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

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The media has made the public more aware than in the past of what the egg laying industry has been doing for so long. Public images of hens crammed in cages with no sunlight, being de-beaked and clawed and then sent to slaughter ready for the next batch to arrive, all the while laying eggs in a caged prison so that we can enjoy a nutritious breakfast.

At some stage we MUST be able to marry monetary gain with a sense of fairness, where chickens are not subject to cages for their lives but have freedoms that are achievable and reflect humanity. The current situation involves "legalised" animal cruelty and it is up to those elected to represent us to ensure the unwritten rights of animals are upheld.