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**Sent:** 09 October 2013 11:37  
**To:** Darren Watt  
**Cc:** Nick Sparks  
**Subject:** RE: Laying Hen case study

Darren

I can confirm that this is a fair account of the situation. I have personally quoted SRUC research on perches to support the SG policy position in discussions with the industry, UK administrations and in correspondence with the European Commission.

Regards  
Andrew

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**To:** Voas AP (Andrew)  
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Dear Andrew

As mentioned recently, SRUC is entering the next round of the UK's research assessment exercise (REF). This requires that we submit both scientific papers and case studies that describe where a body of work has been used by stakeholders in one way or another to 'make a difference'. To ensure that the case studies that are being prepared are grounded in reality we have been asked to contact stakeholders and ask that they in turn confirm with the SRUC staff coordinating our submission, in this instance Darren Watt (cc'd in to this email), that the case study is appropriate.

Attached is the 'perch' case study. I would be grateful if you could confirm to Darren that, the broad thrust (eg the elements for which you are familiar) is (or is not) a fair reflection of what has happened.

Thanking you in advance

Kind regards  
Nick

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