



## REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

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

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#### ORAL QUESTIONS

##### 1. **By Hon. Riteta Iorome, MP (Onotoa)**

**OQ49.** N na butia te Minita n te MISE ae e rine bwa tera te update ngkai ibukin rokon ana bwai ni mwakuri are ana karaoa Aoraereke causeway ngkai e a bwakanako June 2025 are taku bwa ana roko iai?

##### *Rairana/Translation*

May I ask the Honourable Minister for MISE to provide an update on the arrival of equipment and tools for the maintenance of the Aoraereke causeway, which were expected to arrive by June 2025 as previously mentioned?

##### 2. **By Hon. Tinian Reiher, MP (Butaritari)**

**OQ50.** E kona te Minita ae e karineaki n te Botaki ibukin Bitineti, Karaobwai ao Booboti n kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na bon reke te buoka ibukin ana karikirake Butaritari iaon te karao amwarake ma mooi man uanikai, banikai ke tao e na bon aki?

##### *Rairana/Translation*

Could the Honourable Minister for Commerce inform this Maneaba if there is prospect of securing aid assistance for the establishment of Butaritari food and drink processing plant or not?

**OQ51.** E kona te Kauoman n Beretitenti ao te Minita n te mwane ae e karineaki n kaongoa te Maneaba aio bwa tera raoi bukina ngkai e teimatoa n tuai bwaka aia mwane n motirawa nikiraia ana kaubure te Kauntira n Butaritari ibukin te ririki aio?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Hon. Vice President and Minister for Finance and Economic Development kindly inform Maneaba why the leave grant (2025) for remaining Butaritari village wardens are still not yet paid?

**OQ52.** E kona te Tautaeka n ibuobuoki n karekea te mwane n buoka ibukin katean ana tienta te roro n rikirake i Butaritari?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could Government assist in securing aid assistance for the construction of the Youth center in Butaritari?

**OQ53.** Iai ana babaire Air Kiribati bwa man 01 September ao a kainanoaki ke n kabaeaki bwatintia ake ana kiba bwa ana uota aia ID (National ID Card ke Bwatiboti, ke KPF ID card ke Driving License) ibukin aia kakoaua. Ngkai angina kain abamwakoro n reitaki ma Butaritari akea aia ID n aron akana a kainanoaki, e kona te Minita ae e karineaki n kabwarabwara bwa tera te babaire ibukiia?

**Rairana/Translation**

With effect from 01 September all passengers to travel on Air Kiribati domestic flight are required to produce or show their IDs either a National ID Card, KPF ID Card, Passport or Driving License. As most people in outer islands including Butaritari have no such IDs could the Minister Kindly explain alternative arrangement or plan for them if any?

**OQ54.** Te bubuti nakon te Minita ae e karineaki n te kamwakuri bwa iraman ngkai kain Butaritari aika a mwakuri i Aotiteria ao Niutiran ao iraman aika a tiku n te tataninga ke te waiting list?

**Rairana/Translation**

A request to the Honourable Minister for Labour to kindly state the number of Butaritari individuals currently employed in Australia and New Zealand and how many are still on the waiting List?

**OQ55.** Iai te koaua ae e reke ma imuin te maroro ma botaki n aine n aron te Itoi ni ngaina, te RAK, RAB ao te Tooreka bwa a rawata aia karikirake aika ana karekemwane n boutoka aia waaki ma te kanganga bwa e bon aki tau aia mwane n mwakuri ke seed money are a na kona n kamwakuria ibukin aia karikirake aika a tauraoi ni waakini?

### **Rairana/Translation**

It was apparent from the discussion with the women associations Te Itoi ni ngaina, RAK, RAB and SDA Dorcas (Tooreka) that they have productive project ready in the pipeline but have no capital funds to implement them, Could Government see merits in providing seeds money to use as revolving capital for their ready to roll projects?

**OQ56.** E a tei ana tabo n reirei ao n mwakuri te Botaki n Akawa ao Marin Marawa iaon kaeniakin ika (Fish canning) n aron te ika n marawa ao ikan nanoa, te karikirake are a na kaungaaki iai aomata ma botaki ake iai nanoia iai. Iai te reirei ke te workshop ae e na wakinaki inanon te namwakaina aio ke n moan te namwakaina ae e na roko. Bon iai abamwakoro ake a taketenaki n te karikirake (te kakatai) aio ma te titiraki nakon te minita ae e karineaki bwa iai ana kantaninga ana Botaki n Mwakuri n butimwaia abamwakoro ake iai nanoia n kan ira nab ate reirei aio?

