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

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

The term of office of Mr. P. J. Carter and Mr. D. J. Foster as producer members of the Victorian Egg Marketing Board will expire on 30 June, 1983.

Section 8 of the Marketing of Primary Products Act 1958, requires that an appointed producer member of the Board is to be a person who derives a substantial portion of his income from the production of eggs and that he is to be appointed on the recommendation of the Minister after consideration of panels of not less than three nor more than five names submitted by any organisation or organisations considered by the Minister to represent producers.

I would be grateful if you would submit a panel of at least three names and not more than five names of qualified producers to enable me to consider the nomination of suitable persons for appointment by the Governor in Council for terms of office commencing 1 July, 1983.

The following information is required in respect of each person whose name is included in the panel:-

Full name
Age
Address
Qualifications and position held
Industry and business experience and any other details that you consider are appropriate.

Before including the name of any person in the panel you should advise each such person that, in the event of his being selected for appointment, he will be required by the Government to complete a declaration of pecuniary interests. Copies of the form of declaration are attached.

In order to finalise the appointments before the current term of office expires, I would be grateful if you would let me have your response by 30 April, 1983.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Kent

ERIC KENT
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

I refer to your letter of March 31, 1983.

With regard to your comments on the Victorian Egg Marketing Board, the matter of production costs, including the overhead costs of the Board, are continually under review. Under the current economic situation I accept this as a valid comment and I will discuss the matter with the Board.

However, I am reticent to become involved in Board marketing strategies such as the promotion of brown eggs, but I will undertake to put your point of view to the Board.

With regard to retention of wheat grain in Central Victoria for pig and poultry producers, I have had enquiries made at the Australian Wheat Board. As indicated in a letter of September 16, 1982, all wheat except that for special purposes was retained in the country for stockfeed purposes.

As a result of the very limited harvest, almost all of those reserved stocks have been drawn down by local purchasers such that the only available reserves now consist of wheat moved into Geelong before the drought became evident.

Supply is being maintained by the return of wheat to strategic locations such as Dunolly for local users.

The costs of re-supply of those stocks is being met by all users as the most equitable way of distributing the economic consequences of the drought amongst users and consumers.

It should also be noted that supply in the country was prolonged by the import of wheat from Western Australia and supply of wheat to metropolitan stockfeed mills from Geelong. This would have had the effect of reducing your feed costs for that period.

With regard to meatmeal supplies, you know that there is no longer any official monitoring of stocks and no system of export licences. Information supplied to the Poultry Advisory Committee indicates that although meatmeal is in short supply, sufficient supplies should be maintained until production increases again.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Kent.

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- 6 MAY 1983

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

Dear Mr. Fitzgibbon,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 April, 1983, nominating
Mr. D. J. Foster for the position of Chairman of the Victorian Egg
Marketing Board.

Mr. Foster has submitted an application for this position
in response to the advertisement that was placed in the daily papers,
and his application will be considered along with all the others that
have been received.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Kent".

ERIC KENT
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE