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Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Senator Siewert: On the tuesday, by the time you instigated the national incident process, how many people had been reported as infected on that morning?

Prof. Baggoley: Again, my colleagues might be able to help me here, and please do. My understanding is at that stage there were still four, but I will take advice. Victoria remained at three cases, and has remained at three. New South Wales increased over the subsequent time. Whether we had Queensland have cases by the Tuesday I am not sure. Colleagues?

Mr Bowles: No, we do not appear to have how many were on that day, but we will find out for you. My recollection was that there were three or four; something like that.

Senator Siewert: Perhaps you can give us the time line as they came on - as New South Wales came on, how that escalated, and then Queensland.

Mr Bowles: Yes, we can do that.

Answer:

- Thursday 12 February 2015: 3 cases (Victoria only)
- Friday 13 February 2015: 4 cases (3 Victoria, 1 New South Wales)
- Saturday 14 February 2015: 5 cases (3 Victoria, 2 New South Wales)
- Sunday 15 February 2015: 5 cases (3 Victoria, 2 New South Wales)
- Monday 16 February 2015: 9 cases (4 Queensland, 3 Victoria, 2 New South Wales)
- Tuesday 17 February 2015: 9 cases (4 Queensland, 3 Victoria, 2 New South Wales)