



REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI FOURTH MEETING OF THE 13th MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

NOTICE PAPER 10

ORAL QUESTIONS

1. **By Hon. Taberannang Timeon, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)**

OQ83. E kona ni kabwarabwara te Minita are tabena bwa bukin tera e bilitaki boon te ben nakoia taan oroben n aia tai ni katine?

Rairana/Translation

Could the responsible Minister explain why the price of copra paid to cutters change when paid to cutters on the outer island?

OQ84. A kaan ataia kaain Kiribati bwa iai te runga n takakaro n te ririki aei?

Rairana/Translation

The people of Kiribati want to know whether the national games festival will be held this year?

OQ85. Iai mwakuri ni katamaroa n te onaoraki ae Kieia Ataei are i Utiroa iaon Tabiteuea Meang, e kona te Minita ae e rine ni kamatoa bwa a na manga butimwaeaki aoraki man te itera maiaki n te onaoraki aei n te tai ae e aki maan?

Rairana/Translation

There have been renovations work carried out at Kieia Ataei Hospital at Utiroa, Tab-North, could the Minister confirm whether patients from the southern Islands will be re-admitted to this hospital soon?

OQ86. E taekinna bwa e na kateaki mwangan CPPL i Tabiteuea Meang. E kona te Minita ni kamatoa bwa e a tia ni karaoiaki aei?

Rairana/Translation

It has been reported that CPPL will set up a branch on Tab-North. Could the Minister concerned confirm whether this has been done?

OQ87. E a uatao te air cargo freight i Bonriki ao te ara ibukin te kiba nakon te Itera Maiaki e a rokoroko n November 2025, e kona Air Kiribati ni katamaroa riki te itera aei?

Rairana/Translation

Air cargo freight is piling up at Air Kiribati Bonriki while the list for passenger booked to the Southern Islands stretches as far as November 2025, could Air Kiribati improve this situation?

2. By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

OQ88. N ana taeka te Beretitenti n te kainaomata n Turai n te ririki aio ao e taku bwa mwaitin te Mwane n Tania n tokin May A\$1.6b. Te mwaiti aio ti tebo ma te mwaiti n tokin 2024 are nanona bwa akea te raka inanon te tai anne ao tarana bwa n tokin te ririki, ana akea te raka ke e na nangi n uarereke. I kan titiraki bwa tera ae e na riki nakon ana motinnano aika mwaiti, aika tuai ni koro nanoia, ngkai e katine te Tautaeka iaon rakan te Mwane n Tania?

Rairana/Translation

In his speech on the Independence Day 12th July 2025 the Beretitenti mentioned that the RERF stands at A\$1.6b at the end of May this year. This amount is the same as the amount at the end of 2024. This means that there is no increase during that time, and it looks like that by the end of the year there will be no increase or very little at all. I want to ask what impact this will have on its many promises that have not been delivered, given that the government depends on the RERF interest?

OQ89. E taekinaki bwa ataein Kiribati imarenan 0 nakon 5 te ririki, e korakora te mate irouia ni kabotauaki ma aban te Betebeke. Aio e kaota te tamei ae e aki raoiroi ao ti riai n tabetabe iai. I kan titiraki bwa tera ae e riki nakon ana motinnano te Tautaeka are a na anganaki ataei imarenan 0 nakon 5 te ririki te mwaiti ae \$50 ni katoa namwakaina, are e taekinaki nakoia aomata 5 te ririki n nako?

Rairana/Translation

It is reported that the deaths of children from birth to under five years old for 1000 live births (U5MR) in Kiribati is the highest in the region. This is a matter of real concern, and this calls for more action to be taken to address this problem

I want to ask, what happens to the promise made to the people of Kiribati about five years ago that an allowance of \$50 per child be paid every month?

3. **By Hon. Betero Atanibora, MP (Abaiang)**

OQ90. N na butia te Minita ae e karineaki bwa a bubuti taan mwakuri n te Kauntira ake a tuai man bwaka aia mwane ae te leave grant. E a wene ni maan tabeman bwa ai teniua ke uoua ao tabeman teuana te ririki n tuai n reke irouia?

Rairana/Translation

I wish to ask the Minister for Culture and Internal Affairs, what are the Government's plans to address issues raised by the Abaiang Island Council employees who have not received their leave grant, for one year, two years and three years respectively?

OQ91. N na butia te Minita ae karineaki bwa e kona ni karekea te IT n te kauntira ibukin karaoon taian computers ake ana bwai ni mwakuri te Kauntira. Aikai ake a kinaki bwa te naan help desk ke koraki ake iai ongoia teutana karaoon te computer ngkana e uruaki?

