

FOR INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION

NSDIP Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting Nov 2025

Agenda Item ____

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2024-25 NSDIP Coordinator Report Tasmania**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the NSDIP Advisory Committee NOTE
 - a. The report on Tasmania's National Significant Disease Investigation Program 2024-25

BACKGROUND

2. In Tasmania's laboratory information management system (LIMS), NSDIP is allocated as a charge code for all significant disease investigations by private veterinary practitioners that receive Tasmanian government support. Events that satisfy program criteria are claimed through NSDIP.
3. Other significant disease investigations, including EAD exclusions, aquatic disease investigations or companion animal events, have laboratory testing costs supported through separate NRE funds.
4. A subset of disease investigations regarding wild avian morbidity and mortality events are also funded under a separate NRE fund for the purpose of HPAI surveillance in Tasmania.

DISCUSSION

5. Significant Disease Investigations undertaken in Tasmania under the NSDIP program during 2024-25 are summarised in Figure 1.
6. Significant disease investigations undertaken in Tasmania under all funds, including NSDIP, during 2024-2025 are summarised in Figure 2.
7. The most common presenting sign for NSDIP-funded cases was sudden death or increased mortality rates, followed by respiratory signs, neurological signs, and production losses.
8. Twelve private veterinary practices were engaged for investigations, with a good geographical spread located throughout the state
9. Over twenty nationally notifiable diseases were excluded by laboratory tests including, but not limited to, foot and mouth disease, various vesicular diseases, various encephalopathies, avian influenza and Newcastle disease.

Figure 1: Significant Disease Investigations Tasmania 01/07/2024-30/06/2025 funded under NSDIP program

