital?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	OQ65	50
In its manifesto this Government promised that there will be an improvement to the unemployment benefit grants. I wish to ask this Government to explain whether or not this improvement includes an increase to the unemployment grants during its current term?	Hon.Banuera Berina	OQ13	50
Could the Honorable Minister provide an update on the distribution of lights donated by China, because I know for	Hon.Matanga Aran	OQ105	51

sure that my constituency, Tabuaeran has not yet received any?			
Could the responsible Minister inform those concerned that all their backpay outstanding payments including to those partially as well as those not paid at all will be made?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	OQ67	51
Can Government review the cases of patients who are paying their own treatment overseas because they cannot be treated in Nawerewere hospital and consider providing financial assistance which would be determined by the referral committee? In case, the current referral policy does not allow this request, can the policy be reviewed accordingly?	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ74	51
Could the new Minister for MCIA revisit Butaritari request for the procurement of 4 stroke out board engines for its landing craft ferry which is still not operational?	Hon.Tinian Reiher	OQ84	52
Sport offers many good and positive things to youths. These include improving their health, harness friendship and cooperation amongst them and instill moral values in their lives. MWYSSA cannot provide enough sport equipment to all Councils. Will Government be able to provide and distribute sport equipment to all Councils so sport development activities can be carried out and sustained on outer islands?	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ70	63
Can Government please inform this Maneaba on how soon our seafarers can resume their work on merchant ships?	Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne	OQ89	64
I want to ask Government why Kiribati did not participate in the recently implemented Australian labour migration programme, the Pacific Engagement Visa?	Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne	OQ90	64

<p>In the last Maneaba, I raised a motion and question on the new freight refund system that the Government put in place which has continued to cause lots of problems for our small businesses and the public at large. The Government responded at that time that it would change the system back to the original arrangement.</p> <p>I want to ask the Government if it has made these changes and if it has not to explain why?</p>	<p>Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne</p>	<p>OQ91</p>	<p>64</p>
<p>I want to ask Government why the road project on Abemama is not yet completed?</p>	<p>Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne</p>	<p>OQ92</p>	<p>65</p>
<p>I would like to ask the responsible Minister what is the status of overseas employment especially for those that has been selected from Tabiteua North and now awaiting recruitment?</p>	<p>Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga</p>	<p>OQ94</p>	<p>65</p>
<p>Could the Hon. Minister or Government inform this House as to when could the Government rebuild the crescent seawall that was proved to have protected sea inundation and rebuilt or maintained beautiful long beach at Rawannawi Marakei in the past and have raised the same question here twice previous years, please?</p>	<p>Hon.Moannata Ientaake</p>	<p>OQ97</p>	<p>65</p>
<p>A request to the Hon. Vice Beretitenti and Minister for Finance and Economic Development if it is possible to assist council workers, seafarers and other Kiribati working abroad who lost or forfeit their leave grant due to embezzlement?</p>	<p>Hon.Tinian Reiher</p>	<p>OQ99</p>	<p>66</p>
<p>Many families have already lost their food crops and trees and many more will as the road upgrading work is progressing in</p>	<p>Hon.Tinian Reiher</p>	<p>OQ101</p>	<p>66</p>

Butaritari. Does Government have plans to compensate or not?			
What is the update and progress of a Solar Power Grid System approved earlier this year and to be funded under the Italian Fund for the 3 villages of Aiwa, Bangai and Tenatorua?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	OQ93	66
Could the Government or the Minister responsible provide a new light house pulp that can be placed at the Beacon on Marakei just like the ones at Betio, Maiana and North Tarawa to assist fisherman and sea travelers from Marakei at night please?	Hon.Moannata Ientaake	OQ98	67
A request was raised and accepted by the previous Government if the benefit for senior citizens for the 3 months following the death of the person could be paid to the family as contribution to the cost of the funeral. Could the Hon. Minister for MWYSSA inform this Maneaba of progress to-update?	Hon.Tinian Reiher	OQ100	67
A desalination plant has been constructed probably to address the problem of potent drinking water which has long been an issue for Aoniman village, and we are grateful for the assistance. A few more works will be required before the plant is finally commissioned. The problem however is that the plant is based at the very northern end of the village and is far from the dwellings. To ease the issue of fetching water by the villagers can Government consider extending the reach of the system by laying pipes to the southern end of the village please.	Hon.England Iuta	OQ109	67
Could the honourable Minister concerned explain the Government's referral policies for patients flying from Tabuaeran to Kiritimati for immediate medical	Hon.Matanga Aran	OQ103	68

