



## Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel (Panel) minutes

Meeting no. 02/2024

Date: 14 June 2024

Time: 2:30pm to 5:00pm

Location: Hybrid - Virtual (MS Teams) and Face-to-face (Agriculture House, Canberra)

### SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

Date of meeting	Action items	Action officer	Deadline	Status
14 June 2024	1. Members to provide further feedback on the refresh of the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap	Members	ASAP	Completed
14 June 2024	2. Department to advise the Minister that the Panel recommended that Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia be invited as Panel members.	Ms Saunders (Chair)	ASAP	Completed
14 June 2024	3. Secretariat to amend Terms of Reference to reflect feedback from Panel members and circulate updated ToR to members for finalisation.	Secretariat	ASAP	Completed
14 June 2024	4. Panel members and proxies to sign latest version of the confidentiality deed and return to the secretariat.	Members & proxies	ASAP	In progress
14 June 2024	5. Panel members and proxies to complete and sign latest version of the conflict of interest declaration and return to the secretariat.	Members & proxies	ASAP	In progress
14 June 2024	6. Secretariat to amend 2024 Work Plan to reflect feedback from Panel members and circulate updated work plan to members for finalisation.	Secretariat	ASAP	Completed
14 June 2024	7. Secretariat to provide Chair's Note to Panel members prior to publishing on the department's website.	Secretariat	June 2024	Completed
14 June 2024	8. Secretariat to circulate meeting 2 minutes to Panel members.	Secretariat	5 July 2024	Completed
14 June 2024	9. Secretariat to distribute provisional dates for next meeting to Panel members for their consideration.	Secretariat	ASAP	Completed

## MEETING SUMMARY AND OUTCOMES REACHED

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<b>Item 1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and acknowledgement of Country, apologies and housekeeping</b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting at 2.30pm and welcomed attendees. See <a href="#">Appendix A</a> for meeting attendees and apologies.</p> <p>Members <b>ENDORSED</b> the previous meeting minutes.</p>
<b>Item 2</b>	<p><b>Department update</b></p> <p>The Chair provided an update on the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. status of biosecurity cost recovery to commence on 1 July 2024;</li> <li>2. status of measures under the Sustainable Biosecurity Funding 2023-24 Budget package;</li> <li>3. 2024-25 Budget prioritisation and biosecurity related strategies; and</li> <li>4. emergency biosecurity responses currently underway, including High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza.</li> </ol> <p>Members <b>NOTED</b> the update.</p>
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>Biosecurity Protection Levy next steps</b></p> <p>The Chair sought member's views on alternative funding proposals for primary producers to make a direct contribution to Commonwealth biosecurity.</p> <p>Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. agreed they did not support the Biosecurity Protection Levy as a way for producers to make a direct contribution to Commonwealth biosecurity;</li> <li>2. agreed that there was no support for an alternative producer funded contribution to Commonwealth biosecurity;</li> <li>3. commented on alternate proposals to the Biosecurity Protection Levy, including through a container levy;</li> <li>4. suggested that the department identify and quantify behaviours and industries where risk is created;</li> <li>5. suggested that the department identify other beneficiaries of the Commonwealth biosecurity system; and</li> <li>6. agreed that the Panel should consider alternative funding mechanisms for the biosecurity system more broadly at a later meeting.</li> </ol>

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Item 4	<p data-bbox="331 210 995 275"><b>Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap refresh Department 2024-25 biosecurity investment priorities</b></p> <p data-bbox="331 315 1382 380">The department delivered a presentation about priorities for the 2024-25 financial year the process for refreshing the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 roadmap.</p> <p data-bbox="331 421 459 450">The Chair:</p> <ol data-bbox="379 459 1310 595" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. asked panel members for feedback on the refresh of the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap, including the nine strategic priorities; and</li> <li>2. requested members provide any further feedback on the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap to the department via the Panel secretariat.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="331 636 459 665">Members:</p> <ol data-bbox="379 674 1385 1561" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. provided feedback on the strategic priorities, including: <ol data-bbox="475 707 1385 1487" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. that the roadmap needs to include more focus on the environment</li> <li>b. It can be difficult to provide feedback without enough information to provide informed advice, for example proportional risk and relative levels of investment to address risks, how actions will address risks</li> <li>c. whether domestic threats/established pest management can be elevated in the Roadmap, as the existing Roadmap is focussed on external threat management</li> <li>d. if there could be an emphasis on elevation of technological advancements rather than existing platforms</li> <li>e. That the priorities reflect that biosecurity is important for trade and market access and if trade facilitation could be more greatly considered for the Roadmap</li> <li>f. if it would be worthwhile to develop a risk matrix and if it would show that there is sufficient investment being made into onshore biosecurity</li> <li>g. that increased passenger and freight arrivals are met with commensurate biosecurity presence</li> <li>h. how to improve collaboration with jurisdictions in responding to incursions, including capacity building and sharing learnings</li> <li>i. harmonisation across Australian Government departments in terms of regulation and policy settings</li> <li>j. whether the department has or could more effectively tap into the rural research and development corporation network.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. requested additional information in future e.g. funding allocated to priorities, more detailed data and data analysis about imports.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="331 1601 1362 1666">Members <b>NOTED</b> the presentation and <b>AGREED</b> to provide any additional feedback to the department via the secretariat.</p> <p data-bbox="331 1706 491 1736"><b><u>Action items</u></b></p> <ul data-bbox="379 1744 1219 1809" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. 1: Members to provide further feedback on the refresh of the Commonwealth Biosecurity 2030 Roadmap via the secretariat.</li> </ul>

