

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

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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

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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
Emergency Relief	\$17,000,000	\$20,000,000

<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
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	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

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 Tjutanku 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

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
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

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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.