

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question - 24

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

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Question:

Provide an update on the development on the next National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children in the context of the Coronavirus crisis, including the proposed timeline for consultation, method for consultation and list of organisations to be consulted?

Answer:

On 13 March 2019, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed for Women's Safety Ministers to start work on the development of the next National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children, with consultations to commence in 2020.

On 2 April 2020, the COAG Women's Safety Council noted that adjustments to consultation plans would be required in light of travel restrictions, social distancing requirements and the diversion of community and sector efforts to managing the immediate risks to women's safety posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The current priority for Women's Safety Ministers is to ensure there are sufficient responses to family and domestic violence during the coronavirus pandemic, including through implementation of funding under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses.

The National Plan will be developed based on research and in consultation with state and territory governments, relevant sectors and the community. The Council will shortly consider a revised timeline, method for consultation and list of organisations to be consulted in the development of the next National Plan.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question - 25

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Question:

Which services funded under the Fourth Action Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children that are continuing to provide services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and which have suspended service provision?

a. Please include the name, CED and status of each service.

Answer:

All services funded by the Commonwealth under the Fourth Action Plan are continuing. No services have been suspended. Some services have adjusted aspects of their delivery to align with the Coronavirus restrictions.

For initiatives funded under the Fourth Action Plan www.plan4womenssafety.dss.gov.au.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question - 10

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Senator: Katy Gallagher

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Question:

In relation to emergency relief, including food:

- a. What is the total additional funding announced by the Government to address the coronavirus crisis? How has this been provisioned across financial years?
- b. How much funding has already been distributed to organisations? On what dates were organisations notified and when did they receive the funding?
- c. Provide a list of all organisations that have received additional funding in relation to the Coronavirus Crisis, including the amount of additional funding received and the purpose of the funding by CED, SA4 and state/territory.
- d. Also indicate the pre-existing DSS emergency relief funding each organisations was receiving, where applicable.

Answer:

a. On 29 March 2020, the Government announced its \$200 million Community Support Package to support vulnerable Australians impacted by coronavirus. On 11 April 2020, the Minister for Families and Social Services, Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, announced the first tranche of funding under this package including:

- \$37 million for almost 200 Commonwealth-funded Emergency Relief (ER) providers;
- \$7 million for the Australian Red Cross, to deliver ER and counselling support to up to 30,000 temporary migrants over the next six months; and
- \$16 million for Food Relief providers (Foodbank Australia, SecondBite and OzHarvest) to secure food supplies, transport options and required workforce.

The sector-led National Coordination Group is working with the Government on how to distribute the remaining funding.

This funding has been provisioned as below:

| Program | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
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| Emergency Relief | \$17,000,000 | \$20,000,000 |

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| <i>Emergency Relief for Australian Red Cross</i> | \$3,000,000 | \$4,000,000 |
| Food Relief | \$16,000,000 | - |

b. All funding provisioned in 2019-20 has been distributed to organisations. Grant documents were issued to 197 ER organisations in the week commencing 13 April 2020, with funds paid upon execution.

Letters of Variation were issued to the three Food Relief providers on 9 April 2020, with funds paid upon execution of a signed Letter of Variation. Food Relief funds were paid by 10 April 2020.

c. A list of all organisations who have received additional funding in response to the coronavirus pandemic, including the amount of additional funding received, is at **Attachment A**.

The purpose of Emergency Relief funding is to support charities and community organisations to provide immediate financial or material aid to eligible people. This may constitute food parcels, clothes or vouchers (for example for supermarkets, utilities or petrol).

The purpose of Food Relief funding is to support Commonwealth-funded Emergency Relief organisations to provide food to eligible people, on a national scale.

Individual provider funding cannot be broken down at the CED level as Emergency Relief is funded at the Statistical Area 4 (SA4) level, which does not align with CEDs. Services are funded at the regional level (rather than by Local Government Area, electorate, town or suburb) to provide greater flexibility to meet the changing needs of communities and target areas most in need. Emergency Relief providers often provide services across multiple SA4s, and their total funding is not broken down by area, as providers have the ability to reallocate funding in response to changing demand.

Food Relief is funded at the national level.

d. Refer to **Attachment A**.

