



Vetcommuniqué

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Animal Health Committee Meeting 06, 8-10 November, 2005

Animal Health Committee meets next week

Face-to-face meetings are held twice each year, with the venue rotating around the States, Territories and New Zealand. The meetings are attended by the Chief Veterinary Officers (CVOs) of the Commonwealth, States, Territories and New Zealand with representatives from Biosecurity Australia, AQIS, CSIRO and Animal Health Australia (AHA) to discuss animal health issues of national importance. We also look forward to some innovative discussions with invited industry groups.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, the pre-meeting Vet-Communique will not be produced. The post-meeting VetCommunique will cover the key decisions of the meeting as usual.

Key issues for consideration include:

FMD/BSE—Outcomes from recent government and industry FMD and BSE Workshops

Avian Influenza—Current activities and issues for Australia relating to the outbreaks of avian influenza overseas

Update from the Sub-committee Emergency Animal Diseases on AI preparedness

Exercise Eleusis 05—preparations in the states, territories and DAFF

Emerging disease triggers – Procedure for reporting of emerging diseases

National Registration of Veterinarians

Frawley Report Steering Committee progress—laboratories surveillance and involvement of non government vets

BJD

NLIS

NAOJD and planning for the future

Laboratory and Diagnostic Issues – SCAHLS report

OIE— changed mandate for reference laboratory reporting.