

Australian Fur Seal Autopsy

Dr WOORDUFF question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

Last week, Bruny Island residents were shocked to find a dead Australian fur seal on Little Nebraska Beach. Community members observed a patch of blood and small round hole in the skull and are concerned the seal may not have died from natural causes. Out of concern for the reason of death, and also mindful of H5N1 risks, they reported the seal death to the NRE. No follow-up has been given to residents. Minister, can you confirm whether NRE staff visited the corpse, whether an autopsy was done to assess whether it was bird flu or bullet wounds that contributed to the fur seal's death, and whether a response has or will be given shortly to residents, please?