Quarantine's response to Influenza A

The swine flu was the phrase for the month. The world is captivated by the arrival of this latest threat that all countries are on alert. Local officials including Samoa Quarantine Service revealed plans of action as precautionary measures to prevent the entry of the epidemic. Ministry of health is leading the way in this operation in cooperation with SQS and other border departments. SQS strategy includes seeking advise from national/regional veterinaries, improve team attendance at border, being extra careful in handling garbage from incoming flights/vessels and attending National Disaster Advisory Committee for updates.

University Students visit Quarantine

A visit to Quarantine Service is an annual event for the Agricultural university students. SQS welcomed them with open arms and a presentation was prepared for them on quarantine roles, functions and much more. An open discussion followed as this was a one time opportunity for the students to ask any queries they had. The visit is one way of spreading the quarantine message as these international students are a good target group so they can be responsible travelers in being aware of the need and importance of our service, so in return they can proudly share the Quarantine message with their family, friends and home countries.

USP students who visited SQS Matautu Office

The Queen and her hive welcomes Dawn Princess

The sight of these honey bees was a strange one at Apia Wharf. It was quite an unusual scene for the employees at the wharf as it is not something that one sees everyday. The queen and its servants nested and took up half a tree trunk on one of the trees on the wharf.

SQS notified the bee experts that were quick to respond and came to the rescue. The outcome turned out positive as the bees were identified as locals. This was a relief for SQS and local bee keepers and what a coincidence that on the same day, a cruise ship, Dawn princess had arrived.

This must've been a royal greeting indeed!

The lime tree : comfortable haven for a swarm of bees.