



## REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

### FOURTH MEETING OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> MANEABA NI MAUNGATABU

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#### ORAL QUESTIONS

##### 1. By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)

**OQ107.** N ana rongorongo bwanaan Kiribati iaon ana tang David ao e taekinna bwa te COA e motikia bwa eti katean te tribunal iaan te tua. Ma akea taekinan ake uoua, ae akea mwakan te Beretitenti ni katoka boon te tia moti n te tai are e kamotirawaki moa iai, ao e bure te court ngke e rawa n ongoraea te tang, ae tangiran moa rinanoan ana riboti te tribunal imwain rokona n te Auti n Tei.

I kan titiraki bwa bukin tera bwanaan Kiribati e aki anga te rongorongo ae bwanin n tuka mangaongaon ongoran te botannaomata?

#### *Rairana/Translation*

In its radio broadcast, radio Kiribati when reporting on the COA judgement on cases related to Judge David case, it only mentioned that establishing the tribunal was legal and proper. But nothing was said about the other cases where the COA ruled that the Beretitenti has no power to withhold the salary of the judge during suspension, and the High Court made a mistake when it refused to review the tribunals report before going to parliament

**OQ108.** Teuana te bwai ae nangiin ataki iai te Tautaeka aio bon te katei komete. E moanaki ma ngke e moan reke ni karokoa te bong aio. E nangin ataki naba ibukin kateakin komete ae e kona n ti kainaki irouia kain ana botaki, te waki ae e aki kakaraoaki n tautaeka ni inaomata.

Ngkai e a tia ni kabaneaki te nga n tara iaon komete aikai, e kona te Tautaeka ni kabwarabwara bwa tera ae e kakaraoia imwain tian butimwaeakin riboti akanne n te Auti aio?

#### *Rairana/Translation*

One thing that this Government is famous for, is the establishment of select committee. It began when it first came to office, and it continues now. It is also

famous for establishing committees that can consist of its supporters only, a practice that is not in line with the best parliamentary practice.

Given that thousands of dollars have been spent, can the Government outline what it normally does after the reports have been tabled and endorsed by this House?

**OQ109.** N ana katanoata te Tautaeka ao e taekinna bwa a kona ngkai n rin kain Kiribati n te waki ni kamaeka i Aotiteria. Ngke e moan wakinaki, ao aki rin iai ara aomata, ao n aron ana taeka te Beretitenti n te Auti aio, e taku bwa a kakibaki ao a bwainikirinaki ara botanaomata ngkai akea te kamatebwai ae e karaoaki ngkai a nang mananga utu ni kona ni maeka i Aotiteria iaan te waaki aio.

I kan titiraki bwa tera ana waki Aotiteria ae e atia ni karaoia ni kaekai tabeaiangan te Beretitenti iaon te waaki aio?

#### ***Rairana/Translation***

In its public announcement the Government said that Kiribati can now participate in the program. When it first started, Kiribati did not participate, and according to the comments by the Beretitenti, in this House, he said that the people are being rushed and mistreated by Australia as there was no proper study, given that families will be allowed to live in Australia.

I want to ask what has Australia done to address the concerns of the Beretitenti about the program?

## **2. By Hon. Terieta Mwemwenikeaki, MP (Tarawaieta)**

**OQ110.** E a bwaka iaa ngkai ana kakammwakuri te KIFF (Tina n Rabwata ni Butiboro iaon Kiribati) iaon karinana n te OFC (Botaki n Butiboro n aonon te Betebeke) ao tera ae e a riai n karaoia te Tautaeka n kakoroa nanon te waaki ae e kakawaki aei.

#### ***Rairana/Translation***

What is the update on KIFF's effort to obtain full membership from the OFC and what are the necessary supports that the Government need to provide to fulfill this important endeavor?

**OQ111.** Iai taabo iaon Tarawaieta n aron te kainga ae Kamwemwenang iaon Buota are a bon teimatoa n rangi n rorotaki n iabutin taari, ao a bon aki buokaki man taian baaki n tano ake anganganaki man ana Aobiti te Beretitenti ibukin totokoan ana urubwai iabutin taari. Iai riki ana waaki te Tautaeka n buokiia kain te kainga man rotakia man iabutin taari, riki n tain te oniia n taainako.

