The Government Industry Agreement on Biosecurity Readiness and Response

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Biosecurity through Partnership

The Government Industry Agreement on Biosecurity Readiness and Response is:

- The GIA
- An integrated approach to prepare for and effectively respond to biosecurity risks through partnership

Outcome

- Achieving better biosecurity outcomes

Key elements

- Joint decision-making and cost sharing
Biosecurity through Partnership

The Deed of Agreement
- Higher level policy and principles
- Provides for Operational Agreements and joint investment
- Heavy on partnerships: government & industry organisations
- References the powers of the revised Biosecurity Act
- Will need to have implementation processes developed
- A final Deed available for signing on 1 July 2013

Operational Agreements
- Provide the contractual vehicle for delivering specific biosecurity outcomes agreed by government and industry(s)
- Readiness and/or response
Partnership in response

- Industry is a part of the response system and processes
- Nominated contacts for:
  - Notification
  - Decision making
  - Technical advice
  - Communications
- Pre-agreed response strategies
- Joint decision-making
- Cost sharing
- Cost recovery
Partnership in response

Biosecurity Act 1993

Decisions

Communications

Notification ➔ Investigation ➔ Emergency measures ➔ Response ➔ Long term control

No (further) action ➔ Other
Partnership in response

Decision makers

Response management

Response Operations

Logistics
Communications & Liaison
Market access
Planning & Intelligence
Operations

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coordinated_Incident_Management_System
## Comparison – now and the future

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<td>MPI decides response and strategy</td>
<td>Government and industry make joint decisions on response</td>
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<td>Determines stop and start</td>
<td>Response costs shared after 2016 – in-kind contributions, accessing industry expertise</td>
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<td>Industry ‘consulted’</td>
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<td>May or may not undertake surveillance or maintain laboratory capacity</td>
<td>New and emerging biosecurity risks – targets for early detection</td>
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<td>Ad-hoc assessment of new risks</td>
<td>Engagement in risk reduction strategies</td>
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**Non-signatories – all of the above plus the bill!**
To sign or not to sign...

- Is biosecurity important to your industry?
- Is it a business risk?
- What value do you get from your current investment?
- What opportunities does the Deed the offer, at what value? :
  - Joint decision-making
  - Early involvement in response
  - Engagement in the wider biosecurity system
  - New and emerging risks
  - Joint investment and leverage of co-contribution to readiness
  - More effective response and more transparent transition