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Mr. K. Fitzgibbon,
Secretary,
Central Council,
Commercial Egg Producers' Association of Victoria,
STRATHFIELDSAYE. VIC. 3551.

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

In reference to your letter of October 4 I have investigated your queries regarding the recent transfer of hen quota away from Northern country areas. Except for the sale of one Bendigo district farm there has been relatively little movement of hen quotas from the area. In fact there has been relatively little quota transfer at all, because the present Egg Industry Stabilization (Amendment) Act 1980 virtually prevents the transfer of hen quotas except in the case of a bona fide sale of farm.

I hope to introduce new hen quota legislation in the autumn session next year and consideration will be given to this submission and other submissions made by producers.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Kent

ERIC KENT
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.