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

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I am against the banning of cages as having farmed free range poultry I understand the problems with bird welfare in free range. These include diseased birds and the high use of antibiotics, worm and tick treatments and protection from wild bird population.

I want to know when I buy eggs that the birds who produce those eggs are free of antibiotics. We have a major issue with antibiotic resistance so we need to keep our food source free of antibiotics. If the current trend in the use of antibiotics in free range continues it is going to make the free range production system unsustainable.

In regard to the welfare of the birds, the more antibiotics the lower the welfare.

I would rather see the banning of free range than the caged system, when it comes to bird welfare and food safety.