### **Rairana/Translation**

There are communities on North Tarawa such as Kamwemwenang at Buota which have and continue to be greatly affected by the sea inundation during high tides. The provision of seabags to these communities does not adequately address their problem. What government's practical solutions to address these communities problems caused by sea-level rise especially during high tides?

**OQ112.** A rangi n rawata ataein kaawa aika Abatao ma Buota aika a reirei n taian JSS ao kauarinan i South Tarawa bukina ngkai a bon kaan riki ma mwengaia nakon reirei ake i Tarawaieta.

Aia kanganga bon kaean te school bus are e kakaraoa ana ananai ao kabwakabwaka i Tanaea n katoa bong. I kona n butia te Botaki n Reirei ngkana e kona n karekea angan baoia ataei mai tabon Buota nako Tanaea ibukin kaean te school bus n katoa bong bwa aoria n aki rimwii ao n roroko iaon te tai n kaean aia reirei?

### **Rairana/Translation**

Many students from villages in North Tarawa, namely Abatao and Buota, attend JSS and Secondary Schools in South Tarawa because these schools are more accessible and located closer than those in North Tarawa.

They are currently facing difficulty to catch school bus which picks up students from drop them at Tanaea village every day. Can I kindly ask the MOE if they could consider providing a transportation for these students from Buota to Tanaea, to avoid their tardiness unnecessarily?

**OQ113.** I kona n butia te Minita are tabena karikirakean te takakaro ngkana e a kona n karekei ngkai bwaai n takakaro ao n tibwatibwai nakoia abamwakoro ibukin kaungakin te takakaro ao te kakammwakuri irouia ara botannaomata, riki bon ara roronrikirake ibukin marurungii?

### **Rairana/Translation**

Can I kindly ask the Minister responsible if her Ministry can now provide and distribute sport equipment to all outer islands so that our people especially our youths are engaging in sport activities for their health improvement.

## **3. By Hon. Tessie Eria Lamourne, MP (Abemama)**

**OQ114.** I kan titirakina te Minita n te Mauri ao Katoki Aoraki bwa antai raoi tabena kamaiuan te bwai ni kaikeike n te onaoraki iaon abamwakoro?

### **Rairana/Translation**

I want to ask the Minister of Health and Medical Services to confirm who is responsible for providing gas at medical centers on the outer islands?

**OQ115.** A kaongoaki Boboti te kainibaire ae e boou iaon taian umwa n takataka. N aron otau ao n te tai aei ao umwa n takataka a kantaningaki bwa 6 te miita abwakia, 4 te miita rababaia ao 2 te miita rietiaia. A kona n bwai n Kiribati ke n bwai n Imatang. N te tai aei ao ai 12 te miita te ananau, 10 te miita te rababa ao 4 te miita te rietata ao a na riai ni bwai n imatang.

E kona te Minita are tabena ni kabwarabwara riain te bitaki n te kainibaire aei?

### **Rairana/Translation**

Cooperatives were informed of the new requirements of copra sheds. At the moment, I understand that they are 6 meters long, 4 meters wide and 2 meters high, I understand that they are required to be 12 meters long, 10 meters wide and 4 meters high and they must be built with permanent materials.

Can the responsible Minister explain why this change is necessary?

**OQ116.** Kaokan kantokan aia kaako aomata e aki bane ni mwanenaki n te waaki ae e boou iaon kaboan mwin kantokan kaako (Freight refund) ni kaineti ma te Aan Tua iaon te Import Levy Fund. Aei e aki boutoka maiuraoia ao mwengaraoia kaain aonnaba ngkai a teimatoa ni kaitara te kabanemwane iaon kantokan aia kaako n aron bwain te mwenga ma bwaai ibukin aia karikirake

E kona te Minita are tabena ni karina naba aikai n te kabomwi ni kantokan kaako iaan te mwane ae te Import Levy Fund?