Emergency Relief

| Service Provider | Service Area (SA4) | State/Territory | Current Funding (1 January 2019 to 30 June 2023) ¹ | 2019-20 Additional funding in response to coronavirus | 2020-21 Additional funding in response to coronavirus |
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| 139 Club Limited | Brisbane Inner City | QLD | \$394,521.76 | \$30,594.48 | \$35,993.51 |
| Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Welfare, Resource and Housing | Gold Coast, Richmond - Tweed | QLD | \$299,998.15 | \$23,264.34 | \$27,369.81 |
| Aboriginal Family Support Services Limited | Adelaide - North, South Australia - Outback, South Australia - South East | SA | \$181,450.50 | \$14,071.17 | \$16,554.32 |
| Acacia Ridge Community Support Inc. | Brisbane - South, Ipswich | QLD | \$759,672.74 | \$58,911.31 | \$69,307.43 |
| Access Community Services Limited | Ipswich, Logan - Beaudesert | QLD | \$1,053,008.04 | \$81,658.96 | \$96,069.37 |
| Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc. | Bunbury | WA | \$872,413.98 | \$67,654.20 | \$79,593.18 |
| Althea Projects Incorporated | Townsville | QLD | \$1,062,090.23 | \$82,363.27 | \$96,897.96 |
| Anglican Community Care Incorporated | South Australia - South East | SA | \$1,350,983.61 | \$104,766.45 | \$123,254.65 |
| Anglican Community Services | Illawarra, New England and North West, Other Territories, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven, Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - Outer South West, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - South West, Sydney - Sutherland | NSW | \$9,884,693.18 | \$735,521.62 | \$865,319.56 |
| Anglicare - Central Queensland Limited | Central Queensland, Queensland - Outback | QLD | \$1,156,706.74 | \$89,700.62 | \$105,530.14 |
| Anglicare N.T. Ltd. | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$159,676.44 | \$12,382.63 | \$14,567.80 |
| Anglicare North Coast | Coffs Harbour - Grafton, Mid North Coast, Richmond - Tweed | NSW | \$810,203.08 | \$62,829.85 | \$73,917.48 |
| Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT | Australian Capital Territory, Capital Region, Central West, Riverina | ACT | \$2,273,105.48 | \$83,217.48 | \$97,902.92 |
| Anglicare SA Ltd. | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West, Barossa - Yorke - Mid North, South Australia - Outback | SA | \$4,112,877.89 | \$318,946.60 | \$375,231.29 |

¹ Includes base Emergency Relief funding as well as indexation applied to the grant.

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| Anglicare Victoria | Ballarat, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West, Warrnambool and South West | VIC | \$2,353,849.62 | \$182,536.99 | \$214,749.40 |
| Ararat Emergency Relief Committee Inc | North West | VIC | \$105,580.19 | \$8,077.39 | \$9,502.81 |
| Armidale Neighbourhood Centre Inc | New England and North West | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Auburn Diversity Services Incorporated | Sydney - Parramatta | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Australian Anatolian Community Services Co-op Ltd | Sydney - Parramatta | NSW | \$134,273.37 | \$10,412.67 | \$12,250.20 |
| Australian Multicultural Community Services Inc. | Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - West | VIC | \$512,900.07 | \$39,774.52 | \$46,793.55 |
| Australian Red Cross Society | All SA4s | VIC | - | \$3,000,000.00 | \$4,000,000.00 |
| Banyule Community Health | Melbourne - North East | VIC | \$407,455.56 | \$31,597.48 | \$37,173.50 |
| Bay City Care Incorporated | Sydney - Inner South West | NSW | \$362,900.99 | \$28,142.35 | \$33,108.64 |
| Best Employment Limited | New England and North West | NSW | \$67,741.52 | \$5,253.24 | \$6,180.28 |
| Bethany Community Support Inc. | Geelong, Warrnambool and South West | VIC | \$967,735.97 | \$75,046.26 | \$88,289.72 |
| Bowen Community Council Inc | Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | QLD | \$195,995.56 | \$15,199.12 | \$17,881.32 |
| Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc. | Moreton Bay - North | QLD | \$183,869.84 | \$14,258.79 | \$16,775.05 |
| Bundaberg Regional Council | Wide Bay | QLD | \$120,967.00 | \$9,380.78 | \$11,036.21 |
| Bunjum Aboriginal Corporation | Richmond - Tweed | NSW | \$96,773.60 | \$7,504.63 | \$8,828.97 |
| C Q Financial Counselling Association Inc. | Central Queensland | QLD | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Caboolture Community Care Inc | Moreton Bay - North | QLD | \$819,561.07 | \$63,555.55 | \$74,771.23 |
| Caloundra Community Centre Inc. | Sunshine Coast | QLD | \$387,094.39 | \$30,018.50 | \$35,315.89 |
| CARE Goondiwindi Association Inc | Darling Downs - Maranoa | QLD | \$191,127.85 | \$14,821.64 | \$17,437.22 |
| Casey North Community Information and Support Service Inc. | Melbourne - South East | VIC | \$2,516,113.53 | \$195,120.27 | \$229,553.26 |
| Catholic Church of the Diocese of Darwin Property Trust | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$596,662.45 | \$46,270.15 | \$54,435.46 |
| CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay | Central Coast, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Ryde | NSW | \$1,202,397.43 | \$93,243.85 | \$109,698.65 |
| CatholicCare Victoria Tasmania | Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Hobart, Latrobe - Gippsland, Launceston and North East, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - West, South East, Warrnambool and South West, West and North West | VIC | \$5,711,569.25 | \$442,922.36 | \$521,085.13 |
| Centacare Catholic Country SA Limited | Barossa - Yorke - Mid North, South Australia - Outback | SA | \$556,996.55 | \$43,194.12 | \$50,816.61 |

