

FOR INFORMATION

NAHIP Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Oct 2024

Agenda Item 1.1

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NAHIP Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. The discussion points and feedback as provided by South Australia within this report.
 - b. That South Australia engaged in the SCAHLS-NAHIP Laboratory Data Quality Workshop and thank QLD for initiating the discussion and providing background and comparative information, AHA for hosting, and the SCAHLS committee for dedicating time and expertise to consider the information further.

BACKGROUND

2. South Australia collates and uploads data quarterly for the National Animal Health Information Program (NAHIP) with the current reporting templates and contributes to the corresponding Animal Health Surveillance Quarterly (AHSQ) and Animal Health in Australia (AHIA) publications as per the program requirements.
 - a. In 2023-2024 South Australia provided case studies to the AHSQ on a high pathogenicity avian influenza exclusion in wild birds and a lumpy skin disease exclusion.

DISCUSSION

3. South Australia supports the progression of a “generic” (i.e. not specific to AUSPestCheck) version of the data management and use document to improve reporting for NAHIP. As South Australia use Power BI to assist in generating NAHIP reports, time to adapt this report to align with implementation of updated data standards under the management and use policy will be required.
4. With the use of the central animal health database (CAHD) being extended, the feedback from DAFF in October 2023 regarding the non-clinical data provided for avian influenza, Newcastle disease, bovine brucellosis, enzootic bovine leukosis, equine herpesvirus, equine infectious anaemia and equine viral arteritis needs to be translated into the current system rather waiting for operationalisation of AUSPestCheck. The resource burden of collating this data as well as the fact that it is not required to meet the program objectives to support international trade mean that it should be implemented into CAHD with the extension of this system’s use.
5. The NAHIP Coordinator Data Entry Workbook (National Notifiable Disease Investigations, NNDI) may require *ad hoc* updates to reflect any changes in the national notifiable disease list. National communication regarding these updates is required for it to be discussed, documented, and ultimately reflected in an accurate timeframe in this program. Documentation and/or a process of documentation and communication of changes to disease reporting may need to be discussed between or provided to the NAHIP Advisory Committee to ensure uploaded NNDI data is consistent between jurisdictions and ultimately avoid misrepresentation of jurisdictional surveillance activity that is otherwise consistent with NAHIP reporting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no financial implications specific to the existing NAHIP arrangements. Further discussion of financial implications to the jurisdictions of a transition to AUSPestCheck would need to be discussed prior to any agreement being reached.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

7. Not applicable.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

8. Discussion of feedback at meeting, as relevant.

FEEDBACK

9. Feedback on the performance of NAHIP over the 2023-2024 financial year is as indicated below.

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NAHIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: South Australia (SA) provides data to NAHIP in accordance with national data reporting obligations. As mentioned in previous years the NAHIP data reports and national outputs are not extensively used within SA to contribute to state-based policy development or decision-making, etc. Currently SA does not have any specific needs in regard to NAHIP, except for the process to be as efficient as possible. There is an expectation for national guidance to be provided on what data is required to meet market access/trade, and any other relevant national needs, and for feedback to be implemented into the program. Communication regarding changes implemented nationally is required for it to be documented and ultimately translated into the program. SA supports the review and eventual update of the data standards to ensure they remain relevant and to improve reporting into the program.				

Q2 My organisation is satisfied that the outputs of NAHIP, such as the Animal Health in Australia report are Animal Health Surveillance Quarterly, are credible and robust.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: The AHSQ and AHIA publications are structurally and visually appealing and the process of reviewing uploaded jurisdictional data is thorough and mitigates the risk of upload or interpretative errors supporting the credibility of the data. The scope of NAHIP and reporting criteria means that the extent surveillance effort undertaken within the jurisdiction is not represented in its entirety and communication to convey this should be considered.				

Q3 The format and protocols in place for uploading and transferring national surveillance data are fit for purpose.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes:

The instructions included in most of the project excel tabs are thorough and make the submitting/uploading process straightforward. Errors in upload are generally straightforward to correct with the system error feedback provided.

Q4**NAHIP satisfies national surveillance data and reporting requirements. (Please outline any requirements not being met).**

Strongly agree

Agree

Undecided

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes:

South Australia upholds its national obligation to upload data into NAHIP; however, guidance at the national level is required to ensure that this data is meeting the national surveillance data, data standards and reporting requirements.