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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 30 March to the Secretary of State on behalf of your constituents, about the welfare of caged hens. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

The Government is committed to strengthening animal welfare standards and is currently examining the use of cages for laying hens.

We will continue to work with retailers and producers to ensure we maintain and enhance the high standards of animal health and welfare we have in this country, including on our farms.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP

