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The Hon B P Dunn, MLC  
Member for North Western Province  
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Dear Mr Dunn

I refer to your letter of 7 October, 1985, concerning the replacement of Mr Greg Parkinson, Poultry Extension Officer, of my Department at Bendigo.

Mr Parkinson is still undertaking duties from our Bendigo office although an internal review of the intensive industries of my Department in 1984 has recommended that he be transferred eventually to the Attwood Veterinary Research Laboratory along with other poultry extension, diagnostic and research staff. The rationale for this was that it would enable the Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs to provide a more integrated service to the poultry industry with a stronger industry focus than at present.

The review committee did fully recognise the importance of the poultry industry in the Bendigo District and the value that Mr Parkinson is to the industry in that region. It consequently also recommended that at the time he is to be transferred to Attwood there should be a further review of the provision of poultry industry services at Bendigo.

It is intended to implement these recommendations and the Commercial Egg Producers Association of Bendigo South has been informed and invited to submit arguments for the continuation of the service from Bendigo rather than Attwood.

Yours sincerely

EVAN WALKER, MLC  
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

*Per: Phillip Stenard*

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*With the Compliments of*

*The Hon. Member — M. L. C.*

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