### **Rairana/Translation**

Freight refund for individual goods are not all covered under the new Import Levy Fund regulations. This does not support poverty alleviation and livelihood programs in the outer islands as per people continue to meet the freight cost of goods purchased in Tarawa.

Can the responsible Minister include goods procured by individuals in Tarawa to support livelihood and poverty alleviation initiatives in the freight refund scheme under the Import Levy Fund?

**OQ117.** Biriraken boon te iti iaon Tarawa n te mwaiti ae e a rang bubura inanon namwakaina aika a nako e a karawawataia riki te botannaomata ake a kabongana te iti.

N na butia te Minita bwa e na kabwarabwarai kainibaire ma waaki ni kauarerekea rotakia te botannaomata ao riki ake a bon kekeiakina maiuia ni katong bong?

***Rairana/Translation***

The significant increase in electricity tariff in the past few months has caused more hardship on the people living in Tarawa.

I want to ask the Minister to provide details of the current policies and initiatives in place to mitigate the impact of high electricity tariffs on low income household?

**4. By Hon. Banuera Berina, MP (Kuria)**

**OQ118.** Iai taian truck ao rebwrebwe ao kaako riki tabeua aika a tiku n ana tabo ni kaako ana kambwana ni kaibuke te Tautaeka ae KNSL ibukin karokoia i Kuria. I kona ni butiia te Minita ae e rine are tabena aio bwa e na kaongoia kaain Kuria-bwa nakon ningai katautauan rokon ana kaibuke KNSL i Kuria ibukin kabwakaan truck ma rebwrebwe ao kaako riki tabeua taiaoka?

***Rairana/Translation***

There are vehicles, a truck, motorbikes and other cargoes awaiting the trip by the Government's ships to deliver them to Kuria. May I ask the concerned Honourable Minister to inform the people of Kuria as to when KNSL's Vessel is going to Kuria to deliver the said truck, motorcycles and other goods to Kuria please?

**OQ119.** Iai ana bubuti te Bootaki n Unimwane iaon Kuria ibukin kainanoan tuoan titooan aia booboti kaain Kuria ae Teiraoi C/S ae e a tia n roko mwina inanoni bain te Tia Tau Mwin booboti.

I kona ni butiia te Minita ae e rine are tabena aio bwa e na kaongoia kaain Kuria bwa e na roko n ningai te tia tuo ke taan tuo titooan aia booboti taiaoka?

***Rairana/Translation***

There is a request by the Unimwane Association on Kuria for the audition of the store of their cooperative society, Teiraoi C/S which has reached the hands of the Registrar of Cooperatives.

Can I ask the concerned Honourable Minister to inform the people of Kuria of when an auditor or auditors will arrive to audit the store of their society, please?

**OQ120.** A bwai ni kawai baoia ataein te reirei i Kuria ao a boni kainanoa baoia ae boou. I kona ni butiia te Minita are tabena bwa e na kaongoia kaain Kuria bwa iai ana babaaire ana botaki ni mwakuri ibukin tobwaan te kainnano aio?

**Rairana/Translation**

The Kuria students transport is old and they need a new transport. May I ask the Honourable Minister concerned to inform the people of Kuria about whether or not his Ministry has any plans to address this need?

**OQ121.** I kan rimwin nako au titiraki mani boowin te Maneaba ae nako ibukin aia livelihood project kaain St Michael ao KUC Oneeke are e kaeka iai te Beretitenti ae e karineaki bwa a bane n tiku n ana aobiti ibukin rinanoakiia. I kani butiia te Beretitenti ae e rine bwa tera ngkai te kabanea n rongorongo ibukin aia karikirake rabwata aika uoua aikai taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

I wish to follow up my question from the last meeting of the Maneaba ni Maungatabu regarding the livelihood project for St Michael and KUC Oneeke to which questions His Excellency Te Beretitenti responded that the said project were still under review for consideration. I wish to ask His Excellency Te Beretitenti for the latest information regarding the project for these two groups please?