### **Rairana/Translation**

The Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Resources has established the training and process center targeting household, communities and organizations that have interest in small scale canning of tuna and other pelagic and inshore fish. It is a pilot project initially targeting 3 islands and a training workshop has been scheduled to take place this month or early next month. My question to the Hon Minister is simply to ask if the ministry have plans to include other islands that have interest in participating in the training workshop?

#### **4. By Hon. Tonganibeia Buraieta Koakoa, MP (Tarawaieta)**

**OQ57.** I kan karabwa te Minita are tabena riki ara Tautaeka aei ngkai e a tia ana rawa ara kawa ae Taratai ao ni kawenea te bubuti nakon te Minita are tabena bwa ngkana e a tia aia rawa e kona n ni moantai n tei te naan bikaan ibukin te rororake n te bong taiaoka?

### **Rairana/Translation**

I thank the responsible Minister and our government for competition of the sea passage for our village of Taratai and I humbly request the Minister responsible if navigation beacons can be deployed on this sea passage for night navigation purposes?

**OQ58.** N na bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa e kona ni kamatata bwa e kanga aron babairean mwanen riitit te aba i Bonriki ibukin te ran ngkai iai te utu teuana ae e ritinaki naba abaia (Te Katannako) ibukin anaakin

ranna, ae aaki kukurei ni mwanen aia riiti ae tii \$5.00 n te ririki koraki taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could I ask the responsible Minister to clarify the current policies governing land leases in Bonirki that are designated for water reserves since there has been a concern raised by a family whose land—Te Katannako—is currently under lease, yet they remain unhappy with the annual payment of \$5?

**OQ59.** N na bubutia te Beretitenti bwa iai ana babaire ni kaineti ma aia bubuti kaain Kiribati ake iaon New Zealand kainanoan katean te High Commission Office ikekei ngkai e a bon rang mwaiti kaain Kiribati ni ikotaki ma kaain Tarawaieta iaon New Zealand, taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can his excellency te Beretitenti what are his plans in regard to the request for a High Commission Office in New Zealand by Kiribati people there, since there are many I-Kiribati, including North Tarawa people, living there in New Zealand?

**OQ60.** Iai te rawa ae kenaki i tanraken Tanaea ma Buota ma e aki roko ananaun te rawa aei ike e a riki bwa te kanganga nakoia te naan Booti aika ana rororake mai tanrake ngkana e ora taari. N na bubutia te Minita are tabena norakin riain katamaroan te rawa aei ngkai e nang kabebetea te kabane bwaa irouia taan akawa ao bon taan kakabongana aika kaain Tarawaieta ao kaain naba Tarawa teinainano n tain rororakeia mai iai taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

There is a sea passage for passing of boats from the ocean side of Tanaea and Buota which is not deep enough for passing of boats from the ocean side during low tide, can I kindly request the Minister responsible if they can consider improving this passage since it can greatly deduce the fuel consumption for North Tarawa and South Tarawa users during their navigation?

**5. By Hon. Taianei Marea, MP (Nikunau)**

**OQ61.** E kakoaua bwa e moanna n rikirake ni mwaiti maange ake a na urua a na otawwanin ara abamakoro ae Nikunau. I kan butia te Tautaeka ngkana e kona ni karekea ana tabo ni maange Nikunau ibukin tobwaan te itera aio?

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

I would like to ask Government to provide a Land fill for Nikunau as unfriendly environmental wastes increases rapidly around our island of Nikunau?

**OQ62.** Iai noran tamaroan kabonganana ana ibuobuoki te Bangke n aron te ATM card ma te IB ke te kanako mwane rinanon te intanete n au abamakoro ae Nikunau. Te kanganga ngkanne karaaoan aia akaunti ma aia ATM card ao aia IB ae rangi ni kanganga arona ngkai e bon rangi ni bati naba taben te Tia Mwane n te kauntira are ti ngaia ae mwiokoaki iroun te Bangke ibukin buokaia kain aonnaba. I a kan butia te Minita n te Mwane ao te kauoman ni Beretitenti, e kona n reke temanna buokan ana Tia Mwane Nikunau?

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

The Bank Service such as ATM cards and Internet Banking (IB) are seen as very useful by the people of my constituency Nikunau. However, they usually face the challenges in creating bank accounts with ATM cards and Internet Banking since the island Council Treasurer who is the only trusted officer by the Bank to assist those on the outer Islands always caught up with his/her many jobs. Therefore, I would request the Minister responsible and also the Honorable Vice President is it possible for Nikunau to have another officer to assist the Treasurer?

**OQ63.** Te Tibika ae ko rine, N na bubutia te Minita n te mwane ao te Kauoman ni Beretitenti bwa e a taiaoka ni kabwarabwara bwa bukin tera e aki kabwakaki ni kabane mwanen ana Katine takataka abau ae Nikunau inanon namwakaina aika nako ao riki imwain te kainaomata?

