

REVISED Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No. 1187

As listed on page 19 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Siewert

To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that:
 - (i) in the last 12 months, four million Australians have experienced food insecurity, and three quarters of these people were categorised as having very low food security,
 - (ii) more than one and a half million people living in remote and rural regions have experienced food insecurity in the last twelve months, and Australians in regional and remote areas are 33% more likely to experience food insecurity than those living in major and capital cities, and
 - (iii) people who are most likely to be food insecure are people looking for work or who are in insecure/casual employment, renters, those in remote and regional areas and single parents;
- (b) recognises that our income support rates are so low, charities and the social service sector are left to provide vital community services, such as access to food,~~;~~~~and~~
- (c) calls on the Federal Government to assist with addressing food insecurity by committing to long-term funding **to organisations such as** ~~of~~ Foodbank, **OzHarvest and Second Bite; and** ~~in particular, to reverse recent funding cuts to Foodbank.~~
- (d) **calls on the Federal Government to stop trying to make savings out of the Social Services budget and ensure that organisations and individuals receive adequate and appropriate funding.**