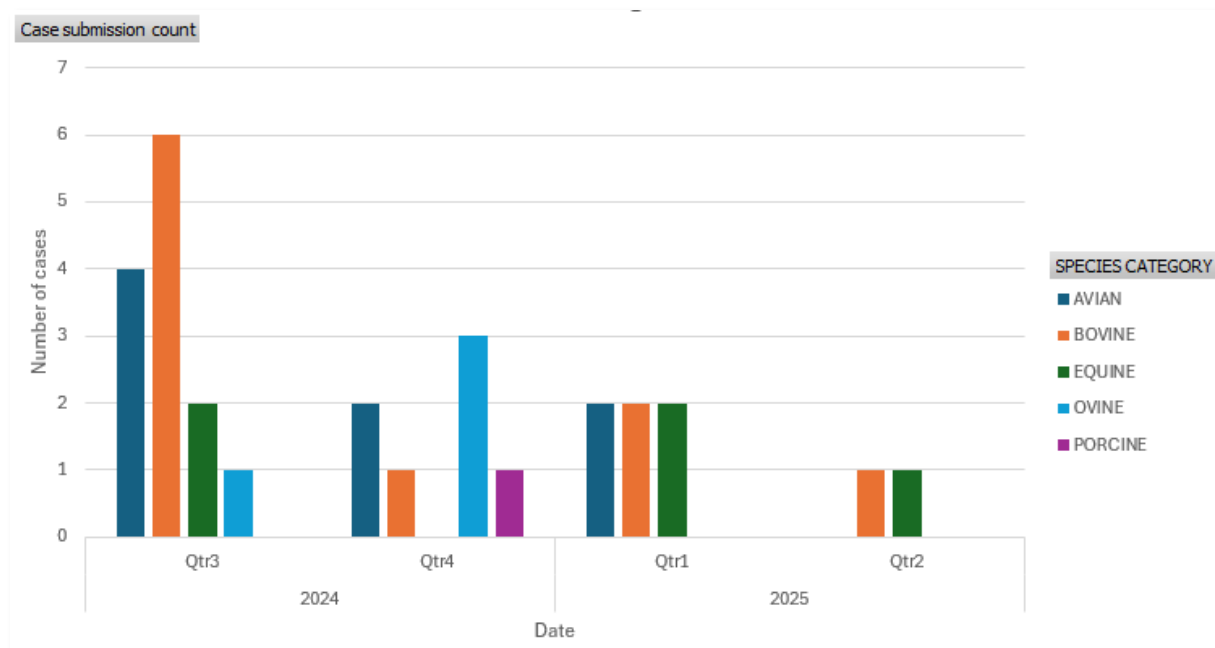
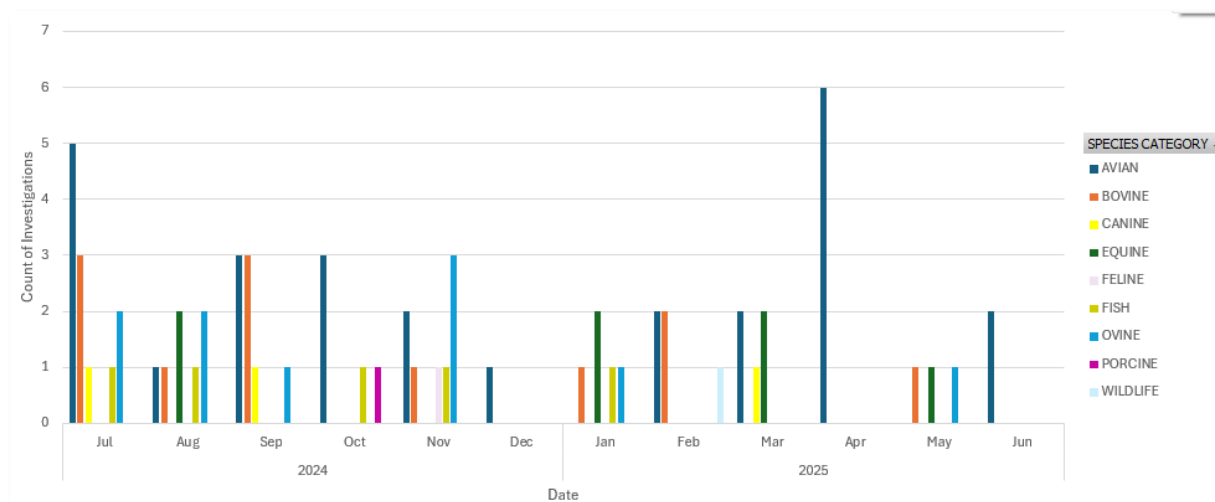


Figure 2: Significant Animal Disease Investigations Tasmania 2024-2025 *all funds



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. NSDIP funding provides essential support to Tasmania's passive surveillance capacity vital to early detection of significant disease events.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

11. Not Applicable

NEXT STEPS/ACTIONS

12. Not applicable

FEEDBACK

Q1 My organisation's needs and expectations of the NSDIP are being met.				
Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The NSDIP funding provides important capacity for NRE Tas to support quality investigations of significant disease events by private practitioners. The program during 2024-25 reached practitioners in all regions with an increasing number of participants observed. It is valued by practitioners, although feedback is still received that subsidies do not go far towards offsetting the cost of a large 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	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Tasmania did not use NSDIP funding directly for training in 2024-25. However, the relationship between private practitioners, veterinary pathologists and regional veterinary officers provides a supportive framework for quality investigations, increasing the skill of the veterinarian. Further, Tasmania has observed increasing interest from small animal practitioners on subsidies available for supporting zoonotic diseases affecting small animals and their owners. Such interest is encouraging greater collaboration and discussion among small animal practitioners and government vets, despite NSDIP-specific program scope limitations. These collaborations serve to strengthen Tasmania's capacity to identify and respond to a variety of significant animal disease events. Discussions are currently taking place for allocating some NSDIP funds for private veterinary training in 2026 or 2027.				

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
Most of the notifiable diseases excluded here would have been less likely to proceed without subsidy – the program is a very strong driver of the relationship between NRE Tas and private veterinarians in Tasmania.				