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Dear Samantha

**Food poverty in London**

Almost two years ago the London Assembly published *A Zero Hunger City: Tackling food poverty in London*. The report set out a number of recommendations to address food poverty in the capital directed at the Mayor and London Food Board, London boroughs and Health and Wellbeing Boards, schools and food aid organisations.


I led the original investigation on behalf of the Assembly, and I am now following up on the report on behalf of the Economy Committee. I am therefore writing to you for an update to inform any further work the Committee may undertake in this important area.

Following welcome assistance from Age UK London in gathering evidence, the report highlighted food poverty and malnutrition among older people in the capital. Therefore, please could you set out:

- your current assessment of food poverty among older Londoners;
- any progress in tackling this in the last two years; and
- any outstanding challenges, or barriers to further progress.

The original report can be found at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/a-zero-hunger-city-tackling-food-poverty-in-london>.

I would be grateful for a response by 20 March 2015. For any queries in the first instance please contact Simon Shaw on the contact details below.

Best wishes  


**Fiona Twycross**  
Deputy Chair, Economy Committee