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Mr Andrew Boff Chair of the London Assembly Our ref: MC2024/23322

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Dear Mr Boff,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March to the Secretary of State about foodbank referrals. I am replying as the Minister for Employment.

The Department for Work and Pensions has, as of 19 February 2024, introduced a new food charity signposting slip to replace the one previously used. This is not a change to the existing signposting policy but instead allows the Department to improve its practices and comply with its responsibilities, including its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation.

The new slip provides customers with information on where they might access emergency food locally. It also now provides customers with information that they may find useful to access other assistance.

I hope this helps to clarify the position.

JO CHURCHILL MP
MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT

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