Rairana/Translation

I wish to ask the Honourable Minister for Culture and Internal Affairs, would it be possible to provide an Information Technology (IT) professional specialized in computer repair to assist the Abaiang Island Council with computers requiring repair and maintenance?

OQ92. I kan bubuti nakon te Minita ae e karineaki man te Botaki n Akawa bwa e a bwaka ia ngkai aia karikirake kain te kawa ae Tebunginako ibukin te auti ni kamwaitoro ibukia kain te itera meang?

Rairana/Translation

I wish to ask the Honourable Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources Development, what are the government's plans on the propose ice plant project of the northern part of Tebunginako village?

OQ93. I kan titirakina te Minita ae e rine bwa e kona ni kabwarabwara bwa e aera e a wene ni maan n tuai n anaaki takataka iaon Nuotaea taiaoka?

Rairana/Translation

I wish to ask the Honourable Minister responsible why are there extreme delays in collecting copra from Nuotaea?

4. **By Hon. Tarakabu Tofinga, MP (Tabiteuea Meang)**

OQ94. Te bubuti nakon te Minita are e na kaineti ma aio ngkana e kona n kamatoa te bitaki nakon kabwakakin mwanen te katine takataka, man are mai imwaina are taneiai iai taan oroben are tabena te Boboti anakin mwanen te ben man te Kauntira ao nikiria irouia taan katinea aia ben?

Rairana/Translation

A request to the responsible Minister if can confirm the changes to the way copra money is to be paid to copra cutters, as before it is the responsibility of the copra agency to collect the money from the council office and paid direct to the individual copra cutter?

OQ95. Te titiraki nakon te Minita are tabena, tera babaire ibukin karaia kin takataka ake a mena n auti takataka aika tionako n aron ara kaawa aika Aiwa ao Tenatorua ma Bangai, ngkai a kakoaua bwa a onrake ao n kona n root a aron te katine ikekei?

Rairana/Translation

A question to the responsible Minister, what are the plans for copra uplifts from our far off copra sheds, especially at Aiwa and Tenatorua with Bangai as they are getting full and will negatively impact the copra cutters?

5. **By Hon. Ruta Babo-Nemta, MP (Maiana)**

OQ96. Te kakaitau nakon ana buoka te Tautaeka ao Ana Ekaretia Iesu Kristo ibukiia Aika Itiaki ni Bong aika Kaitira ibukin reken tibwan Maiana n te desalination are matoa rekena n Eberi 2023. I kakoaua bwa bon aio teuana te ibuobuoki ae a na rang ni kakabwaiaki iai kaain Maiana ni kabane ngkai e bon tarika ranin ara kaawa n Tua ae Tebangetua, te kan buokaki bwa tera raoi ngkai te baenikai nakon mwakuriian aio?

Rairana/Translation

We are grateful to the Government and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for Maiana's share of a desalination which it received in April 2023. I know that this is very important for Maiana since this would provide water for the government village of Tebangetua, can I request why is there a delay to the operation of this machine?

OQ97. E kona te Minita ae karineaki are tabena n taekinna nakon te Maneaba aio bwa abamwakoro raa aika e reke nakoia te ibuobuoki ae baoia ataein te reirei?

Rairana/Translation

Can the Honorable Minister responsible explain to this House on which Island can receive assistance on school transport?

OQ98. N na butiia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kabwarabwara booia taan ununiki ke taan kaetii taian biikan n teina ae ngkai?

Rairana/Translation

Can the Minister responsible explain what is the pay given to the people who correct or deploy beacon at this time?

OQ99. Bwanaan Maiana ni kakaitau nakon ana tiim te Minita ae e karineaki are e roko iaon Maiana ni manga moan kaetii ao ni kateiraoi biikan. Te kan buokaki ngkanne nakon te Minita ae e karineaki bwa iai am kataratara bwa a na kona n nim tauran biikan aikai bwa e aonga n ae e tuuki kanganga aika ana kona n reke nakoia taan mwamwananga ke taan akawa n te bong?

Rairana/Translation

Maiana is grateful for the team sent by the Honourable Minister to correct and deploy Beacons on Maiana. Can we request the Honourable Minister if there are plans to install lights on the beacon to restricts problems to travelers or Fisherman during the night?

OQ100. N aron te network ibukin te reitaki n te tareboon ao te intanete ao I kakoaua iaon abau ae Maiana bwa e kuri kanganga reken te signal ke te reitaki ngkana ko mena ni kaawa aika Tebikera, Tekaranga, Tematantongo ao Bubutei. N na bubutia te Minita ae e karineaki are tabena, iai am kataratara ni kaineti ma te kainano aio?

