Who ya going to call?

A model for responding to biosecurity incursions

Session purpose

To seek feedback and advice, including an indication of support on:

1. The proposal for MPI to lead a process to develop a *GIA Response Guide* using a Joint Working Group
2. The requirements for a *GIA Response Guide*
3. The proposed process to develop and deliver the *GIA Response Guide*
4. The draft Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group

To seek nominations on suitable participants for the Joint Working Group

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Session format

1. Background

2. Discussion paper recommendations

3. Next Steps

Background

Building on the National Biosecurity Response System

http://brkb.biosecurity.govt.nz/

GIA Response Guide – Proposed content

- Introduction to the existing National Biosecurity Response System

- Overview of how responses are managed under GIA

- Critical decisions that need to be made jointly

- Roles and responsibilities of decision-makers defined in Terms of Reference

- Principles for joint and consensus decision-making that reflect the expectations of Signatories

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The Panel

Katherine Clift
MPI Response Manager
Response leadership, management & delivery in Australia and New Zealand

Lois Ransom
Secretariat Mgr
GIA Deed

Rod Turner
Plant Health Australia
Broad cross-system biosecurity experience at senior levels. Involved in developing the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed. Response experience both pre- and post- the Deed.

Eva-Maria Bernoth
Animal Health Australia
Background in veterinary sciences, terrestrial and aquatic livestock species, Executive Manager for Emergency Preparedness & Response Programmes. Responsible for Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreeement, and AUSVETPLan.

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Recommendation 1

Agree MPI lead a process to develop a *GIA Response Guide* using a Joint Working Group of MPI and Industry representatives

Recommendation 2

A reference document to help ensure joint decision-makers in GIA responses have a shared understanding of how responses are managed, and know what is expected of them in the lead up to, and during a response

Use the Deed and existing biosecurity response systems as the foundation

Prioritise Terms of Reference for the response decision-making body (Response Strategic Leadership) and other content related to joint decision-making in responses

Include an agreed process for MPI to rapidly notify potentially affected Signatories when an unwanted organism is detected in New Zealand

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Recommendation 3

Step	Activity	Who	Due
1	Gather information	MPI	End Feb
2	Plan – confirm TOR, develop prioritised plan	JWG	End Mar
3	Develop Test with selected Industry and MPI reps Refine	JWG, SMEs JWG, Industry, MPI JWG	As plan
4	Compile into *GIA Response Guide*	JWG	As plan
5	Consult with wider Industry and MPI	Secretariat	As plan
6	Publish, communicate & socialise	Secretariat, Industry, MPI	As plan

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Recommendation 4

Agree the proposed Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide*) – refer Attachment 3

Purpose and Scope of Group – *to develop and test a GIA Response Guide*

Membership –*skills and experience based, all core skills represented across the group, numbers kept to the minimum required*

Working methods – *reports to IGB, regular face-to-face meetings, use subject matter experts as required, core group to draft material then test and consult more widely*

Outputs – *a GIA Response Guide, supporting tools, summary of outstanding issues and recommendations for resolving, recommendations on other actions to enhance collaboration*

Resources and budgets - *participation costs met by member organisations*

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Next steps

MPI and industry to submit nominations for Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide*) members to the Secretariat **[Monday 10 March]**

IGB to confirm Joint Working Group membership **[Friday 14 March]**

Secretariat to incorporate relevant forum feedback into the proposed requirement, process and Joint Working Group Terms of Reference **[Friday 21 March]**

First meeting of Joint Working Group (*GIA Response Guide)* **[week of Monday 24 March]**

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