



Government Industry Agreement for Biosecurity Readiness and Response

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This semi-regular update from the GIA Secretariat is intended to provide a general overview of the key matters considered by GIA governance bodies in the preceding month. It is not intended to communicate formal decisions by any of the parties, nor everything that happens within GIA. If there are any questions, or further information is required please contact steve.rich@gia.org.nz

GIA Pollination Services Steering Group: 6 May

The GIA Pollination Services Steering Group met on 6 May 2026 and

- reviewed progress developing a Pollination Services Continuity Plan. Progressing this work has been both impacted and assisted by the hornet response and the timeline has been recast with completion expected in September;
- discussed Cost share options in the absence of issues, drafting will proceed with an execution copy of the OA with a view to having an agreed and signed OA by the end of June.

Poultry Council: 18 May

The following key matters discussed were:

- H7 Otago response industry repayment arrangements
- HPAI modelling and vaccination planning
- Online response tools project progress
- Farmer support roadshows
- Containerised Gassing Unit access, governance and use
- Heating disinfection trial progress and costs
- Supply chain resilience project status
- Nitrogen use research approach
- Whole house gassing feasibility
- Financial relief scoping
- Bird control practices
- Carcass disposal resource consenting
- Roles and responsibilities framework development

The Poultry Council meetings again on 19 June 2026.

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Council (BMSBC): 26 May 2026

The following key matters discussed were:

- Use and management of 3D BMSB models

- Australia's BMSB surveillance season
- Collaboration between New Zealand and Australia
- The recent BMSB find in Orakei
- Māori engagement in the delivery of BMSB readiness and response activities
- The status of the current work programme and options for next year
- Alignment with the national biosecurity action plan.

Foot and Mouth Disease Council (FMDC): 27 May 2026

The following key matters discussed were:

- Adoption of the FMD Council Strategy (effective 1 July 2026)
- Insights from European FMD preparedness and response systems (including the recent German outbreak).
- MPI six-monthly biosecurity reporting, and FMD work programme
- Stock in transit as a key unresolved issue
- Procurement of a national FMD vaccine bank
- FMD preparedness work programme, current progress and next year's budget
- Workforce planning for FMD response capability
- Compensation framework development for FMD response.

Fruit Fly Council (FFC): 28 May 2026

The following key matters discussed were:

- Progress toward the Fruit Fly Operational Agreement fiscal cap
- Oriental Fruit Fly incursions and changing risk profile
- Six monthly fruit fly reporting
- Impacts of fruit fly on New Zealand indigenous plants
- Domestic movement controls
- A presentation from a PHD student on research on rapid diagnostic technologies (mass spectral fingerprinting), partially funded by the Council.
- Planning for an upcoming trade workshop
- Draft 2026/27 Fruit Fly Council work programme and budget
- Alignment with the Biosecurity Action Plan 2025
- New work programme initiatives