**OQ122.** E bubuti Kuria kawaina ae na teimatoa tamaaroana. E kona te Minita ae e rine are tabena aio bwa tera ngkai te kabanea n rongorongo ibukin katamaroaan kawain Kuria taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Kuria needs a road the quality of which will last. May I ask the Honourable Minister responsible for this for the latest information regarding the upgrading to the Kuria Road Please?

**OQ123.** E rangi ni korakora kainnanoan te mwane ibukin te takataka i Kuria. Ngkai, a bon ataia bwa ngkana a katine ao e nang aki reke irouia mwanen aia katine n aron are a tataneiai iai. N rokon te mwane, ao e aki naba kona n toa baia koraki ake a kamani katine imwaain rokon mwanen te katine.

Tera ana waaki te Tautaeka n taraia bwa e na toki te kainnano aio taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

There is a grave need for the copra funds in Kuria. Now, they know that when they sell their copra, they will not get copra money as was the case before. When the copra fund arrives, it will not be enough to be given out to those who have sold their copra before the arrival of the copra fund.

What the Government doing to ensure that this need is eradicated, please?

**OQ124.** Aomata mai Kuria ake a kabooi aia kaako man taiani bitineti ni ikotaki ma hardware, a bon tataneiai ngkoa ni kakabwakaaki kantokan aia kaako man taabo n ota ke titooan te hardware. Ngkai a boni bae ni kabwakai kantokan aia kaako ma akea kabooan mwin aia mwane bwa e kainanoaki te license n te store ibukin karekean boon mwin kantokan am kaakoo. Iai ana waaki te Tautaeka ni karekea buokaia aomata ake akea aia titooa bwa aonga ni buokaki ibukin kantokan aia bwai ke aia kaakoo man taabo n ota ao taian store n hardware?

**Rairana/Translation**

The people in Kuria used to have freight for the goods they purchased from wholesalers or hardware store. Now they are paying for the freight themselves but there is no refund for the freight because a store license is required in order to get a freight refund. Does the Government have a way of assisting the people who have no retail store to enable them to get be assisted in respect of the goods or cargoes ordered from wholesalers or hardware store?

**5. By Hon. Lavinia Teatao Teem, MP (Abaiang)**

**OQ125.** Iaon te kaawa ae Nuotaea I Abaiang ao iai taan reirei n te pre-School ae a tataneiai n karekea aia bwakabwai n te maiti ae \$104.00 ni katoa bwakabwai ao man June 2024 ao eatia ni bitaki te maiti anne nakon \$52.00 ni katoa bwakabwai, e kona ni kabwarabwara te Minita are tabena bwa tera raoi bukin te bitaki aio ao iai ana iango n manga rinanoa aio ao ni katamaroa ibukin boutokakia ao kaungakia ara taan reirei n te Pre School?

**Rairana/Translation**

It has come to attention that the wages of Pre-School Teachers on Nuotaea Abaiang have been reduced from \$104.00 to \$52.00 per fortnight. This significant reduction raises concern regarding the welfare and motivation of early childhood educators. I respectfully seek clarification from the Honourable Minister responsible on the reasons behind this wage adjustment, and whether there are plans to review or rectify this matter in support of our Pre-School teachers?

**OQ126.** Iai auti n reirei aika tia n karaoaki irouia kain kaawa iaon Abaiang, a nang maan n tia auti aikai ao man tuai bwaka boon karaoaia, e kona te Minita are Tabena n nora aio ao man nora riain kabwakakin mwaane n mwakuri aikai?

### **Rairana/Translation**

House for schools on Abaiang have been constructed by certain villagers and completed. The payments for labour changes are still pending, can the Minister responsible see that these payments are made Accordingly?

**OQ127.** Iai tabeman taan mwakuri n te kauntira i Abaiang ae a tuai man bwaka aia leave grant, e kona te Minita are tabena n rinanoa aio bwa aonga ni waekoa ni bwaka aio nakoia taan mwakuri aikai?

### **Rairana/Translation**

It has been brought to attention that some staff members of the Abaiang Island Council are still awaiting payment of their leave grants. I respectfully call on the Honourable Minister responsible to address this outstanding matter at his earliest convenience, and to ensure that entitlements due to council staff are processed and paid accordingly.

**OQ128.** N na bubutia te Minita are tabena e kona ni kabwarabwara bwa tera raoi te kainibaire ibukia aoraki ake ana riai ni kanakoaki nako tinaniku ibukin aorakia ake aikoa kona ni karaoaki n te onaoraki ikai?

### **Rairana/Translation**

Could the Honourable Minister responsible kindly outline the current guidelines and criteria governing the referral of patients to overseas medical facilities, particularly in cases where the required treatment is not available within Kiribati?

**OQ129.** Iaon Abaiang ao a bane n on auti n takataka ao ngkai akea moa te katine ni karokoa a bane n anaki takataka aikai. N na bubutia te Minita e kona ni kibara te kanganga aio bwa e aonga ni manga waaki te katine ben iaon Abaiang?

### **Rairana/Translation**

The copra storage facilities (sheds) on Abaiang have now reached their maximum capacity, resulting in a halt to the acceptance of additional copra for weighting and processing. The situation is significantly affecting local copra procedures. I respectfully seek clarification from the Honorable Minister responsible as to what immediate measures or interventions are being considered to address this pressing issue and ensure continuity in copra collection and trade on Abaiang?

**OQ130.** N bowin te Maneaba ae e nako ao e aki tauraoi te Tautaeka ni kanakoa bwa iraua raoi tibwan abamwakoro iaon te small grant ke te mwane are na buoka kamauraoan te botannaomata, e kona ngkai n kabwarabwara bwa iraua raoi tibwan Abaiang man te mwane aio, ao tera karikirake aika e a tia n buokia te Tautaeka man te mwane aio?

***Rairana/Translation***

During the last sitting of this Honourable Maneaba, Government was unable to provide details on the distribution of the livelihood Development Fund across the islands. I now respectfully request that Government inform this Maneaba of the specific allocation made for Abaiang for the current year, and further provide details on the livelihood development projects that have been funded through this allocation?

**OQ131.** Iai maneaba iaon Abaiang ake a kakabonganaki n tain te rinerine ao taian bwakamwane nakon te botannaomata, e kona n nora riaina te Tautaeka bwa ana riai ni kaboaki kamanenakia maneaba aikai man te tai are a kabonganaki iai ibukin te rinerine ae e nako ao taai ake a karoaki iai bwakamwane nakoia aomata imwain te rinerine ae e nako ao ikitaki ma bong aika i mwaira?

***Rairana/Translation***

It is noted that certain maneaba on Abaiang have been utilized by Government as venues for electoral activities and as payment centers for the public. In light of this, I respectfully urge Government to consider making appropriate payments for the use of these community facilities- both for the most recent election and for subsequent occasions where they have served as payment centers and for future use?

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**6. By Hon. Ieremia Tabai, MP (Nonouti)**

**WQ12.** E bwaka iaa ngkai mwakuri ibukin kakoroan nanon te motinano iaon ritinakin maneaban aaro iaon Kiribati n kabuta?

***Rairana/Translation***

What is the update on the Government's policies manifesto on the leasing churches maneaba across Kiribati?

**WQ 13.** E kona ngkai te Tautaeka n kariaia rabwata n business ke rabwata aika a bon onoti ao man inaomata mai iroun te Tautaeka n riki bwa taan karoa te kataneiai ibukin te nako n mwakuri i New Zealand ao Australia ao n kona naba n onimakinia bwa ana kona n riki bwa taan kanakoia aomata ni mwakuri i New

Zealand ao Australia ao n iri kainibaire ake e na anganaki mai iroun te Tautaeka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can the Government now able to allow private bodies to become training and recruiting agencies for job opportunities in Australia and New Zealand, but to comply with Government's relevant policies?