treatment and hospitalization because they are being told that their airfare will be covered by the Health Ministry?			
A request to Government if it can kindly review its retirement policy in extending the retirement age of council workers to 60 years in line with their brethren in the civil service and SOE's on grounds of equality and fairness and in compliance with the theme that 'No One is Left Behind'?	Hon.England luta	OQ110	78
The ice plant on Onotoa installed in 2008, has been non-operational for several years due to a lack of spare parts. In November 2024, it was finally restored to service. Could the Government consider replacing this aging machine with a new one?	Hon.Riteta lorome	OQ102	78
Wish to enquire from Government if it has plans of reviving the project on provision of the trucks to the old men's association, please?	Hon.England luta	OQ111	78
Will Government be able to review its policy regarding payment of the balance of preschool teachers KPF contributions that is supposedly to be paid by the providers?	Hon.England luta	OQ112	79
Can Government do away with the practice of employing the public on voluntary basis on the delivery of all project funded developments. Can it consider funding the wages where required for those engaged in the works?	Hon.England luta	OQ113	79
Can the Minister responsible explain to this House why the Social Stability Fund payment to Churches is delayed this year 2024?	Hon.Pinto Katia	OQ116	79
During the final meeting of the last parliament, I raised the issue of missing consignments to Beru during the height of	Hon.England luta	OQ114	80

<p>Covid-19 lockdown. The Minister responsible at the time responded that I submit the shipping documents of the missing goods to his offices before end of parliament so they can be thoroughly investigated.</p> <p>I have submitted the documents and understand that MTCIC has looked into the matter. I just want to enquire as to the results of the investigations and what is the current Government's position on the matter, please?</p>			
<p>At the beginning of this year, a few houses were destroyed from very strong winds on Makin and Kiebu. Can Government find ways of assisting families who have been affected please?</p>	<p>Hon.Pinto Katia</p>	<p>OQ117</p>	<p>80</p>
<p>One complaint from Business owners in my constituency is concerned with their freight refund that had never been received despite having complied with all the requirements and procedures for freight refund. Can the Minister responsible explain to this House why is this happening and how would Government address this issue?</p>	<p>Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria</p>	<p>OQ37</p>	<p>81</p>
<p>It is now over a month and the people working at the clinic on Nonouti between Mwakauro and Tengeauareke have not been paid yet. I want to ask why these workers have been allowed to go without pay for over a month?</p>	<p>Hon.Ieremia Tabai</p>	<p>OQ49</p>	<p>81</p>
<p>In the last presidential campaign, the President made many promises that he intends to deliver if elected. I want to ask that when he made those promises, did he know how much money would be needed to be able to deliver on them?</p>	<p>Hon.Ieremia Tabai</p>	<p>OQ50</p>	<p>81</p>
<p>I would like to ask the Minister concerned if his/her Ministry can build passengers' shelter of arrival and departure for the</p>	<p>Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa</p>	<p>OQ56</p>	<p>82</p>

people of Tarawa Teinaieta at both Ambo and Abarao like shelters which were built at the wharf to the jetty in Betio?			
I raised during last term the need for supplying all Councils with heavy plants and equipment to enable Councils to maintain conditions of public roads. The response by the Government was not so promising at the time. May I kindly ask Government to revisit and reconsider this request?	Hon.Terieta Mwemwenikeaki	OQ73	82
What is the latest on the leave grants for pre-school teachers on North Tarawa?	Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa	OQ80	82
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That this Maneaba requests the Government to consider installing fuel tank storage on the outer islands to ensure a sufficient supply of fuel.	Hon.Niiti Itaaka	3	43
Bracket three (3) shall be inserted after bracket two (2) of Rule 12A, and its wording is as follows: That, a recognised political party must enjoy the Maneaba ni Maungatabu's privileges, such as to use and own a lounge if its Maneaba membership is not less than nine (9).	Hon.Tebuai Uaai	16	52
That this Maneaba requests the Government to re-examine its policy on the support fund for unemployed (SFU) especially those who still have not been received their arrears yet and those who haven't fully received their SFU as they late to fill in and submitted their SFU form to the Ministry concerned.	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	5	53
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This Committee shall comprise of five members who have consented to being members as follows: -				
Hon. Dr. Tinte Itinteang	Chairman			
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That this Maneaba approves the establishment of a Select Committee to study potential marketable value-added products from natural resources to stimulate the growth of local and traditional cottage industries fostering growth and diversification.		HE.Taneti MAMAU	17	73
This Committee shall comprise of four members who have consented to being members as follows:				
Hon. Dennis Kum Kee	Chairman			
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That this Maneaba requests Government to consider accomplishing one of its Manifestos for the		Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	7	83

