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

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When I was a child, some 40 years ago I became aware that eggs came from battery hens. The thought that animals were held captive in tiny filthy cages cramped together for their entire lives in the dark just to produce an egg would keep me awake at night.

When cage free, barn laid and free range eggs became an alternative there was hope battery cages would become a horrific memory of the past but still in 2019 we have tortured hens. There is plenty of footage freely available now for everyone to be educated on the horrors of the egg industry that has been covered up for years.

I am writing this submission to give a voice to the hens that are hidden away and whose voices cannot be heard.

PLEASE ban battery cages and set the hens free!