**WQ14.** Tera ngkai taekan te amburanti i taari are e bubuti ngkoa ibukin baoia aoraki mai Tarawaieta ao abamwakoro riki ake a kaan nako te onaoraki are i Nawerewere ibukin kainanoan te mwakuri n kuakua ake aki kona n karaoaki iaon Tarawaieta?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can I kindly ask for an update on the sea ambulance which will provide transportation for patients from Tarawaieta and other close by islands to Nawerewere hospital for medical treatment?

**WQ15.** I kona n bubuti rongorongan aia leave grants Taan Reirei man St Thomas Pre-School iaon Tabiteuea, North Tarawa?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can I kindly ask for an update on the payment of teachers leave grants from Saint Thomas Pre-School at Tabiteuea, North Tarawa?

**7. By Hon. England Iuta, MP (Beru)**

**WQ16.** E a manga rotaki naba bonon te Oo ni Katorika are i Futuna Taboiaki maiaki i Beru are mwakuriaki ni katamaroaki 10 te ririki nnako. E a manga tabe naba ni kanaki nako mai iaana. Tina bubuti nakon ana Aobiti te Beretitenti ngkana e na kona n reke angan manga buokan aei man ana tiim are tabe ma kanakin mataniwin te aba?

**Rairana/Translation**

The seawall at Catholic Mission compound in Futuna, Taboiaki village is again being eroded from its base after its construction 10 years ago. A request to the Office of the Beretitenti if it can look into this matter under its Disaster Management division, please?

**WQ17.** Te bubuti nakon te Tautaeka bwa e a bwaka iaa mwanen te karikirake are te Livelihood Grant ao iraua, ngkana iai, ana bubuti ni karikirake Beru aika a tiku n tataningai rinanoakia?

### ***Rairana/Translation***

A request to Government on the update of the livelihood grant and if there outstanding applications from Beru still pending?

#### **8. By Hon. Choy Freddy, MP (Betio)**

**WQ18.** N na bubutia te Minita ae e karineaki bwa e teimatoa n tiku ana kanganga BTC iaon aki taun ana tabo ni maenge ke te landfill ao rang ni kainanoaki riki n te tai ae e waekoa. Kabanean ana maroro te Minita iaon aio ao e mwaneweia bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai teakan aio?

### ***Rairana/Translation***

The Betio Town Council is still without a proper dumping site or landfill. In my last discussion with the Minister in charge, the Minister said that the tender process to extend the current landfill was in progress. Could the Minister kindly give an update on the latest progress with this?

**WQ19.** N na butia te Minita ae e karineaki are tabena bwa e kona ni buoka Betio n ana kanganga ibukin katamaroan te ruanimate ngkai ae e a bon kainanoa kamanoana ao barongana?

### ***Rairana/Translation***

Could the Minister kindly consider providing assistance for the rehabilitation of the Betio cemetery?

## **MOTIONS**

#### **9. By Hon. Kaotitaake Kokoria, MP (Tabuaeran)**

##### **Motion 16**

Bwa te Maneaba aei e butiia Te Tautaeka bwa e na noora riain ma kakawakin katiteboan aia motirawa taan mwakuri ni kabane n te Tautaeka n aki taraaki aia level ke aia tikeera ni boo ma ana bane n anganaki 30 te bong bwa aia motirawa ni katoa ririki.

### ***Rairana/Translation***

That this Maneaba requests the Government to consider and recognize the importance of ensuring that a full -time government employees, irrespective of their position or level are entitled to 30 working days of annual leave each year.

##### **Motion 17**

Bwa te Maneaba aei e butiia Te Tautaeka bwa e na noora riain ma kakawakin anganakiia aia motirawa ae e onoti ara taan mwakuri n ana bootaki ni

mwakuri nako te Tautaeka ake iai tibwangaia ae moan te kakawaki n katoamauaan ana tiim n takakaro Kiribati ake a kaei kaboo itinanikun Kiribati bwa taan takakaro ke taan kairiiri ke taan iriia taan takakaro.

***Rairana/Translation***

That this Maneaba request the Government to consider and recognize the invaluable construction of Government employees who participate in or accompany national sports teams representing Kiribati in regional and international games held overseas, by granting them special leave entitlements for the duration of their official involvement in such even.