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That this Maneaba requests the Government to consider providing support for students pursuing undergraduate studies, ensuring they have opportunities to continue their education up to the postgraduate level without having to return to work for the Government to serve the current three-year mandatory service bond.	Hon.Riteta Iorome	8	84

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I would like to request the Ministry concerned to list down all projects for Tabuaerans Island Coouncil managed by MCIA and provide the actual balances available for each project?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	1
I would like to request the Ministry concerned to provide the latest update on Tabuaeran project which is the Multi-purpose Cultural Centre?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	2
I would like to ask the Ministry concerned, when will RKU Stadium be constructed in Bairiki to replace the old RKU stadium that had been demolished?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	3
I would like to request the Ministry concerned if Government could consider having TE RUNGA to be hosted every 2 years instead of 4 years provided 4 years is too long and thus have very less contributions to sport development in Kiribati. Sport development is very crucial for our young generation as it can provide employment opportunities for them in the future?	Hon.Kaotitaake Kokoria	4

A request to HE Te Beretitenti having a role on climate change and disaster risks management, if any work is to be done in protecting heavily eroded coastal areas in Tabiteuea north. The concerned areas have been reported by the Council that includes public roads and villages/churches maneaba?	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	5
If the Honorable Minister responsible for MISE shares an update on any maintenance work to be carried out to the Taumwa-Kabuna causeway as reported by the Council sometimes back (2023-2024). The causeway has undergone patch up works by the Council but due to strong currents and storms more recently resulted in greater damages, with causeway not safe for vehicles and other users and therefore requires urgent attention.	Hon.Tarakabu Tofinga	6
There are privately funded Kiribati students studying at various Universities overseas and the request to Government is could these students be allowed to pay a level of airfares to be decided and be allowed to use charter flights flying out and returning to Kiribati?	Hon.Taberannang Timeon	7
A significant number of people from Abemama passed the test that MEHR conducted in Abemama earlier this year for overseas employment. They were told to take the required documents to the ministry a few weeks later causing a mad rush to Tarawa to ensure they didn't lose their spots. Until now, a lot of this people are still waiting. I want to ask the Minister responsible if he could assist them in securing employment for them at the earliest opportunity?	Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne	8
One of the issues our seasonal workers face is their salary deductions which they claimed to be too high, especially for	Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne	9

<p>housing, leaving them with little. If they are paid a gross of over a thousand dollars a week, they only receive four hundred dollars net after deductions.</p> <p>Can Government look into this and find a way for our people to keep more of their earnings?</p>		
<p>Our seasonal workers in Australia and those who have recently left Australia are facing issues with the withdrawal of their pension which they would only be able to withdraw after they have left Australia. The other related issue is with the tax deduction which is quite significant. Can Government find a way to negotiate with Australia the possibility of our workers getting their pension before they leave Australia and if it could be tax free?</p>	<p>Hon.Tessie Eria Lambourne</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Could the responsible Minister provide an update to this Maneaba on the progress of emptying the copra sheds in North Tarawa?</p>	<p>Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Could the responsible Minister consider reviewing and increasing the allowance for magistrates in North Tarawa from \$80 to \$100 per day, given the increasing demands and responsibilities of their work?</p>	<p>Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>May I ask the responsible Minister to provide an update to this Maneaba on the Government's plans to construct a bridge between Abatao and Tabiteuea in North Tarawa, now that the funding has been secured?</p>	<p>Hon.Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>I want to request the Hon. Minister concerned are there any policies in place for constructing streetlights along new feeder roads?</p>	<p>Hon.Choy Freddy</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>I want to request the Hon. Minister concerned, to consider establishing an additional clinic in central Betio?</p>	<p>Hon.Choy Freddy</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>I want to request the Minister concerned, what is the status of the project on connecting sewer pipes from PUB to areas</p>	<p>Hon.Choy Freddy</p>	<p>16</p>

in Betio which have not been connected?		
Could the Honorable Minister consider the necessity of providing Betio a new maneaba, since they do not have one at present?	Hon.Choy Freddy	17
Could the concerned Minister consider trenching the causeway channel to help the people who frequently use it especially fishermen?	Hon.Choy Freddy	18
I would like to ask the Honorable Minister about the situation regarding the subleased lands occupied by the Betio Council and why the outstanding debt from previous years will be annulled as stated by the Government, has not yet been implemented?	Hon.Choy Freddy	19
I kindly request the honorable Minister concerned to consider if the people of Betio can be accorded with solar power, the same that has been distributed in other outer islands?	Hon.Choy Freddy	20

