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

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I would like the committee to stop the dept. of education from having chicken hatching programmes in schools and pre schools. These programmes teach the children nothing. They are lied to about what happens to the roosters, "they will go to a nice farm" , they actually get returned to red rooster and shredded alive. The babies are given to any child that want's one with no idea how to house or feed them. I have been given many from friends who's children have rescued them at school, and they are extremely stressed and exhausted from all the handling and it takes at least 2 weeks before they stop running or jumping from fright when any one goes near them. These hatching programmes are unnecessary and cruel, and with all the technology available there must be better ways to teach children with terrify animals. I also offered one school I would take all the chickens and told the headmistress that the roosters would be killed and some of the hens die from too much stress, her reply was "Oh well that's the way of the world" A "charming ,caring person to teach children" I am sure several animal cruelty laws are being broken by these programmes ,all so chicken producers can indoctrinate children as early as possible. I don't expect it in pre-schools , but surely children need to be told truthfully about the connection between the cute little chicken and their plate. please end this horrendous and unnecessary practice and instead put something in it's place to teach compassion and that animals are not things, but sentient beings who feel cold, heat, stress , separation anxiety , and deserve better treatment. Now that would be something worthwhile teaching them.