



## **THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP**

Minister for Families and Social Services

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#### **Foodbank concerns to be reviewed**

I have spoken today with Foodbank CEO Brianna Casey regarding her concerns following the recent announcement of the three organisations that will share in \$4.5 million of food relief funding over the next four-and-a-half years, starting January 1, 2019.

Foodbank has particularly highlighted its concern that the competitive selection process resulted in it being notified of the decision only a few weeks before the busy Christmas season. I share that concern.

I have sought urgent advice from my department as to why that happened and for options to provide additional funding to Foodbank to assist in managing the transition to the new arrangements.

I expect to receive that advice shortly and will be working with Foodbank to resolve this issue.

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