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| Centacare Kimberley Association Inc | Western Australia - Outback (North) | WA | \$483,867.99 | \$37,523.13 | \$44,144.86 |
| Centacare New England North West | Far West and Orana, New England and North West | NSW | \$564,635.22 | \$43,786.49 | \$51,513.52 |
| Chinchilla Family Support Centre Incorporated | Darling Downs - Maranoa | QLD | \$98,486.49 | \$7,637.46 | \$8,985.25 |
| Christian Community Aid Service Inc | Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - Ryde | NSW | \$423,399.01 | \$32,833.87 | \$38,628.08 |
| Christian Emergency Food Centre Inc | North West | VIC | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Clermont Community Housing and Other Services (CCHAOS) Inc. | Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | QLD | \$101,709.05 | \$7,887.36 | \$9,279.25 |
| Communicare (Inc.) | Bunbury, Mandurah, Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Western Australia - Outback (North) | WA | \$2,195,149.87 | \$170,230.09 | \$200,270.70 |
| Community Queensland Ltd | Brisbane - North, Brisbane - West, Brisbane Inner City | QLD | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Communities@Work | Australian Capital Territory | ACT | \$483,867.99 | \$37,523.13 | \$44,144.86 |
| Community Action Inc. | Wide Bay | QLD | \$774,188.78 | \$60,037.01 | \$70,631.77 |
| Community Development Services Inc. | Darling Downs - Maranoa | QLD | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Community Information & Support Victoria Inc. | Bendigo, Melbourne - Inner East, Melbourne - Inner South, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - Outer East, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West, Mornington Peninsula, Murray, Shepparton | VIC | \$9,442,222.88 | \$732,228.13 | \$861,444.85 |
| Community Services Tablelands Inc. | Cairns | QLD | \$145,160.40 | \$11,256.94 | \$13,243.46 |
| Community Support Frankston Inc. | Mornington Peninsula | VIC | \$1,695,120.20 | \$131,453.65 | \$154,651.35 |
| Core Community Services Limited | Sydney - South West | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Crisis Accommodation Gove Incorporated | Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$72,580.20 | \$5,628.47 | \$6,621.73 |
| Cummeragunja Housing and Development Aboriginal Corporation | Murray | NSW | \$67,741.52 | \$5,253.24 | \$6,180.28 |
| Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service Inc. | Melbourne - Outer East, Melbourne - South East | VIC | \$270,482.20 | \$20,975.43 | \$24,676.98 |
| Dawn House Incorporated | Darwin | NT | \$168,531.62 | \$8,067.47 | \$9,491.14 |
| Douglas Shire Community Services Association Ltd | Cairns | QLD | \$332,659.24 | \$25,797.15 | \$30,349.59 |
| Dungog Shire Community Centre Incorporated | Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | NSW | \$104,341.30 | \$8,091.49 | \$9,519.40 |
| Eacham Community Help Organization Inc. | Cairns | QLD | \$111,289.64 | \$8,630.32 | \$10,153.32 |
| Emerald and District Social Development Association Inc | Central Queensland | QLD | \$290,320.79 | \$22,513.88 | \$26,486.91 |
| Esperance Care Services Inc. | Western Australia - Outback (South) | WA | \$331,449.57 | \$25,703.34 | \$30,239.23 |