Remaining Oral Questions Not Dealt With

Oral Question	Raised by	No.
The Government is requested as to when could the fishing and speed boats channels be completed for Kobabati at Rawannawi and the same to three other Channels for Tekarakan and Raweai, Bainuna and Norauea and Tekuanga ao Antaai as already raised here in my first term in August 2020 and again in August 2023. I would like to request this Government at this point in time since these machines are ready here for our causeway construction on Marakei please?	Hon. Moannata Ientaake	95
Could the Government or the Minister responsible provide update information as to what is the correct amount of money invested and the interest collected as to date from	Hon. Moannata Ientaake	95

“Government” and also from “Members Small Grant Fund” please?		
Can the Minister responsible clarify government's future plans over the next 4 years to improve the conditions of its caregiving to patients and for the welfare and wellbeing of its staff compared to current conditions?	Hon.England Iuta	115
Can the Minister responsible attend to the problem with Tangintearia bridge as it no longer safe to use it?	Hon. Pinto Katia	118
Fresh drinking water is the first priority for the people on Kiebu. There was a project to address this issues which started in 2019 but up to now, this desal is still not yet operational. Can government address this issue as a priority for the people on Kiebu?	Hon. Pinto Katia	119
Kiebu bwabwai pits have been exposed to salty water for a very long time. Could the government provide some assistance in erecting a sea wall to reduce the salty water entering the bwabwai pits?	Hon. Pinto Katia	120
Could the government or the Minister responsible inform this House as to why Telmo to outer island were not sent to outer islands like Marakei also do not receive their Telmo from 22 nd November as to the date of my submission please?	Hon. Moannata Ientaake	121
I would like to ask the Minister for Health to consider providing a motor vehicle to transport patients to and from the health center in Nonouti?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	122
May I ask the Minister for the MCIA to consider prioritizing renovation works to the already deteriorating Island Could office in Nonouti?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	123
Could I ask the Health Minister to consider the establishment of a new, dedicated clinic for Matang village and to be separated from Tebobonga health center given that there's a congestion problem currently experienced at the center which serves	Hon. Dennis Waysang	124

a larger number of patients from various parts of Nonouti. Perhaps a proportionally sized clinic to cater for the people of Matang, please?		
I kindly request the Fisheries Minister for mini hatchery to support fishery efforts in my constituency Nonouti, given that the solar system is insufficient to power the ice plant for a long period. This will be an essential undertaking considering there is also a milkfish pond on Nonouti?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	125
Could the Minister for MWYSSA consider establishing a center dedicated to women, where workshops and training sessions can be conducted to address their specific needs and measures to protect them?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	126
I would like to ask the Minister of Commerce to consider commercializing organic and chemical-free local produce from Nonouti for export to help generate income for the community?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	127
Kindly requesting the Minister for commerce if she can establish additional copra sheds on Teraina?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	128
I want to ask this Government if they could establish Vodafone on Teraina please?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	129
Requesting the Minister if the road on Teraina could be rehabilitated since it is in worse conditions?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	130
I want to ask Government if clinics could be built in the villages of Onouea and	Hon. Bautaake Beia	131

Mwakeitari because there's currently none and it is really needed?		
Requesting the Minister if the people of Teraina can attain their share of distributed solar lights for households, Maneaba and street solar lights?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	132
Requesting the Hon Minister that looks after the copra mill, if a copra mill plant could be established to allow easy transportation of copra to Christmas Island?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	133
Requesting the Minister if an artificial shallow passage for ships in Teraina could be made to allow convenient offloading of heavy machineries and other cargoes?	Hon. Bautaake Beia	134
I wish to ask, could the responsible Minister who deals with the Churches subsidy mainly for outer islands, divided among different Churches on outer islands, what is the main challenge, the year is coming to an end and each respective churches did not yet get their share. Could the Minister clarify when it will be paid out, this year?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	135
I wish to ask, could the Minister of MWYSSA to fully clear all outstanding payments of SFU, Elderly fund that are being pending for many years?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	136
What is the update on island Council's project, which is Cell Prison, I raised this when I first entered this Parliament in 2020. A response at that time, as this project, which is Cell Prison, is the Council's priority. Can I request as since the last four years I have never seen any works on a prison at Taburao?	Hon.Betero Atanibora	137

