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**Topic:** CSIRO voluntary code

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**Senator:** Rhiannon, Lee

**Question:**

Senator RHIANNON: I have a question on the CSIRO voluntary code, so I will just ask that. The CSIRO voluntary code of practice for free range egg-stocking densities has been at 1,500 per hectare for quite a while. Do you know for how long that has been in place and does it still exist, or has the government done away with it? I know that it is not your area of work, but, considering Treasury has been giving advice on this, I would have assumed that you would have gained advice from within government. What I am trying to determine is what advice you have gained from other departments that you have then based your recommendations on.

Ms Martin: As you said, we are not responsible for the model code for poultry. I understand that that is being reviewed at the moment. In terms of how long it has been in place for, I would need to refer that question probably to the department of agriculture.

**Answer:**

The Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: Domestic Poultry (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) was published in 2002. The Model Code is currently under review by Animal Health Australia.