



Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

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Dear Minister

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Covid-19 and food supply: funding for food redistribution

In May, the Government announced £16 million for food charities to provide food for those in need, to be delivered through charities such as FareShare and WRAP. The Government response to our Report stated that circa £5 million of the £16 million fund had been allocated to COVID-19 specific grants to support food redistribution organisations. Our Report in July also recommended the continuation of funding to Fareshare and others to support the redistribution of food.

Given that more people are finding it difficult to afford sufficient, nutritious food and given the closures and restrictions faced by the hospitality sector in England, there is a strong case for revisiting the potential for supporting charities to redistribute food that would otherwise go to waste. **Please could you clarify whether the Government intends to provide any further funding to food charities or local authorities to help people struggling to afford food?**

We would be grateful for a response by 10 November.

Yours Sincerely

Neil Parish
Chair of the Committee