

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Oct 2024

Agenda Item 2.1

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New South Wales (NSW) NSDIP Coordinator Report 2023-2024**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee:
 - a. **NOTES** the current NSDIP activities in NSW
 - b. **NOTES** the ongoing use of NSDIP funded laboratory testing of private veterinary practitioner (PVP) cases facilitated by the Animal and Plant Health Laboratories, Elizabeth McArthur Agriculture Institute (EMAI)

BACKGROUND

2. NSW has an extensive network of government veterinarians who provide disease investigation and other livestock services to NSW producers and extension work to PVPs.
3. 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 FY24-25.
4. Wildlife Health Australia provides administration of NSDIP for eligible wildlife submissions in NSW.

DISCUSSION

5. NSW utilised NSDIP funding accrued from FY22-23 to deliver four equine neurological disease investigation workshops and supporting [equine neurological diseases of significance glovebox guide](#) for PVPs in March 2024.
6. NSW utilised NSDIP FY23-24 funding:
 - a. to subsidise PVP laboratory testing, and
 - b. to produce a video resource on poultry live bird and necropsy and sampling techniques for PVPs, which is currently in editing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. NSW was grateful for \$42,343 (Ex GST) NSDIP funds accrued from FY22-23 to FY23-24. The NSDIP Advisory Committee approved \$36,000 for NSW to deliver four equine neurological disease investigation workshops for PVPs, of which NSW utilised \$18,124.41 (ex GST).
8. NSW was allocated \$43,461 (ex GST) in NSDIP funding for FY23-24, as per the 2022-2025 NSDIP Business Plan. NSW utilised:
 - a. \$3,472.78 (ex GST) for laboratory testing.
 - b. \$24,237 (ex GST) of NSDIP funding in FY23-24 to produce a video resource for poultry live bird and necropsy and sampling techniques.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

9. None

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

10. NSW will finalise and share reports with the NSDIP Advisory Committee on the equine neurological disease investigation workshops and poultry video resource.
11. NSW will share recorded presentations and supporting material from the equine neurological disease investigation workshops.
12. NSW will share the poultry video resource with the NSDIP Advisory Committee on completion.

FEEDBACK

13.

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree X	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
NSDIP provides necessary support to NSW's capacity to engage with and educate PVPs in disease investigation.				

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 X	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
NSDIP-funded training offers veterinarians valuable opportunities to - deepen their knowledge of disease investigation techniques, notification responsibilities, and processes - enhance their ability to assess the risk of potential cases, leading to the appropriate submission of samples for exclusion testing Additionally, it promotes networking and collaboration between government and private veterinarians in NSW.				

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 X	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
NSDIP-funded laboratory testing fosters dialogue on effective notifiable disease investigations and facilitates PVPs in achieving a definitive diagnosis.				