



BIOSECURITY COSTS REGS. / LEVY ORDERS REVIEW PROJECT – NEWSLETTER #1 – October 2008.

Welcome to the Biosecurity Costs Regulations and Levy Orders Review Project's very first Newsletter. These Newsletters will inform you monthly, on what is happening in the project. You will also become acquainted with the Project Team at your work sites, over the life of the project.

I would like to thank on behalf of Colin Murray and the Project Team to date, all of those who have contributed to the project thus far. The work undertaken has provided the 'base data' for understanding the problems associated with cost recovery through the Regs. and Levies.

The focus of the project has changed to three immediate issues:-

- A real understanding of the problems associated with the Regs. / Levies and their application for both MAF staff and our customers (stakeholders)
- A real understanding of the costs of providing the required resources at the right location, at the right time, to meet the demand
- Develop a 'framework' that will allow site managers to accurately budget and also to forecast budget for their operations, thus allow group managers to do the same for their regions and pathways, etc.

During the next months you will meet members of the Project Team who need your feedback; some are front line managers, some are from Finance and some from Policy. They will also ask for you to introduce them to your customers / stakeholders.

Broadly the goals that the team has are:-

- To ensure that the Costs and Levies are workable, i.e. 'fit for purpose'
- That it is easy to charge for / collect what is required of us by law
- That customers / stakeholders can see what is being charged for and why, i.e. our costs are transparent
- Ensure that we have the data to support ourselves in getting the right resources to where the need is
- That the people in 'back of house' understand the needs of 'front of house' and visa versa

Should you have any questions about the project, or should you wish to provide feedback to assist the Project Team, please contact me directly (029 9098519) or via e-mail

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