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

Honorable Mr. Speaker, I would request the Honourable Vice President who is the Minister of Finance to provide reasonable explanations on why the copra funds for my constituency Nikunau did not pay in full in previous Months especially before the National Day Celebration?

**OQ64.** I kan titirakina te Minita are tabe ma te kamwakuri bwa tera a na anga ibukin kawaekoan reken mwanangaia koraki aika a teimatoa ngkai tataninga?

**Rairana/Translation**

I would like to ask the Minister responsible for Employment what are his avenues to speed up the recruitment of those who are still on the waiting list?

**OQ65.** I kan titiraki ibukin ana Auti n Tataninga Nikunau n ana marae ni wanikiba bwa e a bwaka iaa ngkai rongorongan kabonganana e aonga ni kaukaki ao ni kakantaninga?

**Rairana/Translation**

I would like to ask for the updates on the completion of Nikunau air terminal which was taken too long to Finish, opened and utilized?

**OQ66.** Te Tibika ae ko rine, I a kan kauaa riki aia kan ongora kain au abamakoro ae Nikunau iaon tibwaia te taura te solar bwa e na reke nakon ningai taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Honourable Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask again on behalf of my constituency from Nikunau Island want to know about when they will receive their solar lights share?

**6. By Hon. Moannata lentaake, MP (Teraina)**

**OQ67.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke Tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na katea ningai ana tower ke ana antena Tekarakan ma Baiununa ibukin karokoan te tikino n te tareboon ae raoiroi iaon kawa aikai taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government inform this House as to when exactly they can build a tower for connectivity of phone communication for Tekarakan and Bainuna Village?

**OQ68.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke Tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na roko ningai katean bonon kawa aika Temotu ao Raweai ma Tekarakan ngkai e a kakoauaki bwa e a nang korakora te kanaki nako ni kawa aikai taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government inform this House as to when exactly the seawall construction will commence for these villages Temotu, Raweai and Tekarakan Villages please?

**OQ69.** I a bon tabeka aia karabwarabwa kain abau ae Marakei n rokon ana bwai ni mwakuri ao taan mwakuri te Tautaeka ibukin karaoaan aia causewayae Nei Tangangau ao Nei Reei. Kam rangi n bati n rabwa te Minita ma taan mwakuri. Ma te karinerine nakon te Tautaeka tao e na roko te kawai ae korotaa ni ngai i Matakei taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

I am happy to voice here the appreciation and gratitude of Marakei people for the hard work and a well-done assignments by Ministry of Infrastructure and sustainable Energy in the construction or building of a new Tangangau Causeway and also the minor repair or maintenance work of Nei Reei Causeway at Tekarakan. With due respect can the government advice as to when will the new tar seal road for Marakei start?

**OQ70.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke Tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa tera ngkana e kona n taiaoka ni kabwaka raoi te mwane ni kara ao ni mwauku man aki mwakuri n taina raoi taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government inform this House if it is possible to pay the public on time for elderly grant, disable grant and unemployment grant on schedule please.

**OQ71.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke Tautaeka ni kangoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na reke nakon ningai ana bubuti te Kauntira ni Marakei iaon ana moan karikirake are te kaibuke taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government inform this House as to when exactly the Marakei Island Council expect to get their priority project on their new cargo vessel please?

**OQ72.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke Tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa iai ana iango ni kakatauraoia ana botannaomata ngkana e kuba n roko te katenua ni buaka n te aonaba iaon Kiribati taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government please inform this House whether there is a contingency plan in place for the people of Kiribati in the event of an imminent World War III?

**OQ73.** E kona te Minita are tabena ke tautaeka ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa e na kabwakaki nakon ningai boon aia landing craft kain Marakei taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

Could the Minister responsible or government inform this House as to when they can pay for Marakei landing craft, please?

**7. By Hon. Tinte Itinteang, MP (Betio)**

**OQ74.** N na butia te Minita are tabena ana kabwarabwara ibukin bwakan te leave grant nakoia tan mwakuri ake ana reke irouia man taian business/private sector ao are e na bwaka n te ririki aio 2025?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can I ask the responsible Minister for their explanation as to when the leave grant for eligible employees from the private sector is due for this year 2025?

**OQ75.** N na butia te Minita are tabena ngkana iai ana anga n ibuobuoki ibukin te korokoro nakoia maan, n aron te katama ma te kamea, bwa aonga n aki kariki?

**Rairana/Translation**

Can I ask the responsible Minister for their assistance towards the sterilization of domesticated animals, such as cats and dogs?

