

# GIA Biosecurity Forum 2014/1

## Agenda

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**Date:** 5 March 2014

**Time:** 8.45 am 5.00 pm, followed by a networking session at the close of the day  
Coffee and tea available from 8.30 am

**Where:** CQ Comfort and Quality Hotel, 223 Cuba Street, Wellington, NZ

**8.30 Coffee/tea on arrival**

**8.45 Welcome,** David Hayes, Chair of the GIA Interim Governance Body

**8.55 Talking shop: Feedback on the GIA discussion papers,** Lois Ransom, Manager, GIA Secretariat

Delegates will have the opportunity to consider and comment on the feedback the Interim Governance Body received in relation to the issues paper and the operating models that outline how the Deed Governance Group and Secretariat will work in practice.

*Background Reading:*

- Feedback on the Operating Model for the GIA Secretariat ([download](#))
- Feedback on the Operating Model for the Deed Governance Group ([download](#))
- Feedback on issues arising from Biosecurity Forum 2013/1 ([download](#))

**9.40 Making it work: Operational agreements,** Barry O'Neil, KVH; Trish Pearce, NZ Equine Health Association; David Talbot, MPI

GIA signatories can enter into operational agreements (OA) for readiness and response activities. The equine industry and horticulture industry organisations are already considering this option. Representatives from these industries and MPI have been invited to share their experiences so far, through short presentations and a panel discussion. This will help industry organisations contemplating an OA identify why an OA could be of value to them and understand what is involved in developing one.

**10.10 What's it worth? Cost sharing and fiscal caps under GIA,** Adam Benseman, GIA Secretariat

Under GIA, industry signatories and MPI will share costs for readiness and response activities. For this to happen in a transparent and equitable manner, as required in the Deed, signatories need to agree a framework for determining how costs will be split among parties. Industry organisations also have the ability to limit their spending by setting a fiscal cap,

In this session Adam Benseman, GIA Secretariat Business Analyst, will briefly outline the current thinking on cost sharing and setting fiscal caps. Delegates will then have the opportunity to comment and discuss the steps to develop the frameworks further.

*Background Reading:*

- Guidance on financial arrangements under GIA ([download](#))

## **10.40 Morning break**

**11.00 Tricks of the trade: How the Australians manage responses**, Eva-Maria Bernoth, Executive Manager Emergency Preparedness and Response, Animal Health Australia; Rod Turner, General Manager, Risk Management, Plant Health Australia

Plant Health Australia and Animal Health Australia bring together Government and Industry to manage aspects of biosecurity in Australia. Representatives from Australia have been invited to discuss how government-industry partnerships work there, with a particular focus on managing responses.

**11.45 Who ya gonna call? A model for responding to biosecurity incursions**, Amelia Pascoe, MPI

All parties involved in biosecurity response decision-making need to know what to do and what is expected of them. MPI has an existing CIMS-based model for managing biosecurity responses. This model is robust, but it does not currently include industry's roles and responsibilities under GIA. The Secretariat is proposing that MPI, in collaboration with industry, creates a GIA Response Toolkit. This would be a document that gives all signatories an overview of how responses are managed under GIA, including the critical information that they need to know to be an effective response decision-maker. Amelia Pascoe, Business Analyst at MPI, will introduce the proposal, and invite discussion on the principles underlying the toolkit and the process for developing it.

*Background Reading:*

- A guide to managing responses under GIA (GIA Response Guide) ([download](#))

## **12.40 Lunch**

**1.25 MPI: Expectations and commitment to GIA**, Andrew Coleman, MPI

Andrew Coleman, MPI's Deputy Director General for Compliance and Response, will outline MPI's perspective on GIA, and how it intends to work with signatories and non-signatories.

**1.45 Making sense of minimum commitments**, Lindsay Burton, IGB member

The Deed outlines minimum commitments for signatories – but what do the words mean in practice? In this session delegates will identify how their organisations can meet the Deed commitments. This will be a useful exercise for delegates from organisations that are contemplating signing the Deed.

**2.25 Join the club: Securing mandate and demonstrating eligibility**, Loretta Mamea, MPI

Industry organisations need to go through a process to secure mandate from their sector and demonstrate their eligibility to sign the GIA Deed. This session will give delegates the opportunity to ask questions of those who are working through the process and consider how their own organisation could approach it.

## **3.10 Afternoon break**

**3.25 What is the game plan? Exploring the opportunities for engagement in wider biosecurity system,** David Hayes, IGB Chair, and Andrew Coleman, MPI

The GIA deed offers signatories engagement in the wider biosecurity system. But what does this mean? This session is an opportunity for delegates to explore what they want from ‘engagement across the end-to-end biosecurity system’.

*Background Reading:*

- Purpose and outcomes of the Biosecurity Forum ([download](#))

**4.35 Wrap up and closing comments**

**4.50 Drinks and nibbles**

### **About the Forum**

The GIA Biosecurity Forum is organised by the Secretariat for the Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response (GIA) on behalf of the GIA Interim Governance Body. This forum is the opportunity for all parties with an interest in GIA to come together to:

- **Explore the opportunities GIA offers**
- **Share experience and practice**, with a particular focus on related to signing up to GIA and developing operational agreements
- **Direct the work programme for implementing GIA**, particularly in relation to how biosecurity responses will be managed under the new partnership, cost sharing for readiness and response activities, and what ‘engagement in the end-to-end biosecurity system’ will mean for signatories.

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