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| Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties | Darwin | NT | \$48,386.80 | \$3,752.31 | \$4,414.49 |
| George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc. | Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday | QLD | \$338,707.59 | \$26,266.19 | \$30,901.40 |
| Georges River Life Care Limited | Sydney - Inner South West | NSW | \$126,696.23 | \$9,692.86 | \$11,403.37 |
| Gippsland Lakes Complete Health Limited | Latrobe - Gippsland | VIC | \$387,094.39 | \$30,018.50 | \$35,315.89 |
| Glen Park Community Centre Inc. | Melbourne - Outer East | VIC | \$145,160.40 | \$11,256.94 | \$13,243.46 |
| Gold Coast Youth Service Inc. | Gold Coast | QLD | \$1,036,880.71 | \$80,408.31 | \$94,598.02 |
| Goondir Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Health Services | Darling Downs - Maranoa | QLD | \$183,869.84 | \$14,258.79 | \$16,775.05 |
| Graham House Community Centre Inc | Wide Bay | QLD | \$217,740.59 | \$16,885.41 | \$19,865.19 |
| Granville Multicultural Community Centre Incorporated | Sydney - Parramatta | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Healesville Interchurch Community Care Inc. | Melbourne - Outer East | VIC | \$353,223.63 | \$27,391.88 | \$32,225.75 |
| Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre Inc. | Townsville | QLD | \$194,243.97 | \$15,063.29 | \$17,721.51 |
| HK Training & Consultancy Pty Ltd | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$99,192.94 | \$7,692.24 | \$9,049.70 |
| IFYS Limited | Sunshine Coast | QLD | \$338,707.59 | \$26,266.19 | \$30,901.40 |
| Indigo Junction Incorporated | Perth - North East | WA | \$508,061.39 | \$39,399.29 | \$46,352.10 |
| Innisfail Youth and Family Care Inc | Cairns | QLD | \$275,804.75 | \$21,388.18 | \$25,162.57 |
| Ipswich Assist | Ipswich | QLD | \$273,385.41 | \$21,200.57 | \$24,941.84 |
| Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc | Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Perth - South West | WA | \$314,514.19 | \$24,390.03 | \$28,694.16 |
| Jacaranda Community Centre Inc | Perth - North East, Perth - South East, Perth - South West | WA | \$1,180,637.89 | \$91,556.44 | \$107,713.45 |
| Junction Australia Ltd | South Australia - South East | SA | \$51,410.97 | \$3,986.83 | \$4,690.39 |
| Junee Community Centre Inc | Riverina | NSW | \$76,741.46 | \$5,951.17 | \$7,001.37 |
| Kempsey Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated | Mid North Coast | NSW | \$72,580.20 | \$5,628.47 | \$6,621.73 |
| Kyabram Community and Learning Centre Inc. | Shepparton | VIC | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Latrobe Community Health Service Limited | Latrobe - Gippsland | VIC | \$716,124.62 | \$55,534.23 | \$65,334.39 |
| Launceston Benevolent Society Incorporated | Launceston and North East | TAS | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Launch Housing Limited | Melbourne - Inner South, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - South East | VIC | \$229,837.29 | \$17,823.49 | \$20,968.81 |
| Leichhardt Community Group Inc | Ipswich | QLD | \$127,136.31 | \$9,859.20 | \$11,599.06 |
| LifeHouse Care | Coffs Harbour - Grafton | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |

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| Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury Incorporated | Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Linc Church Services Network (Yarra Valley) Inc. | Melbourne - Outer East | VIC | \$130,837.76 | \$12,007.40 | \$14,126.35 |
| Lockyer Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Toowoomba | QLD | \$321,772.21 | \$24,952.88 | \$29,356.33 |
| Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited | Bendigo, Geelong, Murray, North West | VIC | \$1,612,615.87 | \$125,055.58 | \$147,124.22 |
| Lower Lachlan Community Services Incorporated | Central West | NSW | \$67,741.52 | \$5,253.24 | \$6,180.28 |
| Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory District Inc | Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West, Northern Territory - Outback | SA | \$2,641,870.82 | \$204,872.53 | \$241,026.51 |
| Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative Ltd | Illawarra, Sydney - Outer South West, Sydney - South West | NSW | \$594,083.44 | \$46,070.15 | \$54,200.18 |
| Maitland Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated | Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | NSW | \$266,127.39 | \$20,637.72 | \$24,279.67 |
| Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Incorporated | Mid North Coast | NSW | \$149,999.08 | \$11,632.17 | \$13,684.91 |
| Mansfield & District Welfare Group Incorporated | Hume | VIC | \$89,515.58 | \$6,941.78 | \$8,166.80 |
| Mareeba Community Centre Inc. | Cairns | QLD | \$387,094.39 | \$30,018.50 | \$35,315.89 |
| Margaret River Community Centre Inc. | Bunbury | WA | \$130,644.36 | \$10,131.24 | \$11,919.11 |
| Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Cairns | QLD | \$156,047.43 | \$12,101.21 | \$14,236.72 |
| MARSS Australia Incorporated | Australian Capital Territory, Capital Region | ACT | \$421,860.30 | \$32,714.54 | \$38,487.69 |
| Metro Assist Limited | Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West | NSW | \$604,834.98 | \$46,903.91 | \$55,181.07 |
| Mid Coast Communities Incorporated | Coffs Harbour - Grafton, Mid North Coast | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Coffs Harbour - Grafton, Richmond - Tweed | NSW | \$725,801.98 | \$56,284.69 | \$66,217.29 |
| Migrant Resource Centre of South Australia Incorporated | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West, South Australia - South East | SA | \$387,094.39 | \$30,018.50 | \$35,315.89 |
| Migrant Womens Emergency Support Service Inc | Brisbane - East, Brisbane - North, Brisbane - South, Brisbane - West, Brisbane Inner City | QLD | \$314,514.19 | \$24,390.03 | \$28,694.16 |
| Mission Australia | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback, Perth - South East, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - South West, Western Australia - Outback (North), Western Australia - Outback (South) | NSW | \$2,922,418.30 | \$226,628.51 | \$266,621.77 |
| Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre Inc. | Queensland - Outback | QLD | \$331,130.22 | \$25,678.58 | \$30,210.09 |
| Mt Gravatt Community Centre Inc. | Brisbane - South | QLD | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia Incorporated | Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$140,321.72 | \$10,881.71 | \$12,802.01 |

