

Financial arrangements joint working group (JWG) Meeting 2/2014

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Communiqué

Members

Alan Pollard; Pipfruit NZ Barry O'Neil; KVH Limited Brendan Gould, MPI Chris Baddeley; MPI Chris Houston; Beef + Lamb NZ Fleur Matthews; MPI Gisele Irvine; Multiple Horticulture Kimberly Crewther; Dairy NZ Martin Burns; NZEHA (racing board) Paul Goldstone; MIA Philip Gregan; NZ Winegrowers <u>Secretariat</u> Adam Benseman & Lois Ransom (Chair)

Apologies

Dr Gould attended in the afternoon. Ms Crewther attended for a short time in the afternoon.

Matters discussed

The GIA Financial Arrangements Joint Working Group (JWG) met for the second time on 14 May 2014 to progress the development of guidance on implementing the financial arrangements in the GIA Deed.

The JWG considered the guidance needed by Signatories to implement cost-sharing arrangements in the Deed. Members determined that principles would form the framework for consistent interpretation of Deed rights and obligations and establish a framework for negotiations that would be taken into account when negotiating an Operational Agreement (OA).

The draft principles for establishing cost-shares and determining and applying a fiscal cap were reviewed and revised in this context. They will be provided to Signatories and potential Signatories prior to the September Biosecurity Forum to allow for due consideration and consultation with their members.

A work plan to deliver the outputs of the JWG was developed and will be integrated into revised Terms of Reference.

The JWG will meet again by teleconference in late May to establish processes for resolving a number of issues that were identified during discussions. Recommendations on addressing these issues may be made to the IGB where they expand beyond the JWG's current brief.

For more information on the Financial Arrangements JWG, please contact Adam Benseman, GIA Secretariat.