

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting 2021

Agenda Item 3.1

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COMMONWEALTH UPDATE 2021**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE:
 - a. The Commonwealth will be releasing an Approach to Market for a consultant to explore options for development of a Southern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance Network (SABSnet) similar to the NABSnet model.

BACKGROUND

2. The Commonwealth government has committed \$380 million to support Australia's biosecurity. As part of that, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has committed to developing a Southern Australia Biosecurity Surveillance Network (SABSnet) of non-government veterinarians, animal health workers and industry to boost Australia's preparedness and surveillance capabilities, noting the success of NABSnet.

DISCUSSION

3. No action is required of the NSDIP advisory committee at this stage. However, the committee's input will likely be sought as part of a stakeholder needs analysis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. This does not require any funding through the NSDIP. However, SABSnet could lead to increased significant disease investigations by non-government veterinarians in future years.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

5. The first step for SABSnet will be a stakeholder needs analysis undertaken by a consultant. Jurisdictions will be approached to take part in the consultation process. This will likely occur in the first half of 2022.

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

6. The Commonwealth will keep the committee updated on progress.

FEEDBACK

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Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree

The program continues to support disease investigations either through training or funding support, which helps Australia's passive surveillance. The Commonwealth continues to support this approach.

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

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