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| Multicultural Council of The Northern Territory Incorporated | Darwin | NT | \$77,418.88 | \$6,003.70 | \$7,063.18 |
| Newman Women 's Shelter Inc. | Western Australia - Outback (North) | WA | \$200,805.21 | \$15,572.10 | \$18,320.12 |
| Nexus Care Inc. | Brisbane - North, Brisbane - West | QLD | \$435,481.19 | \$33,770.82 | \$39,730.37 |
| Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation | Northern Territory - Outback, South Australia - Outback, Western Australia - Outback (North) | NT | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Ngoonbi Community Services Indigenous Corporation | Cairns | QLD | \$193,547.19 | \$15,009.25 | \$17,657.94 |
| North Townsville Community Hub Inc. | Townsville | QLD | \$102,580.01 | \$7,954.90 | \$9,358.71 |
| Northern Rivers Community Gateway Incorporated | Richmond - Tweed | NSW | \$435,481.19 | \$33,770.82 | \$39,730.37 |
| Northern Territory AIDS and Hepatitis Council Incorporated | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$111,289.64 | \$8,630.32 | \$10,153.32 |
| Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Incorporated | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North | SA | \$169,353.80 | \$13,133.10 | \$15,450.70 |
| Padstow Community Care | Sydney - Inner South West | NSW | \$677,415.18 | \$52,532.38 | \$61,802.80 |
| Palm Island Community Company Limited | Townsville | QLD | \$145,160.40 | \$11,256.94 | \$13,243.46 |
| People Who Care (Inc.) | Mandurah, Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Perth - South West | WA | \$108,870.30 | \$8,442.70 | \$9,932.59 |
| Playford Community Fund Incorporated | Adelaide - North | SA | \$520,158.09 | \$40,337.36 | \$47,455.72 |
| Port Stephens Family and Neighbourhood Services Incorporated | Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | NSW | \$497,000.17 | \$38,541.51 | \$45,342.95 |
| Prospect Community Service Ltd | Townsville | QLD | \$70,160.86 | \$5,440.85 | \$6,401.00 |
| Prosper (Project Australia) Incorporated | Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Outer South West, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - South West, Sydney - Sutherland | NSW | \$325,710.90 | \$25,258.32 | \$29,715.67 |
| Quercus Beechworth Inc. | Hume | VIC | \$96,773.60 | \$7,504.63 | \$8,828.97 |
| Redland Community Centre Inc. | Brisbane - East | QLD | \$521,851.62 | \$40,468.69 | \$47,610.23 |
| Regional Alliance West Incorporated | Western Australia - Outback (North) | WA | \$48,386.80 | \$3,752.31 | \$4,414.49 |
| Regional Housing Limited | Wide Bay | QLD | \$333,868.91 | \$25,890.96 | \$30,459.95 |
| Riverview Neighbourhood House Association Inc. | Ipswich | QLD | \$149,002.31 | \$11,554.87 | \$13,593.97 |
| Sacred Heart Mission Inc. | Melbourne - Inner South, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West | VIC | \$645,939.57 | \$50,091.50 | \$58,931.18 |

