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Welcome to the sixth bulletin of the Australian Firefighters' Health Study, a publication designed to keep you informed about the progress of the Australian Firefighters' Health Study.

Study progress

Over the past months, the study has made progress on several fronts:

- The fifth Advisory Committee meeting took place in May 2014. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the study analysis plan and agree on a communication strategy.
- All ethics approvals are in place and current.
- Monash has received the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) death and cancer matches.
- Two members of the study team have carried out a clerical review of all possible National Death Index (NDI) matches. Possible matches were compared against names of people in the cohort to pick out true matches. Any differences in the set of matches between the two comparisons were examined by a third person to ensure a high quality matching process.
- The clerical review of cancer matches was carried out by the AIHW to ensure privacy.
- The statistical analyses of deaths and cancer incidence have commenced.
- Monash is currently working on creating a simplified national job history, which will code all job titles from all the different HR systems from all agencies.
- The next step will be for Monash to link incident data to the main cohort.

To learn more about the study or to find copies of this and other bulletins, visit our study website: <http://www.coeh.monash.org/ausfirefr.html>. If you have any questions or comments, please send an email to firefighterstudy@monash.edu.

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