

**24 SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

Ms Hurst moved, according to sessional order: That private members' business item no. 75 outside the order of precedence be considered in a short form format.

Question put and passed.

Ms Hurst, by leave, amended private members' business item no. 75 outside the order of precedence by:

1. Omitting paragraph 1(g) and inserting instead:
  - "(g) the advantages, disadvantages and issues of different egg farming production methods,
  - (h) what measures should be taken to assist businesses that may be adversely affected by any proposed changes to the law,
  - (i) what scientific literature says about the above matters, and".
2. Omitting "Ms Boyd" in paragraph 3 and inserting instead "an opposition member".

Ms Hurst then moved, according to notice, as by leave amended:

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the use of battery cages for hens in the egg production industry, and in particular:
  - (a) whether or not the use of battery cages to contain or accommodate hens in the egg production industry is:
    - (i) associated with poor animal welfare outcomes or is accompanied by poor animal welfare practices,
    - (ii) justified by any other consideration, and
    - (iii) consistent with community standards and supported by the public,
  - (b) what legislative measures should be taken to:
    - (i) prevent poor animal welfare outcomes to hens in the egg production industry of New South Wales, and
    - (ii) set appropriate minimum standards of accommodation for the accommodation and treatment of hens in the egg production industry,
  - (c) the impact of egg producing commercial operations that use battery cages, on:
    - (i) the environment, and
    - (ii) health of workers,
  - (d) trends in relative consumer demand for egg and egg-containing products derived from commercial operations that use battery cages and commercial operations that do not,
  - (e) the protection of consumer interests, including the rights of consumers to be fully informed of the sources of eggs in egg-containing products,
  - (f) the economic and social effects on New South Wales of:
    - (i) banning, or not banning, the use of battery cages to contain or accommodate hens in the egg production industry, and
    - (ii) legislating, or not legislating, to prevent poor animal welfare outcomes to hens in the egg production industry of New South Wales and/or to set appropriate minimum standards of accommodation for the accommodation and treatment of hens in the egg production industry,
  - (g) the advantages, disadvantages and issues of different egg farming production methods,
  - (h) what measures should be taken to assist businesses that may be adversely affected by any proposed changes to the law,
  - (i) what scientific literature says about the above matters, and
  - (j) any other related matter.

2. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, the committee consist of eight members comprising:
  - (a) three government members,
  - (b) two opposition members, and
  - (c) three crossbench members, being Ms Hurst, Ms Boyd and Mr Roberts.
3. That the Chair of the committee be Ms Hurst and the Deputy Chair be an opposition member.
4. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the standing orders, at any meeting of the committee, any four members of the committee will constitute a quorum.
5. That, unless the committee decides otherwise:
  - (a) submissions to inquiries are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration,
  - (b) the Chair's proposed witness list is to be circulated to provide members with an opportunity to amend the list, with the witness list agreed to by email, unless a member requests the Chair to convene a meeting to resolve any disagreement,
  - (c) the sequence of questions to be asked at hearings is to alternate between government, opposition and crossbench members, in order determined by the committee, with equal time allocated to each,
  - (d) transcripts of evidence taken at public hearings are to be published,
  - (e) supplementary questions are to be lodged with the Committee Clerk within two days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, following the receipt of the hearing transcript, with witnesses requested to return answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions within 21 calendar days of the date on which questions are forwarded to the witness, and
  - (f) answers to questions on notice and supplementary questions are to be published, subject to the Committee Clerk checking for confidentiality and adverse mention and, where those issues arise, bringing them to the attention of the committee for consideration.
6. That the committee report by 31 October 2019.

Debate ensued.

Mr Harwin moved: That the question be amended by:

- (a) omitting, in paragraph 1, the words "a select committee be established to" and inserting instead "Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Industry", and
- (b) omitting paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Debate continued.

Question: That the amendment of Mr Harwin be agreed to—put.

The House divided.

Ayes 16

Mr Amato	Mr Harwin	Mrs Mitchell
Mr Blair	Mr Khan	Revd Mr Nile
Ms Cusack	Mrs Maclaren-Jones *	Mr Tudehope
Mr Fang *	Mr Mallard	Mrs Ward
Mr Farlow	Mr Martin	
Mr Franklin	Mr Mason-Cox	* Tellers

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Mr Banasiak	Mrs Houssos	Mr Roberts
Ms Boyd	Ms Hurst	Mr Searle
Mr Buttigieg	Ms Jackson *	Mr Secord
Mr D'Adam	Mr Latham	Ms Sharpe
Mr Donnelly *	Mr Mookhey	Mr Shoebridge
Ms Faehrmann	Ms Moriarty	Mr Veitch
Mr Field	Mr Pearson	
Mr Graham	Mr Primrose	* Tellers

Pairs

Mrs Taylor

Mr Moselmane

Question resolved in the negative.

Original question put and passed.