

CAGED EGG PRODUCTION

1202. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the *Australian animal welfare standards and guidelines for poultry* and statements attributed to the minister in the media regarding the phase-out of conventional cages by 2032.

- (1) Has a definitive decision been made by the minister in respect of the 2032 time frame?
- (2) How many egg producers were consulted, and how many times did the minister meet with the Commercial Egg Producers Association of WA or Egg Farmers of Australia as part of the decision-making process?
- (3) Has an assessment been undertaken on —
 - (a) the impact of banning cage eggs in WA on the affordability of eggs for WA families; and
 - (b) the extent to which WA egg farmers will be disadvantaged, given other states are considering a later time frame for phase-out?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.