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Item 5	<p><b>Panel Terms of Reference, confidentiality deeds and conflict of interest declaration forms</b></p> <p>The Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. presented updated the Terms of Reference, confidentiality deed and conflict of interest declaration forms to members;</li> <li>2. noted that the Terms of Reference have been updated following the last meeting, incorporating feedback provided by members;</li> <li>3. noted that the confidentiality deed has been updated to state that all information can be shared unless it is specifically marked as confidential, as requested by members;</li> <li>4. noted that all members and proxies will need to sign and return the updated confidentiality deed, which supersedes the previous version; and</li> <li>5. noted that the conflict of interest declaration needs to be completed by each member and proxies, and updated only where there are changes in circumstances.</li> </ol> <p>Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. provided in principle support the latest version of the Terms of Reference;</li> <li>2. suggested some minor amendments to add more clarity around purpose, aim, scope and limitations, membership and department roles and responsibilities; and</li> <li>3. suggested that consideration should be given to enable Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia to become members of the Panel.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Outcome reached</u></b></p> <p>Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>ENDORSED</b> the updated confidentiality deed and <b>AGREED</b> to sign the document and return it to the secretariat.</li> <li>2. <b>ENDORSED</b> the conflict of interest declaration form and <b>AGREED</b> to sign the document and return it to the secretariat.</li> <li>3. <b>ENDORSED</b> the Terms of Reference pending the updates discussed during the meeting.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Action items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. 2: Department to advise the Minister that the Panel recommended that Animal Health Australia and Plant Health Australia be invited as Panel members.</li> <li>• No. 3: Secretariat to amend Terms of Reference (ToR) to reflect feedback from Panel members and circulate updated ToR to members for finalisation.</li> <li>• No. 4: Panel members and proxies to sign the latest version of the confidentiality deed and return to the secretariat.</li> <li>• No. 5: Panel members and proxies to complete and sign latest version of the conflict of interest declaration and return to the secretariat.</li> </ul>

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Item 6	<p><b>2024 work plan</b></p> <p>The Chair presented an updated version of the 2024 work plan to members.</p> <p>Members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. provided in principle support for the latest version of the 2024 work plan; and</li> <li>2. requested the following be added to the 2024 work plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. discuss additional biosecurity funding sources</li> <li>b. discuss 2024-25 MYEFO outcomes.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b><u>Action items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. 6: Secretariat to amend work plan to reflect feedback from Panel members and circulate updated 2024 work plan to members for finalisation.</li> </ul>
Item 7	<p><b>Other business and next meeting</b></p> <p>No items were raised for discussion during Other Business.</p> <p>The Chair noted that the Panel secretariat would contact members within the next fortnight to identify a date for the next meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Action items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. 7: Secretariat to provide Chair’s Note to Panel members prior to publishing on the department’s website.</li> <li>• No. 8: Secretariat to circulate meeting 2 minutes to Panel members.</li> <li>• No. 9: Secretariat to distribute provisional dates for next meeting to Panel members for their consideration.</li> </ul>

The meeting closed at 5:00pm.

Sustainable Biosecurity Funding Advisory Panel Secretariat

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## APPENDIX A – Meeting attendees

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	
Dr Mary Wu	Animal Health Australia Industry Forum
Stephen Sheridan	Australian Dairy Farmers
Paco Tovar	Australian Forest Products Association
Lee McLean	Australian Grape and Wine
Margo Andrae	Australian Pork Limited
Dr Chris Parker	Cattle Australia
Prof. Andrew Robinson	Centre of Excellence for Biosecurity Risk Analysis
Colin Bettles	Grain Producers Australia
Prof. Brett Sutton	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
Adam Kay	Cotton Australia
Paul Zalai	Freight and Trade Alliance
Colin Bettles	Grain Producers Australia
Andrew Cox	Invasive Species Council
Nathan Hancock	Plant Health Australia Industry Forum
Bonnie Skinner	Sheep Producers Australia
Jo Hall	WoolProducers Australia
Deputy Secretary Justine Saunders APM - Chair	DAFF
Christie Sawczuk, First Assistant Secretary	DAFF
Matthew Geysen, CFO	DAFF
Maria Loyman, Assistant Secretary Cost Recovery	DAFF
<b>PRESENTERS</b>	
Bronwen Jaggars, Assistant Secretary	DAFF
<b>PROXIES</b>	
Dr Sam Nelson (for Shona Gawel)	GrainGrowers
Scott Carson (for Brad Leonard)	International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association
Julie Petty (for Veronica Papacosta)	Seafood Industry Australia
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
Shona Gawel	GrainGrowers
Brad Leonard	International Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association
Veronica Papacosta	Seafood Industry Australia
<b>SECRETARIAT</b>	
Jessica Mitchell, Assistant Secretary	DAFF
Michelle Brotohusodo, Director	DAFF
Cathy Trinh, Assistant Director	DAFF
Tristan Hawkins, Policy Officer	DAFF