

FOR INFORMATION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Annual Meeting Nov 2025

Agenda Item 1.1

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NSDIP – STATE COORDINATOR REPORT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee **NOTE:**
 - a. The status of the National Significant Disease Investigation Program (NSDIP) in South Australia for the financial year 2024-25.

BACKGROUND

1. As reported in the 2024 Annual NSDIP Coordinators Report, South Australia (SA) uses National Significant Disease Investigation Program (NSDIP) funding to strengthen the state's disease surveillance capacity. This is achieved by subsidising private veterinarians to conduct investigations and cover associated laboratory costs for livestock showing clinical signs consistent with a notifiable disease.

DISCUSSION

2. From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, 285 disease investigations for cattle and sheep were approved by the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA). Out of these 285, 14 were approved for the NSDIP subsidy (Table 1). Table 2 shows the syndromes identified in the SA submissions. While private veterinarians generally support the use of the Significant Disease Investigation (SDI) program, the requirement to invoice PIRSA for subsidies can act as a barrier to participation. To address this, an online invoicing system has been implemented for private veterinarians; uptake of this system varies, with some practitioners using it effectively and others to a lesser extent.

Table 1.

SPECIES	TOTAL NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS	NSDIP INVESTIGATIONS
CATTLE	106	5
SHEEP	179	9
TOTAL	285	14

Table 2.

SYNDROME	NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS
NERVOUS SIGNS	2
RESPIRATORY SIGNS	2
INCREASED MORTALITY/SUDDEN DEATH	3
ILL THRIFT/WEIGHT LOSS	1
FOUND DEAD	3
WEAKNESS/DEPRESSION	2
LAMENESS	1

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. SA was allocated \$19,505 for the 2023/24 budget, all of which was utilised through the 13 disease investigations described above.

FEEDBACK

4. Feedback on the performance of NSDIP over the 2024-25 financial year is as indicated below.

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:				
NSDIP enhances the disease surveillance capacity of animal health in SA to support disease investigations carried out by private 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	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Please explain your answer, including any suggested changes:				
The NSDIP funding increases opportunity for engagement with private veterinarians with government animal health services and allows private veterinarians to thoroughly investigate cases of disease that may otherwise not have been fully investigated due to the lack of funding.				

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: As described above, NSDIP allows private veterinarians to investigate cases of disease that may otherwise not have been fully investigated due to the lack of funding.				