

# NSW Legislative Council Select Committee on the Use of Battery Cages for Hens in the Egg Production Industry

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## Question on Notice

**THE HON. TAYLOR MARTIN: WOULD YOU MIND TAKING IT ON NOTICE TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION OF WHERE ANIMALS AUSTRALIA ACTUALLY DID GET THAT PHOTO FROM, GIVEN THE EVIDENCE I HAVE THAT SAYS IT IS ACTUALLY FROM A FARM IN MARYLAND?**

The photograph was a 'stock' photo (i.e. bought from a commercial photo library). The staff member who selected it was not aware of its origin; however, given its similarity to the confined conditions of the barren battery cage used in Australia, it was chosen to illustrate the issue.

I do not accept that it was misleading for the reasons set out in my evidence at the hearing; the only structural difference pictured was that the front panel of the cage in the photo was not a fully opening one.

In further explanation, in 2007/8 the primary change to the physical features of battery cages was that instead of a small opening in the front of the panel, the full front panel of cages had to be capable of opening. The change to full opening cage fronts in Australia was a long overdue incremental improvement, but it did not and still does not alter the daily lives of cramped caged hens, the issue being illustrated on our website.