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Mr. K. Fitzgibbon
Secretary
Commercial Egg Producers Association of Victoria
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Dear Mr Fitzgibbon,

I am writing to advise of my intention to conduct a further review of Victorian egg prices to be completed during the second half of 1987.

It is proposed to conduct the review using similar guidelines to those for the earlier review. This will include a review of the 1986 report methodology and conclusions. This time I will also be interested in evidence relating to the impact of the 12 cent/dozen price reduction which was implemented in August 1986. I am seeking information on the extent of structural adjustment in the industry and/or stress on farm incomes arising from last year's 12 cent reduction. This may for example include the number and type of farms being sold and the reasons for such sales. It would be useful if organisations could provide an update of production costs, including feed costs, and any data on the age and type of housing in the industry. Information on commercial egg production and feed consumption standards would also be useful.

For this review I intend to invite representatives of all organisations to meet with me and discuss any aspects of their written submissions. My office will contact all such organisations immediately upon receipt of submissions and arrange a suitable time shortly thereafter.

The anticipated timetable for the review is as follows:

- (i) written submissions to reach me by 22 June 1987;
- (ii) consultations between myself and industry representatives to discuss any aspects of written submissions to be completed during July 1987;

Yours sincerely,

PROFESSOR ALLAN FELS
Prices Commissioner