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| Samaritans Foundation-Diocese of Newcastle | Central Coast, Hunter Valley exc Newcastle, Mid North Coast, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie | NSW | \$3,339,211.70 | \$258,950.12 | \$304,647.20 |
| San Remo Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Central Coast | NSW | \$483,867.99 | \$37,523.13 | \$44,144.86 |
| Save the Children Australia | Perth - South East, Western Australia - Outback (North) | VIC | \$323,802.42 | \$25,110.32 | \$29,541.55 |
| Society of St. Vincent De Paul Pty. Limited | Australian Capital Territory, Capital Region, Central West, Riverina | ACT | \$2,923,799.82 | \$95,224.70 | \$112,029.05 |
| Somerville Community Services Incorporated | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$329,567.32 | \$25,557.38 | \$30,067.50 |
| Southern Youth and Family Services Limited | Capital Region, Illawarra, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven | NSW | \$343,546.27 | \$26,641.42 | \$31,342.85 |
| St Patrick's Community Support Centre Limited | Perth - South West | WA | \$217,740.59 | \$16,885.41 | \$19,865.19 |
| St Pauls Burwood Parish | Sydney - Inner West | NSW | \$71,986.50 | \$5,507.31 | \$6,479.19 |
| St Vincent de Paul Society (NT) Inc | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$914,510.50 | \$70,918.71 | \$83,433.78 |
| St Vincent de Paul Society (SA) Incorporated | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West, Barossa - Yorke - Mid North, South Australia - Outback, South Australia - South East | SA | \$3,989,685.49 | \$171,395.46 | \$201,641.72 |
| St Vincent De Paul Society (WA) Incorporated | Bunbury, Mandurah, Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Perth - South West, Western Australia - Outback (North), Western Australia - Outback (South), Western Australia - Wheat Belt | WA | \$3,258,141.29 | \$252,663.25 | \$297,250.88 |
| St Vincent De Paul Society NSW | Central Coast, Central West, Far West and Orana, Hunter Valley exc Newcastle, Murray, New England and North West, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Richmond - Tweed, Riverina, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - Ryde, Sydney - South West | NSW | \$16,147,170.50 | \$746,211.21 | \$877,895.55 |
| St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland | Brisbane - East, Brisbane - North, Brisbane - South, Brisbane Inner City, Cairns, Central Queensland, Darling Downs - Maranoa, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan - Beaudesert, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday, Moreton Bay - North, Moreton Bay - South, Queensland - Outback, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville, Wide Bay | QLD | \$8,411,460.86 | \$656,277.95 | \$772,091.71 |
| St. Vincent De Paul Society (Tasmania) Inc. | Hobart, Launceston and North East, South East, West and North West | TAS | \$907,252.48 | \$70,355.87 | \$82,771.61 |
| Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care Inc. | Gold Coast | QLD | \$807,575.67 | \$62,626.10 | \$73,677.77 |

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| Tangentyere Council Aboriginal Corporation | Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$609,673.66 | \$47,279.14 | \$55,622.52 |
| The Adelaide Day Centre For Homeless Persons Incorporated | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West | SA | \$411,287.79 | \$31,894.66 | \$37,523.13 |
| The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane | Brisbane - East, Brisbane - North, Darling Downs - Maranoa, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan - Beaudesert, Toowoomba | QLD | \$1,645,755.99 | \$127,625.54 | \$150,147.70 |
| The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane | Brisbane - North | QLD | \$176,370.30 | \$8,442.70 | \$9,932.59 |
| The Gathering Incorporated | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$266,127.39 | \$20,637.72 | \$24,279.67 |
| The Helping Hand Association Incorporated | Launceston and North East | TAS | \$96,773.60 | \$7,504.63 | \$8,828.97 |
| The Hills Community Aid & Information Service Inc. | Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - Parramatta | NSW | \$444,645.65 | \$34,481.51 | \$40,566.48 |
| The Hobart City Mission Incorporated | Hobart, South East | TAS | \$1,028,219.47 | \$79,736.65 | \$93,807.82 |
| The Launceston City Mission Inc. | Launceston and North East, West and North West | TAS | \$867,618.85 | \$67,282.35 | \$79,155.70 |
| The Ravenshoe Community Centre Inc | Cairns | QLD | \$140,321.72 | \$10,881.71 | \$12,802.01 |
| The Rock Christian Church Inc. | Brisbane - East | QLD | \$96,773.60 | \$7,504.63 | \$8,828.97 |
| The Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton - Centacare Family Services | Western Australia - Outback (South) | WA | \$172,740.87 | \$13,395.76 | \$15,759.71 |
| The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Cairns | Cairns | QLD | \$630,320.30 | \$48,880.25 | \$57,506.18 |
| The Salvation Army (New South Wales) Property Trust | Australian Capital Territory, Brisbane - East, Brisbane - North, Brisbane - South, Brisbane - West, Brisbane Inner City, Cairns, Capital Region, Central Coast, Central Queensland, Central West, Coffs Harbour - Grafton, Darling Downs - Maranoa, Far West and Orana, Gold Coast, Hunter Valley exc Newcastle, Illawarra, Ipswich, Logan - Beaudesert, Mackay - Isaac - Whitsunday, Mid North Coast, Moreton Bay - North, Moreton Bay - South, Murray, New England and North West, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Queensland - Outback, Richmond - Tweed, Riverina, Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven, Sunshine Coast, Sydney - Baulkham Hills and Hawkesbury, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner South West, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - North Sydney and Hornsby, Sydney - Northern Beaches, Sydney - Outer South West, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - Ryde, | NSW | \$41,927,962.49 | \$2,859,171.32 | \$3,363,730.97 |

