

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Teleconference Meeting 2023

Agenda Item 1

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New South Wales (NSW) NSDIP Coordinator Report 2022-2023 & Proposed Training

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee:
 - a. **NOTES** the current NSDIP activities in NSW
 - b. **DISCUSSES** and **AGREES** in provision of NSDIP funding for NSW's training proposal
 - c. **NOTES** the ongoing use of NSDIP funded laboratory testing of private veterinary practitioner (PVP) cases facilitated by the State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, Elizabeth McArthur Agriculture Institute (EMAI)

BACKGROUND

1. NSW has an extensive network of government veterinarians who provide disease investigation and other livestock services to NSW producers and extension work to PVPs.
2. NSW continues to advocate for NSDIP-funded laboratory testing of eligible PVP cases at EMAI and prioritises improving awareness and accessibility to this funding for PVPs in 2023-24.

DISCUSSION

1. In FY 22-23 the NSW DPI provided additional short-term biosecurity funding to support foot and mouth disease preparedness. This included the provision of free veterinary laboratory testing for animal disease investigations on cloven-hooved livestock until 30 June 2023. Hence, NSDIP funds were not utilised for laboratory testing in NSW in FY22-23.
2. NSW is grateful for \$42,343 (Ex GST) NSDIP funds accrued from FY22-23 to FY23-24, and proposes the development of equine-specific disease investigation training and resources to be delivered to NSW PVPs (*Attachment A NSW Proposal – Equine Disease Investigation Training*).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Described in Attachment A

FEEDBACK

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree X	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The opportunity to utilise funds for training and subsidising PVP-initiated investigations at EMAI is immensely valuable as it enables and encourages PVPs to actively engage with government veterinarians.				

Q2 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has provided opportunities to private veterinarians for gaining the necessary knowledge and skills to investigate and report on disease events.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided X	Disagree	Strongly disagree
For reasons noted in discussion section.				

Q3 The National Significant Disease Investigation Program has helped to improve the level of notifiable disease investigations through effective engagement with private veterinarians and assisting in funding investigations that may not have progressed otherwise.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided X	Disagree	Strongly disagree
For reasons noted in the discussion section.				