



SELECT COMMITTEE ON COST OF LIVING PRESSURES IN THE ACT
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Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by LAWDER on 12 April 2023: Frances Crimmins took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MS LAWDER: Do you get people approaching you asking for more frequent than fortnightly?

Ms Crimmins: I would have to get the exact data, but what the staff are telling us is that we cannot meet demand now, and that the additional, I guess, where we used to get food from is also greatly shrinking as well. In terms of the supply of food and that they are accessing, that we might have been able to get from people who were donating, like goods and services that we offered through that food hub.

YWCA Canberra: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Our team at the Mura Lanyon food pantry were able to provide anecdotal accounts of occasions when individuals and families within the community, including some of our larger Aboriginal families and members who rely on public transport have sought to access the pantry more frequently either because the fortnightly allowance does not feed the entire family, or because they are unable to carry the full allowance on public transport. On these occasions, more regular shops have been allowed on a one-off basis.

We also know many of our food hub members also access other emergency food relief services across Canberra to supplement their fortnightly shop. However, due to the different funding sources between providers, this data has not been centrally captured.

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YWCA Canberra

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