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| | Sydney - South West, Sydney - Sutherland, Toowoomba, Townsville, Wide Bay | | | | |
| The Salvation Army (Northern Territory) Property Trust | Darwin, Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$1,523,753.51 | \$118,164.46 | \$139,017.01 |
| The Salvation Army (South Australia) Property Trust | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South, Adelaide - West, Barossa - Yorke - Mid North, South Australia - Outback, South Australia - South East | SA | \$6,291,048.08 | \$332,839.85 | \$391,576.30 |
| The Salvation Army (Tasmania) Property Trust | Hobart, Launceston and North East, South East, West and North West | VIC | \$2,924,916.66 | \$226,822.25 | \$266,849.71 |
| The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust | Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Hume, Latrobe - Gippsland, Melbourne - Inner East, Melbourne - Inner South, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - Outer East, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West, North West, Shepparton, Warrnambool and South West | VIC | \$18,773,023.89 | \$1,189,786.85 | \$1,399,749.24 |
| The Salvation Army (Western Australia) Property Trust | Bunbury, Mandurah, Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Perth - South West, Western Australia - Outback (North), Western Australia - Outback (South), Western Australia - Wheat Belt | VIC | \$4,478,396.46 | \$347,291.93 | \$408,578.75 |
| The Spiers Centre Inc | Perth - North West | WA | \$493,545.35 | \$38,273.59 | \$45,027.76 |
| The Tumut and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Riverina | NSW | \$169,353.80 | \$13,133.10 | \$15,450.70 |
| Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | NSW | \$145,160.40 | \$11,256.94 | \$13,243.46 |
| Twin Rivers Community Care Limited | Logan - Beaudesert | QLD | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| UCA - Burwood Croydon | Sydney - Inner West | NSW | \$133,063.70 | \$10,318.86 | \$12,139.84 |
| UCare Gawler Incorporated | Adelaide - North, Barossa - Yorke - Mid North | SA | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| United Synergies Ltd | Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba | QLD | \$435,481.19 | \$33,770.82 | \$39,730.37 |

