

**CORONAVIRUS — PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES — OZHARVEST**

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**HON DIANE EVERS (South West)** [9.51 pm]: Today in this chamber I heard something that made me smile. That does not happen all that often, so I thought I would take the opportunity to say it once again. We had acknowledgment that with the issues surrounding COVID-19, our catering staff will not be needed in this place and a lot of staff will not be here. However, not only is the Parliament continuing with the donation of excess food to the charity OzHarvest, which distributes excess prepared food to those in need, but also our kitchen staff and chefs will now be helping to prepare these meals for people. What is important about this is that it not only is a way to give back something that we have available here, but also highlights those positive things that are happening around the world along with this virus. It is nice to be able to remember that, in many ways, people are coming together and offering what they can to help others. It may be the highlight of the whole thing—that sometimes it brings out the best in people. To be able to offer food to people in need is probably one of the best things that we can be doing.