Kindly requesting the Minister concerned, when will the outer island judges receive their leave grant allowance?	Hon. Tawaria Komwenga	138
May I kindly request the Minister concerned, what the update of solar lights allocations for Beru, which were donated by China?	Hon. Tawaria Komwenga	139
The shortage of fuel on Abaiang is a constant problem could the Government assist in solving this problem?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	140
The shortage of medicine on Abaiang is a constant problem could the Government assist in solving this problem?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	141
We request Government to clarify how the small grants is distributed?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	142
We request Government to exempt the vat on all imported items for all Churches?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	143
We request Government to build multi-purpose halls on secondary schools at Abaiang?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	144
What are Government policies in regard to patients being referred to Tarawa for further treatments?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	145
In the previous years, Banaba request training for fishing development on Banaba. I want to know the status of the request including projects for Banaba as already planned?	Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem	146
The need for cash inflow to the Banaba that do not benefit from copra remain an issue. I want to request the	Hon. Tibanga Taratai	147

Government to find solution for Equal distribution of funds, please?		
The need for a Mwaneaba in Tarawa remains a priority, I want to request the Hon. Minister concerned the current status of this project please?	Hon. Tibanga Taratai	148
Could the Minister responsible, provide an update on the status of the pre-school teachers leave grant?	Hon. Dr Tinte Itinteang	149
Could the Minister of MCIA consider increasing the number of Councilors for Betio?	Hon. Dr Tinte Itinteang	150
Could the responsible Minister explain the reasons behind the delay in completing the work on providing potable water to the people living in Tekaranga village?	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	151
This year the Government team travelled to Maiana and told our preschool teachers that their leave grants would be addressed. May I ask the responsible Minister to provide clarification on this matter and to give an update regarding the progress made on this issue	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	152
Could the responsible Minister outline Government's plans regarding the improvement of a boat passage for Maiana?	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	153
Could the responsible Minister kindly clarify whether the Government has any plans to undertake road repair works on Maiana?	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	154
Could the Minister responsible kindly provide a response regarding the Government's policy on transportation	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	155

support for primary and secondary schools on Maiana?		
Could the responsible Minister consider undertaking maintenance work on the classrooms of Tewaiwai Junior Secondary School?	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	156
It can be seen that out of 3 primary schools, only one has a maneaba. Could the responsible Minister consider facilitating the construction of maneaba for Nei Karewea Primary School and Uriatebura Primary School on Maiana?	Hon. Ruta Teretia Babo	157
There are employees of the Kiritimati Urban Council still haven't received payments for leave grants despite the fact they are not on the list for unemployment benefit, could the Minister responsible assist on this matter?	Hon. Jacob Teem	158
The main runway at Cassidy Airport needs maintenance works as the surface is cracking up due to solar radiation and weathering, is there an ongoing maintenance work to avoid an airport closure in the future	Hon. Jacob Teem	159
Last year in one of the meetings, Government stated that works on the improvement main road on Kiritimati will commence soon, what is the progress on this project?	Hon. Jacob Teem	160
Outstanding leave grants for seafarers and observers, part of the Government's overwhelming election promises, were not cleared by the end of this Government's last term. I want to ask Government to explain why this is the case and how soon can	Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne	161

the outstanding be cleared to bring the payments up to date?		
<p>Medicine shortage continues to plague the nation. This is one of the major persistent issues that the Government has not been able to address during the last term and now it's on its last term.</p> <p>Can I ask Government to explain when it plans to deal with this critical health issue?</p>	Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne	162
<p>In August this year, Government barred visits of diplomatic partners to Kiribati. Can Government explain why it did this?</p>	Hon. Taberannang Timeon	163
<p>In September 2022 over two years ago, a tribunal was established to investigate the allegation against the judge of the Court of when it endorsed the ruling of the High Court on David Lambourne. It is important that the requirement of the constitution is implemented in a timely fashion.</p> <p>I want to ask, who are the members of the tribunal and how long more before the investigation is complete?</p>	Hon. Ieremia Tabai	164
<p>Could the Minister of MELAD provide an update on the request from Betio KUC Kauake for the site of their maneaba and dwelling for their Minister?</p>	Hon. Dr Tinte Itinteang	165
<p>Can the Minister responsible explain to this House what is the plan for the first Embraer which had not been flying for almost 6 months?</p>	Hon. Pinto Katia	166
<p>Could the Government or the Minister responsible provide a bright light</p>	Hon. Moannata Ientaake	167