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| Uniting (Victoria and Tasmania) Limited | Ballarat, Bendigo, Hobart, Hume, Latrobe - Gippsland, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - Outer East, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West, North West | VIC | \$7,916,433.50 | \$613,905.79 | \$722,242.10 |
| Uniting Communities Incorporated | Adelaide - Central and Hills, Adelaide - North, Adelaide - South | SA | \$1,097,456.15 | \$85,105.83 | \$100,124.51 |
| Uniting Country SA Ltd | Barossa - Yorke - Mid North, South Australia - Outback | SA | \$1,040,316.17 | \$80,674.73 | \$94,911.44 |
| Uniting in Care Salisbury Incorporated | Adelaide - North | SA | \$212,901.91 | \$16,510.18 | \$19,423.74 |
| UnitingCare West | Perth - Inner, Perth - North West, Perth - South West | WA | \$1,532,076.19 | \$118,809.87 | \$139,776.32 |
| Upper Hunter Community Services Incorporated | Hunter Valley exc Newcastle | NSW | \$159,821.60 | \$12,393.89 | \$14,581.05 |
| Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative Limited | Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North East, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - Outer East, Melbourne - South East, Melbourne - West | VIC | \$785,540.32 | \$60,917.30 | \$71,667.41 |
| VincentCare Victoria | Hume, Melbourne - Inner, Melbourne - North West, Melbourne - West, Shepparton | VIC | \$1,454,023.30 | \$112,757.00 | \$132,655.30 |
| Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi (Aboriginal Corporation) | Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$846,768.98 | \$65,665.48 | \$77,253.50 |
| Warringu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation | Cairns | QLD | \$146,370.07 | \$11,350.75 | \$13,353.82 |
| We Care 2 Inc | Wide Bay | QLD | \$177,269.87 | \$13,746.97 | \$16,172.91 |
| Wesley Community Services Limited | Central Coast, Coffs Harbour - Grafton, Illawarra, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Richmond - Tweed, Sydney - Blacktown, Sydney - City and Inner South, Sydney - Eastern Suburbs, Sydney - Inner West, Sydney - Outer South West, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains, Sydney - Parramatta, Sydney - South West, Sydney - Sutherland | NSW | \$5,126,232.95 | \$397,530.54 | \$467,682.99 |
| WestAus Crisis and Welfare Services Inc | Mandurah | WA | \$319,260.93 | \$24,758.14 | \$29,127.22 |
| Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated | Central West, Sydney - Outer West and Blue Mountains | NSW | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Womens Safety Services of Central Australia Incorporated | Northern Territory - Outback | NT | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Wunan Foundation Inc. | Western Australia - Outback (North) | WA | \$241,933.99 | \$18,761.56 | \$22,072.43 |
| Wungening Aboriginal Corporation | Perth - Inner, Perth - North East, Perth - North West, Perth - South East, Perth - South West | WA | \$687,091.58 | \$53,282.77 | \$62,685.61 |
| Wyndarra Centre Incorporated | West and North West | TAS | \$362,900.99 | \$28,142.35 | \$33,108.64 |
| Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc | Central Coast | NSW | \$483,867.99 | \$37,523.13 | \$44,144.86 |
| YFS Ltd | Logan - Beaudesert | QLD | \$1,512,972.95 | \$117,328.45 | \$138,033.47 |

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| Youth, Family and Community Connections Incorporated | West and North West | TAS | \$556,448.19 | \$43,151.60 | \$50,766.59 |
| YWCA Canberra | Australian Capital Territory | ACT | \$179,926.31 | \$13,952.98 | \$16,415.27 |

Food Relief

Under the 2018 Grant Round for *Financial Crisis and Material Aid – Food Relief*, the Government currently invests \$1.3 million per year in Food Relief (from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2023). There are three organisations funded to provide Food Relief nationally:

| Service Provider | Current Funding (1 January 2019 to 30 June 2023) | 2019-20 Additional funding in response to coronavirus |
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| Oz Harvest Limited | \$1,000,000 | \$4,200,000.00 |
| SecondBite | \$1,595,000 | \$3,200,000.00 |
| Foodbank Australia Limited | \$3,375,000 | \$9,600,000.00 |

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 - Written Question - 11

Question reference number: SQ20-000436

Senator: Katy Gallagher

Type of Question: Written. Hansard Page/s:

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 2 June 2020

Question:

When was the Department first notified about shortages in food and essentials by emergency relief providers? Or food bank providers? Which organisations have notified DSS of issues, and what were those issues? What action did the Department take after being notified, and when was this action taken?

Answer:

On 19 March 2020, Anglican Community Services, who are funded to provide Emergency Relief in the Sydney, Illawarra, Southern Highlands and New England regions, advised the Department of Social Services (the department) that they were experiencing issues in the sourcing and provision of food, including basic staples, to people experiencing financial hardship.

A small number of Emergency Relief providers have reported shortages of cleaning supplies and gloves for their own use.

On 29 March 2020, the Government announced its \$200 million Community Support Package to help vulnerable Australians impacted by coronavirus. Under this package, \$37 million over two years from 2019-20 was immediately allocated across the 196 Commonwealth funded Emergency Relief providers.

On 31 March 2020, Foodbank Australia advised the department that the supplies of food they would normally purchase for distribution under the Food Relief program were unavailable, as supply for supermarkets took precedence.

On 31 March 2020, OzHarvest advised the department that the volume of donated food they receive had been reduced, as supermarkets were left with less excess for donation.

On 31 March 2020, SecondBite advised the department that they had experienced a drop in food supply due to the unpredictable nature of consumer buying behaviour.

To assist these Food Relief providers, the Government provided an additional \$16 million over two years from 2019-20, under the Community Support Package, to increase their workforce, food supplies, and transport options.

Emergency Relief providers have seen a 6 per cent increase in demand for services across Australia over the period 1 January 2020 to 30 April 2020 when compared to the same period last year.