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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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Millions of hens are permanently confined in barren cages where they have about the same amount of room as an iPad. They live on hard wire flooring and can't even stretch their wings.

Kept in this way they never have the opportunity to feel the sun's rays or be able to bathe or scratch in the dirt as they were born to do.

I would like to see all cage hens free to enjoy a life worth living.

This in turn would prevent disease and illness amongst the birds and prevent Salmonella outbreaks as we have seen recently.

Better for the birds, better for the environment and better for us.

Enough is not being done to protect our farm animals and this would be a wonderful start, worthwhile and something to be proud of.