

Defra Board – 19 March 2015

If you have any suggestions about issues you would like to see covered in the report, please contact the **Board Secretariat**.

Board Members in attendance were:

- Lord de Mauley Parliamentary Under Secretary (Lords)
- Bronwyn Hill Permanent Secretary
- Peter Unwin DG Policy Delivery
- Betsy Bassis DG Chief Operating Officer
- Ian Boyd Chief Scientific Adviser
- Nick Joicey DG Strategy, International & Biosecurity
- Alastair Bridges Finance Director
- Iain Ferguson Lead Non-Executive Board Member
- Paul Rew Non-Executive Board Member
- Catherine Doran Non-Executive Board Member

Apologies received from:

- Elizabeth Truss Secretary of State
- George Eustice Parliamentary Under Secretary
- Dan Rogerson Parliamentary Under Secretary
- Sir Tony Hawkhead Non-Executive Board Member

Also in attendance were:

- Eileen Mortby Board Secretary
- Anil Pillai Board Secretariat
- Meenakshi Westhead Board Secretariat

The meeting

Declarations of Interest and Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were cleared.

Report from sub-committees

- Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) – the Chair, Paul Rew reported that the January ARC discussed the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Delivery Programme, Interserve Contract, Fera, and Animal Plant and Health Agency.

Cyber Security

Julie Pierce, Chief Information Officer, updated the Board on procedures which are in place to strengthen cyber Security in Defra.

Defra's emergency preparedness for exotic notifiable animal disease outbreaks

Nigel Gibbens, Director General, chief Veterinary Officer, updated the Board on Defra's preparedness to deal with emergency response including capability and lessons learned from previous outbreaks.

Management Information Report

The Non - Executive Directors welcomed the performance reports from the Executive team which are included in the pack.