

EADRA GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Statistical data for EADRA cost-sharing calculations

SUMMARY OF GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This guidance document helps Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) signatories understand the process used to source and agree on statistical data for calculating cost-sharing between Relevant Parties to an emergency animal disease (EAD) response.
2. If statistical data from sources listed in the EADRA — such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and/or Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) — are not available, Relevant Parties must agree on alternative data sources or estimates.

Purpose of this document

3. This document outlines the process to source and agree on statistical data for cost-sharing between Relevant Parties to an EAD response.
4. This document should be read in conjunction with the EADRA. If there is any conflict between the EADRA and this document, the EADRA will take precedence.

Proposing alternative cost-sharing statistics

5. Any Party can propose alternative cost-sharing statistics during or outside an EAD response.
6. New statistics or best estimates can be accepted at any time if agreed to in writing by the signatory or Authorised Signatory of all Relevant Parties. See Clause 18.2 (b) and Schedule 13.1 for data on the appointment of Authorised Signatories.

Annual process to update and agree on data for cost-sharing

7. **Collect public data** — Animal Health Australia (AHA) gathers the latest three years of published statistics from ABS and/or ABARES (usually in August of each year).
8. **Add other sources** — AHA consults ABS, ABARES, government and industry Parties, and other agricultural organisations for additional relevant data.
9. **Prepare a summary** — AHA compiles the best available statistics for the EADRA cost-sharing formulae and lists all data sources.
10. **Share draft data** — AHA circulates the draft cost-sharing statistics to all Parties in an out-of-session paper.

11. **Review and respond within 30 days** — all Parties must:
 - a) agree to the draft statistics, or
 - b) propose updated or new statistics with evidence and source references, in writing to AHA; or
 - c) request an extension (up to 30 days) for further consultation or data collection.
12. **Update and agree** — AHA circulates any significant updates and helps Parties reach written agreement.
13. **Confirm final data** — AHA issues a resolution paper noting the final agreed cost-sharing statistics.
14. **Apply the data** — the agreed statistics become the default for any cost-shared EAD response until new statistics are approved, usually in the next financial year.

Background

15. See Clause 2.1 for a definition of Relevant Parties.
16. The share of response costs **between** the affected government and industry Parties is determined by the EAD category. See Clauses 10.2 and 8 and Schedule 3 of the [EADRA](#).
17. Cost-sharing formulae for shares **amongst** the affected government or industry Parties are detailed in Schedule 6 of the EADRA.
 - a) Government cost-sharing formulae are detailed in Schedule 6.1.
 - b) Industry cost-sharing formulae are detailed in Schedule 6.2.
18. The EADRA specifies that Parties use the last three years of the following data for the cost-sharing formula calculations:
 - a) the gross value of production (GVP) of livestock industries
 - b) livestock populations for states and territories
 - c) human population census data for states and territories
 - d) number of pigs and poultry slaughtered
 - e) number of hens and pullets for egg production.
19. The ABS and ABARES do not publish all the data needed for EADRA calculations.
20. Where ABS or ABARES data is unavailable, the EADRA allows AHA to use estimates agreed by all Relevant Parties.
 - f) **For GVP:** ‘... an estimate agreed by the Relevant Parties.’ (Clause 2.1 — definitions of GVP)
 - g) **For Government Parties:** ‘... if ABS data is not available, an estimate agreed by the Relevant Parties.’ (Schedule 6.1 — formulae explanation)
 - h) **For Industry Parties:** The cost-sharing formula is based on GVP and an agreed ‘weighting factor’. Therefore, the statistics to be used can be ‘... an estimate agreed by the Relevant Parties.’ (Clause 2.1 — definition of GVP).
21. Clause 26 of the EADRA sets out a mechanism to resolve any dispute that is not able to be resolved through regular consultative processes.