beacon bulb at Rawannawi and place it on the tower at Island Council please?		
Could the Government or the Minister responsible requested to assist in the maintenance of airfield at Marakei using its machineries that are currently on Marakei please?	Hon. Moannata Ientaaake	168
The new Minister for MISE, when will Nikunau road construction commence?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	169
Honourable Speaker, one of the school issues is the inadequacy of schools in relation to the increasing number of students in the country. Therefore, I would like to ask the new Minister for Education, could he build a secondary school for form 4s to 7s on Nikunau island?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	170
I would like to hear from the new Minister for MTCIC about the information of Nikunau mini copra mill?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	171
I would like to ask the Minister responsible an update about Nikunau solar lights share?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	172
I would like to ask His Excellency Te Beretitenti, the updates on Kanton's airfield and wharf projects?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	173
I would request the Minister for Tourism if she could send tourism personnels to examine, explore and assist our people from Tabomatang village in Nikunau for tourism development programs especially on the village and the island?	Hon. Tauanei Marea	174
I would like to request the new Minister for MWYSSA if she could kindly assist people from Nikunau with their long outstanding SFU or backpay. There is a	Hon. Tauanei Marea	175

list of names I had sent to her email for her information and assistance?		
Government is reminded that the damaged seawall at Tannankoiang, Tekabuibui, Tabiteuea Meang, is approaching irreparable proportions and if this continues the landowners from Tekabuibui, Tekaman and Tanaeang will be affected. Could the new Minister attend to this problem as early as possible?	Hon. Taberannang Timeon	176
Could the responsible Minister kindly consider sending a ship to Maiana to collect the accumulated copra and help alleviate the current issue of full copra sheds to enable the community to continue their copra production activities?	Hon. Koraubati Remuera	177
During a Government Ministerial tour to my island constituency, it was stated that heavy machinery and equipment would be sent to Maiana to support road maintenance efforts. These were expected to arrive by the end of this year and would be managed by the Maiana Island Council. Could the Minister kindly provide an update on the progress of this initiative?	Hon. Koraubati Remuera	178
Could the Minister responsible for Fisheries and Marine Resources Development provide an update to the maneaba on the latest progress regarding the mini hatchery for the Maiana Island Council?	Hon. Koraubati Remuera	179
May I ask the Minister for Education to consider provision for toilet blocks for the JSS and primaries on Nonouti Island?	Hon. Dennis Waysang	180

Roads on Onotoa are in dire need of improvement so I kindly ask Government when will the improvement works begin?	Hon. Riteta Iorome	181
Cost of goods on Kiritimati are inflated substantially, could Government assist to find ways to reduce these costs?	Hon. Jacob Teem	182
May I ask the responsible Minister to explain the current status of the new hospital in Betio and when it is expected to become fully operated?	Hon. Choy Freddy	183
Could the responsible Minister consider constructing a seawall from the old relic gun site to the hospital at the red beach area, as the erosion in this area has reached a critical state?	Hon. Choy Freddy	184
Could the responsible Minister consider initiating plan for a new landfill project specifically for non-biodegradable materials in Betio to address the increasing demand?	Hon. Choy Freddy	185
Could the responsible Minister clarify the reasons for the ongoing shortage of medical supplies, especially the nebulizer medication at Betio hospital?	Hon. Choy Freddy	186
Could the responsible Minister consider exploring ways to address the issue of youth groups gathering at night in public areas and they can make any troubles and accidents to the people?	Hon. Choy Freddy	187
Could the Minister responsible liaise with Kiribati Fish Limited to consider prioritizing the purchase of fish from local fishermen to Ministries such as Health, Education and other government offices?	Hon. Choy Freddy	188

Could the responsible Minister explain if there are any plans to repair the Maneaba for unimwane and unaine in Betio, the Betio Nippon Maneaba?	Hon. Choy Freddy	189
Kindly requesting the Minister concerned, when will a team from the fisheries visit Beru for their maintenance assistance to aluminum and fiber glass boats?	Hon. Tawaria Komwenga	190
Complaints have been raised by the people of Maiana regarding the fluctuations in the prices of sea cucumbers set by companies. I would like to inquire with the Minister concerned, are there any existing regulations governing the pricing of sea cucumbers, or are companies free to set prices independently?	Hon. Koraubati Remuera	191