Rairana/Translation

Regarding telephone and internet connections on my Island constituency of Maian, signals issues are common at Tebikerai, Tekarakan, Tematantongo and Bubutei villages. Could I ask the Hon Minister concerned if he has any plans to look into addressing this urgent need?

6. By Hon. Iakoba Jacob Karutake, MP (Rabi)

OQ101. Te tabeka ibukin kaboon imwin te uruaki nakoia kain Banaba are uruakin abaia n tain te phosphate mining nakon te international Court of Justice e a tia n tatabekaki n te Maneaba ni Maungatabu aio. I kan titirakina te Ministry are tabena aio bwa e a toki ia ngkai mwakuriana, taiaoka?

Rairana/Translation

The issue of compensation for the Banabans whose land was destroyed and devastated during phosphate mining by the colonial rulers was raised in the past in this House to be taken up to the International Court of Justice. Could the responsible Ministry provide an update on the status of this request please?

OQ102. E kakoauaaki bwa e bon tuai man kabwakaki ke ni kaboaki lease iaon aaba iaon Banaba ae e kabongana te Tautaeka n ikarokoa te bong aei. Ibukin aio ao ia tabekia nakon te Tautaeka ngkana e kona n teirake kabwakan taian lease iaon taabo aikai ao e backdated man te tai aike a kabonganaki iai ni karokoa te bong aei nakon te Rabi Council of Leaders ibukia taan Ababa.

Rairana/Translation

It is noted that lease payment has not been made to lands on Banaba used by government agencies from the time it was occupied till to date. On that note, I kindly seek government assistance if these leases are paid to the Rabi council of Leaders on behalf of the landowners from the time they were used till to date?

OQ103. E korakora kainanoan te boira ke te anchor are e na kateaki irarikin ana uaabu Banaba ibukin buokaia kaibuke ao bwatintia aike a mwamwananga nako ao n oki mai Banaba. Aio te tabeka te uana ae e tabekaki n taai aika nako. Te bubuti ngkana e kona n kamatataki bwa e a toki ia ngkai rongorongan te tabeka aio taiaoka?

Rairana/Translation

The need for a buoy (deep sea anchor) at Banaba Jetty to assist shipping companies and passengers travelling to and from Banaba Island was one of the issues raised previously in this house. Could the relevant Minister provide the status of this request, please?

7. By Hon. Tawaria Komwenga, MP (Beru)

OQ104. Iai ana bubuti au Kauntira ni Beru, ibukin tangiran riki temanna te tia katine ibukin kabutimwaakan te katine, tina bubutia te Minita are tabena, bwa e a baka iaa te babaronga ibukin te bubuti aio?

Rairana/Translation

The Council on Beru has requested another Cobra Assistant to support and expedite the ongoing cobra scaling operation on Beru, may I kindly request the Minister concerned, what the progress on this recruitment?

OQ105. Te mwane nakoia boboti n takataka ke te agency fee e bon teimatoa n tiku n te mwaiti ae \$50.00 per tonne, N na bubutia te tautaeka ao te Minita are tabena bwa iai ana iango te Tautaeka ni karaka te fee aio, ngkai e kakouaki ae e a bon aki tau ni kabootauaki ma aron mwakurian te takataka ma rikiraken boon te hire?

Rairana/Translation

The agency fee for copra on the outer islands remains \$50.00 per tons, may I kindly request the Government, and the Minister concerned, are there any plans to increase the current agency fee to compensate for the loads of works involved and the increase in truck hire rates?

OQ106. Iai ana bubuti au Kauntira ni Beru ibukin kawarana ioun ana tiim te Tabo n Aba ibukin katian tiana ma taan ababa, tina bubutia te Minita are tabena, bwa ningai kawaran Beru ioun te tiim man te Tabo n Aba ibukin te bubuti aio?

Rairana/Translation

The Island Council Beru has requested the Land survey and boundaries determination for the council compound, may I kindly request the Minister concerned when the team from the lands expected to visit Beru for this purpose?

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

8. By Hon. Pinto Katia, MP (Makin)

WQ4. Ni bowin Auti n taai aika a nako ao e rangi ni matata ana maroro te Minita bwa iaon kawaina n roko ana kauoaa ni wanikiba ae te Embraer. E a bwaka iaa ngkai te Embraer aio ao tera ana babaire ngkai e teimatoa n tuai man nooraki mwiin te moan Embraer nakon ana botannaomata Kiribati?

Rairana/Translation

In the last meetings of this Maneaba, the Minister clearly stated that the second Embraer is on its way. When can we expect its arrival as the first aircraft does not serve the need of our people at all?

WQ5. Tera ngkai mwin ana kakae te Tautaeka aio ibukin kabonakoakin ana wanikiba ae te Dash 8 ao tao e na iraua boona ngkana e na kabonakoaki?

