



VICHANSARD - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Activity: Members Statements

SecondBite

[Mrs COOTE \(Southern Metropolitan\)](#) -- I recently visited the headquarters of SecondBite in Kensington. I had been alerted to its good work through its involvement with the Prahran Market and more recently the excellent, efficient and timely work it performed through the bushfire crisis earlier this year.

SecondBite's by-line is 'Food for people in need'. This year SecondBite is on target to prevent 600 tonnes of fresh food going to landfill; instead it is distributed to over 105 agencies and thousands of people who are homeless or living in disadvantaged circumstances. That is enough to provide 1 200 000 nutritious 500-gram meals. I was particularly impressed with the simple, straightforward and pragmatic approach of getting fresh produce to those who need it in a timely fashion.

My congratulations to the chairman Ian Carson and all the staff and volunteers involved ably led by executive director Katy Barfield.