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

**OQ76.** Inanon teuana ara maroro ma atein te reirei n te USP i Fiji ao e tabekaki te kanganga ae irekereke ma kamotirawakia taan mwakuri man aia tabo ni mwakuri inanon aia reirei e ngae ngke a bon kamwanangaki bwa ana reirei man aia tabo ni mwakuri. I kan butia te Tautaeka bwa tera raoi nanon te taeka ae te In-Service training taiaoka?

**Rairana/Translation**

During our Business committee verification trip to Fiji, we met with the students from USP and there was an issue raised in regards to In-service students being terminated from their workplace while studying? Could the government kindly define what in service training is?

**OQ77.** Iai kantokan kakoo ae boou ae tia ni kabonganaki irouia kambwana ni kaibuke inanon namakaina aika a nako. I kan butia te Minita are tabena bwa tera raoi te babaire iaon te kantoka ae boou aei?

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

About 2 to 3 months ago, there was a new freight rate now being used by shipping lines? Could the minister responsible kindly advise what the policy is on this new freight rate?

**OQ78.** E teiamtoa n okioki aia kanganga ara botannaomata ake a tiku i Biti ni irekereke ma te permit ke kariaiakakin tikuia ibukin aia reirei ke aia bwai n aoraki? I kan butia te Tautaeka bwa e kona n reke ana ibuobuoki iaon aio taiaoka n te tai ae tawe?

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

Our Kiribati people, student and referrals, in Fiji are experiencing issues with their permit issues. Could government look into this as early as possible?

**OQ79.** E kakorakai aron karaian te kakoo ae te timanti nakon kaibuke ao manga man kaibuke nakon abamakoro ni kabotauaki ma kakoo ake tabeua n aron te raiti, te burawa te tioka ao bwaai riki tabeua. E kona n reke ana ibuobuoki te Minita are tabena bwa e na kakerakea riki boon karaia kin ao kantokan te timanti?

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

Handing of cement from land to vessels and vice versa requires so much manpower when comparing to other commodities like sugar, flour or rice. Could the Minister responsible increase the freight and handling of cement?

## **9. By Tessie Eria Lambourne, MP (Abemama)**

**OQ80.** E teimatoa taretaren mwanen te ben n te aro ae e a rooti mauia taan oroben ao aomata ake a boboto aia karekemwane man te ben iaon Abemama ao bon abamwakoron nako Kiribati ake a oroben kaaina. A kona n tataninga taan oroben n te maan ae namwakaina tabun imwaain bwakan mwanen aia ben.

I kan bubutia te Minita are tabena bwa bukin tera ngkai e teimatoa n taretare mwanen te ben n te tai ae e maan?

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

The delay in the payment of copra subsidy from Government is a persistent issue facing copra farmers in Abemama and across the country, causing hardship to farmers, their families and those who rely on this commodity for their livelihood and income. The famers sometimes have to wait for months before they receive their payment.

I want to ask the responsible Minister why there is persistent delay in paying the copra subsidy?

**OQ81.** N te namwakaina ae e nako ao a tuangaki taan oroben iaon Abemama bwa a na ti bwaka iteran mwanen aia ben ao a na anaia man aobitin te kauntira ao tiaki man aia Boboti. Aei te babaire ae e karika te kanganga ae e bati nakoia kaain Abemama ao abamwakoro ake a riki aei nakoia. A kakaea angaia nakon te aobiti ao n tataninga inanon iraua te aoa ke irabong n okioki man aia tabo aika a raroa.

I kan titirakina te Minita are tabena bwa bukin tera ngkai e karaoaki te babaire n banga aomata aei?

***Rairana/Translation***

Last Month, Famers were told that they would receive half of their payment with the rest to be paid at an unspecified time and that they would collect their money from the council office and not from their Cooperatives. This caused major problems to the famers on Abemama and indeed those on other copra producing islands. Farmers struggled to get to the office and had to wait in line for hours or for days.

I want to ask the responsible Minister the rationale behind such a heartless decision.

**OQ82.** Akean te rara n te onaoraki i Nawerewere bon te kanganga ae e bubura ae e kona ni bua iai maiuia aoraki ngkana e aki tauraoi n te tai ae e kainanoaki iai. I kan titirakina te Minita bwa e ata te kanganga aei ao e kona ni kaongoa te Maneaba aei bwa tera ae e a tia ni karaolia bwa e na waekoa n toki te kanganga ae e roti maiuia aomata aei?

***Rairana/Translation***

The continued unavailable of blood at Taungaru central Hospital is endangering lives. I want to ask the Minister if he is aware of this urgent health crisis and can he inform this Maneaba what concrete measures he has taken to address it?