Rairana/Translation

What is the current update on government plan on selling the Dash 8 aircraft and how much will it be sold for?

9. By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)

WQ6. N taai tabetai ao a manga kawaekoaki kometen reirei bwa ana karaoi mwakuri n katamaroa ao n onobwai nakon bwain te reirei ao bon umwanreirei inanon bong ni motirawa. Angiin te tai ao e bong aia bong ni mwakuri. E na kona te Tautaeka n nora riain ae karekei aia arauenti komete n itera aikai bwa kanga te boowi n raka taiaoka?

Rairana/Translation

Sometimes school committee members may be called upon to carry out repair and maintenance works, during the weekends and holidays, to the school property and classrooms. The work will mostly take one whole day. Can government consider paying allowances to the school committee member on these instances as if were a special meeting please?

WQ7. E na kakoaua te Tautaeka ae e a okioki taekan te ongora ibukin tibwaia kain au abamwakoro te taura. Aio bon man te Auti ae nako. Tera ngkai ana kabanea ni babaire te Tautaeka iaon te itera aei, ke tao a nang oneaki mwin ara taura ni bwaai ni buoka riki tabeua aika bongana naba nakon te mwenga?

Rairana/Translation

Government will no doubt agree that the lighting equipment for Beru is a repetitive issue. It has long been an issue since last parliament. Just wish to inquire government's latest update on the matter and if there are plans to replace the lighting equipment with other essentials household utensils.

WQ8. Te bubuti nakon te Minita are tabena ngkana e na kariaia bwa e nang kona ni waaki mwakurian te kiriniki are i Taboiaki nte aro are e kaai naba ni waaki mwakuriaia ma aia auti aoraki ake ana karaoi kain te kaawa n te aro are ana kaai ni bobonga raoi n tii teutana te tai.

Rairana/Translation

A request to the Minister concerned to allow if the works on the Taboiaki clinic can commence and that they be constructed together in tandem with the local clinical huts by the villagers and that they be completed at the same time?

WQ9. E reke irou aia bubuti taan mwakuri n onobwai ao ni bon kaboui mwengaia taan reirei tabeman bwa e a maan mwin tian aia mwakuri ao e tuai man reke booia. E kona te Minita are tabena taiaoka ni karekea buokaia taan mwakuri aikai bwa are bon rangi kainanoaki reken te aro n te tiati?

Rairana/Translation

It has been a while since maintenance and rehabilitation works have been completed on the quarters of some teachers and the works have been paid. A request to the Minister concerned to assist these people to expedite payment at the earliest possible, please?

10. By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

WQ10. Te karikirake ae onean taari nakon te ran n te kawa ae Abomakoro I Nonouti, e moanaki iraua te ririki n nako. I kan titiraki ba tera ngkai rongorongona ba tao e na tia ningai?

Rairana/Translation

The desalination project in Abamakoro on Nonouti started a few years back.

I want to ask what is the latest update on it and when will it be completed?

WQ11. Te seawall are e karaoaki iraua te ririki n nako, n tanrakean Autukia i Nonouti, e a tia ngkai n uruaki ni kabane. I a tia n tabeka aio nakoia ake tabeia n te tai are e uarereke iai te uruaki, ma e tara n ae akea te bwai ae atia ni karaoaki. I kan titiraki ba e na iai te mwakuri ae na karaoaki nako iai ke akea?

Rairana/Translation

The seawall that was build on the ocean side of Autukia village on Nonouti, a few years back, has now been completely destroyed. I have reported this, but up to now, nothing appeared to have been done to this .

I want to ask, will there be any work on this or not?

MOTION

11. By Hon. Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)

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Bwa te Maneaba aio e na kaota tabeaiangana ae korakora ibukin teimatoan taretaren mwanen te takataka ae karika aia kanganga ae e bati te botanaomata, riki taan oroben ao nakeke a bobota aia karekemwane ao maiuia man te ben, ao e kaumaka te Tautaeka bwa e na kabaitia ni kabwakai mwanen takataka ake a tia n kaboaki n te tai ae e waekoa ao ni kawenea te kainibaire ae kiraati iaon bwabwakan mwanen te takataka ao n taraia bwa e na aki manga oki n taretare mwanen te takataka n taai aika a na roko.

Rairana/Translation

That this House expresses its grave concern over the Government continued failure to pay the copra subsidy in a timely and consistent manner, a failure which has caused significant hardship to copra farmers across the country, undermined confidence in the sector, and jeopardized the livelihoods of rural communities who rely heavily on this support and urges the Government to immediately rectify these delays, provide a clear and transparent schedule for future payments and ensure timely disbursement of subsidies in the future.

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