

SIXTH MEETING OF THE JOINT (INDUSTRY/GOVERNMENT) WORKING GROUP ON SHARING RESPONSIBILITY AND COSTS OF ANIMAL DISEASE: 26 MAY 2006 – FARMERS CLUB, WHITEHALL COURT, LONDON

Present

Members

Mike Segal	Joint Chair
Stewart Houston	Joint Chair
Peter Bradnock	BPC
David Dawson	Defra
Mark Williams	BEIC
Kevin Pearce	NFU
Mike Sheldon	NPA
Nafees Meah	Defra
Robert Robinson	NBA
Freda Scott-Park	BVA
Peter Morris	NSA
Richard Bennett	EIG
Peter Dawson	Dairy UK
Tom Hind	NFU

Secretariat

Roger Walsh	Defra
Magda North	Defra
Eunice Obeng	Defra

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and introductions

1. In welcoming members and the Secretariat to the sixth meeting, Mike Segal introduced Magda North from the Secretariat, who has returned from maternity leave.

Agenda Item 2: Full discussion of draft report

3. The draft report (JIGWG 51) was discussed. It was agreed that the report will have to be revised to take account of substantive comments from the Group.

4. Kevin Pearce presented some working notes in response to the draft based on informal discussion with JIGWG members. It was agreed that the notes provide useful principles which JIGWG members wish to be incorporated into the report.

Action: Nafees Meah to revise the draft report and submit it to the Group by 7 June for comments by 14 June.

Agenda Item 3: Next steps

5. The following timetable was agreed:

7 June Secretariat to circulate a revised draft to JIGWG members
14 June JIGWG members to provide comments on revised draft to the Secretariat
16 June JIGWG meeting
27 June Stewart Houston meeting with Lord Rooker and Ben Bradshaw (confirmed since the meeting)

6. A final draft will be circulated to JIGWG members for approval following the meeting.

7. The finalised report will be sent to Ministers for approval, with a letter from the JIGWG Joint Chairs.

8. Upon publication, a letter will be sent from the JIGWG Joint Chairs to industry stakeholders to accompany the report. Defra will also issue the report as a formal consultation and the JIGWG Secretariat will process responses made to the consultation.

9. David Dawson suggested that the JIGWG Joint Chairs present the published report to the European Commission.

Agenda Item 4: Any Other Business

10. Mike Segal informed the Group that, according to its terms of reference, the work of JIGWG will have come to an end when the report is published. He canvassed JIGWG member views on whether the group should continue after publication. Members agreed that, in the absence of any other forum to contribute industry views, they wished JIGWG to continue. Stewart Houston felt it was a useful vehicle to influence Brussels. It was therefore agreed that JIGWG should continue after the next meeting to maintain the information flow between Government and industry.

11. The next meeting will be held on 16 June.

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