

H5N1 Avian Influenza – Timeline and Test Data

Mr GARLAND question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

My question is collated from several enquiries from Braddon constituents. Given that public biosecurity warnings were issued two days before the official 13 August 2026 positive test result, my constituents would like answers to the following questions: on what exact date did the Government first receive notice of the first suspected H5N1 bird flu case in the Rocky Cape region? On what date was the bird or a tissue sample sent for testing? Will the Minister release publicly the full testing and reporting dates from laboratories? What, if any, bird flu testing was done beforehand and when was it undertaken? If no testing was done beforehand, is the Minister certain that the virus was not spreading undetected in Tasmania in the weeks prior, and what is the total number of bird mortality events of five or more birds that have occurred in Tasmania in 2026? Where did they occur and what dates were these reported to Biosecurity Tasmania or Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania?