

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2020

Agenda Item 2.1

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Northern Territory NSDIP Coordinator Report 2020/21

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE the report on activities undertaken by the Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) during the financial year 2020/21.

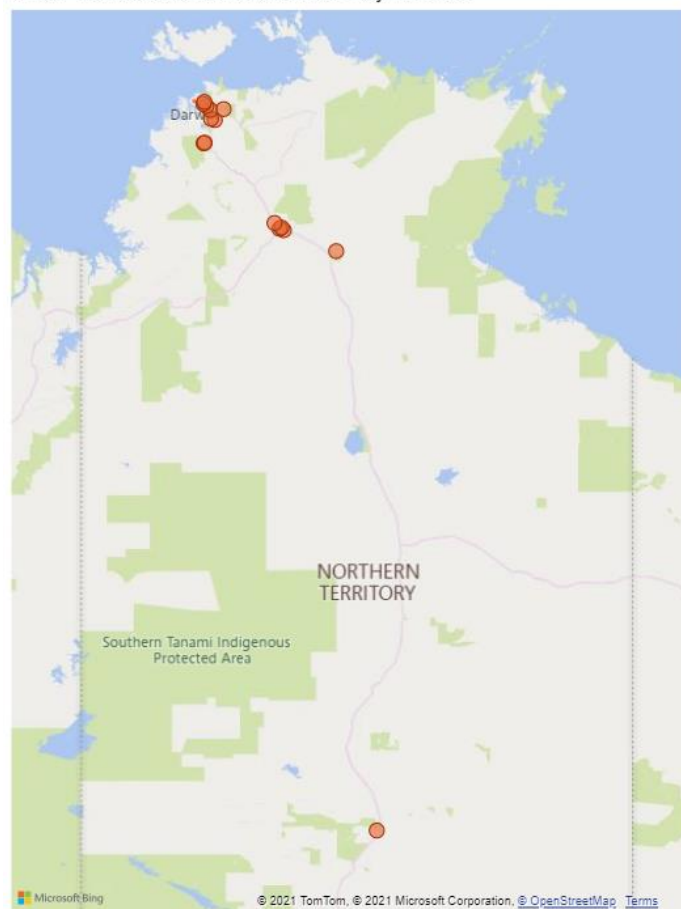
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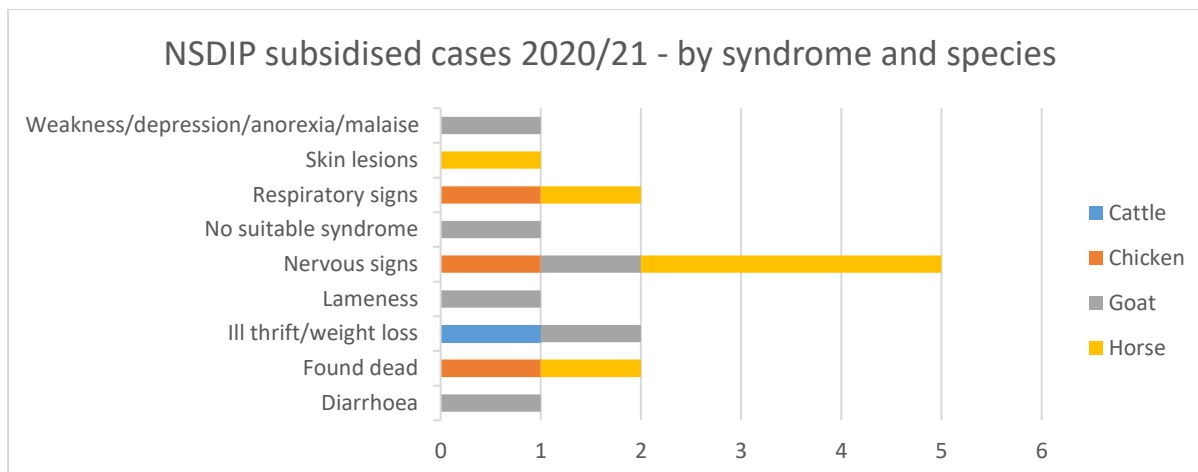
This report describes the activities undertaken by DITT during the financial year 2020/21 against national commitments as documented in the National Significant Disease Investigation Program Business Plan July 2019 – June 2022.

DISCUSSION

2. 16 disease investigation cases were subsidised in 2019/20; 5 less than in 19/20. All cases included laboratory exclusion of one or more notifiable diseases.

NSDIP subsidised cases 2020/21 - by location





3. 16 cases received a subsidy of \$300 (+ GST), for a total claim of \$4800.
4. The total cost of laboratory testing for subsidised cases was \$5379.90; a total of \$4514 was claimed under NSDIP.
5. Approval from the NSDIP Committee was received to deliver animal disease investigation training for non-government veterinary practitioners in the NT using \$8,500 of the NT's 2020/21 funding allocation. A full report is attached (Attachment A).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The NT budget for 2020/21 was \$17,514; \$1,353.86 remained unspent. This is a result of lower than budgeted costs for the animal disease investigation training.
7. A breakdown of expenditure is below:

Expenditure	\$
Vet subsidies	4800
Lab claim	4514
Training	6846.14
Total spent	16,160.40

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

8. NT NSDIP information is available at [Information for veterinarians - Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade](#).

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

9. None required.

FEEDBACK

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: The data collection and financial processes are adequate.				

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	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: Yes – this opportunity would be otherwise unavailable within departmental budget constraints.				

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	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes: Engagement with private veterinarians continues to improve thanks to the NSDIP subsidy and training events.				

Q4 Animal Health Australia is managing the National Significant Disease Investigation Program effectively/satisfactorily.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes:				