

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates May 2014

**Agriculture**

**Question:** 31

**Division/Agency:** Biosecurity Animal Division

**Topic:** Training for private veterinarians in various aspects of exotic disease control

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**Senator BACK asked:**

**Senator BACK:** You mentioned expenditure of \$91,000 on private veterinarians being trained in various aspects of exotic disease control to be called upon in the event of an emergency. Is that what I understood it to be?

**Dr Martin:** It is awareness training, so about AusVet plans.

**Senator BACK:** How many were represented by that \$91,000 this last financial year?

**Dr Martin:** I would have to take that on notice. A small amount goes to most of the states. We would have to get that information about the number of training courses. On a general rule, every couple of years each jurisdiction would get a certain amount of money to conduct training courses.

**Answer:**

Funds from 2013-14 Other Exotic Disease Preparedness Program have supported the following activities:

- Travel costs for 11 private veterinarians to participate in courses on foot and mouth disease (FMD) recognition and control run by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's European Commission for the Control of Foot and Mouth Disease. Costs of the training component of the FMD courses were funded by the Department of Agriculture.
- New South Wales (NSW) held one Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) Awareness workshop attended by 43 veterinarians.
- Northern Territory held one EAD Awareness workshop attended by 34 veterinarians.
- Victoria held one EAD Awareness workshop attended by 24 veterinarians.
- Tasmania held one workshop attended by 20 veterinarians.
- South Australia will conduct an EAD Awareness workshop in August 2014.

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- Wildlife Health Australia (formerly the Australian Wildlife Health Network) in conjunction with NSW will hold a workshop for veterinarians working with wildlife on EAD awareness in September 2014.