




Speech By
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ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Coronavirus, Parliamentary Service Response

 **Mr ACTING SPEAKER:** During these extraordinary times the community is pulling together in the fight against the coronavirus, and the Parliamentary Service is no exception. The Clerk approached me about possible worthy causes in the area that may benefit from the use of Parliamentary Service kitchens and staff. The Scarlett May Foundation, based in the electorate of Greenslopes, provides meals to families of critically ill children in hospital. Last month the Queensland Children's Hospital asked the Scarlett May Foundation to double their normal monthly supply from 1,200 to 2,400 meals in response to the pressure caused by COVID-19.

I am happy to advise that from the start of this month the Queensland parliament catering unit will donate over 2,000 meals this month to the Scarlett May Foundation. I wish to thank the Speaker and the Clerk for their support in this matter, but most of all I wish to thank the parliamentary catering team led by the Executive Chef, Andrew McCrea, for their work which is helping those in need. I understand similar support is being provided by the Parliamentary Service to Wesley Mission after contact with the member for Bulimba, and just last week 208 kilos of repurposed food was sent out to the Wesley Mission. We are very fortunate for the professional Parliamentary Service which assists us all. It is great that in these tough times they are going above and beyond to serve the community.

Finally, I also wish to thank the staff of the Speaker and the Clerk and the parliamentary staff for the assistance they have provided me today.