

# OzFoodNet Program

## NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIED PROJECTS

### PRELIMINARIES

1. This Schedule will support the delivery of OzFoodNet: a national system of enhanced foodborne disease surveillance that provides comprehensive information on foodborne disease and the capacity to rapidly identify and respond to outbreaks of foodborne disease.
2. It continues the previous Schedule C to the National Partnership Agreement on Specified Projects.

### FORMALITIES

#### Parties to this Schedule

3. This Schedule is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States).

#### Term of this Schedule

4. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and will expire on 30 June 2020 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

### OUTPUT

5. The output of this Schedule will be the maintenance of an OzFoodNet Site, overseen by an epidemiologist or suitably qualified person, in each State and Territory. OzFoodNet Sites undertake active surveillance of enteric diseases and the investigation of foodborne or suspected foodborne diseases, and contribute to national data on enteric diseases and foodborne disease outbreaks.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Role of the Commonwealth

6. Under this Schedule, the Commonwealth agrees to be accountable for the following additional roles and responsibilities:
  - (a) maintaining an OzFoodNet Central Site, overseen by the Coordinating Epidemiologist, to provide leadership and appropriate support for the OzFoodNet Program;
  - (b) providing States with reporting templates to use for reporting and surveillance in relation to this Schedule;

- (c) maintaining and supporting a nationally coordinated outbreak management tool and surveillance database including the OzFoodNet Outbreak Register;
- (d) consulting with States that contributed data prior to publishing national quarterly and annual reports in the journal *Communicable Diseases Intelligence*, and on the OzFoodNet website; and
- (e) reproducing, publishing, electronically transmitting, electronically distributing, exploiting, modifying and adapting the Project Material, including regular publication of national quarterly and annual reports in the journal *Communicable Diseases Intelligence* and on the OzFoodNet website.

## **Role of the States**

- 7. Under this Schedule, the States agree to be accountable for the following additional roles and responsibilities:
  - (a) undertaking active surveillance of enteric disease and investigation of foodborne or suspected foodborne disease;
  - (b) contributing to national data on foodborne disease outbreaks in accordance with clauses 10 to 12 of this Schedule;
  - (c) participating in OzFoodNet face-to-face meetings and teleconferences;
  - (d) hosting an OzFoodNet face-to-face meeting; and
  - (e) supporting the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Foodborne Infections Network and other WHO training on foodborne disease (where appropriate).

## **PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING**

- 8. Annual performance reports will be provided in accordance with Table 1 and will describe the performance of the States against the milestones. The Commonwealth will make the payment subject to the annual performance report demonstrating the milestone has been met.

**Table 1: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<b>Maintenance of an OzFoodNet Site in accordance with clause 5 of this Schedule</b>	<b>2016-17</b> Commonwealth validation of the January – December 2016 OzFoodNet Annual Report and data	30 April 2017	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 2
	<b>2017-18</b> Commonwealth validation of the January – December 2017 OzFoodNet Annual Report and data	30 April 2018	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 2
	<b>2018-19</b> Commonwealth validation of the January – December 2018 OzFoodNet Annual Report and data	30 April 2019	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 2
	<b>2019-20</b> Commonwealth validation of the January – December 2019 OzFoodNet Annual Report and data	30 April 2020	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 2

9. If a milestone is met in advance of the due date, where the relevant performance report demonstrates that the milestone has been met, the Commonwealth may make the associated payment earlier than scheduled provided it falls within the same financial year as the original milestone date.
10. The States will prepare an OzFoodNet Annual Report and annual line-listed data on gastroenteritis outbreaks, including foodborne and other relevant enteric disease outbreaks and the incidence of foodborne and enteric diseases in the States, in an agreed format, which reports on data for the previous calendar year and is due on 30 April of each year in accordance with Table 1.
11. The States will provide data on gastroenteritis outbreaks, including foodborne and other relevant enteric disease outbreaks, quarterly and in accordance with the guidance from the Commonwealth and compatible with the OzFoodNet Outbreak Register.
12. The States will report on outbreaks of gastroenteritis and foodborne disease occurring in the State according to the following frequency:
  - (a) As soon as it becomes apparent that an outbreak of national significance is occurring, as defined by unusual pathogen, intentional contamination, serious or unusual clinical presentation, a large number of people affected (determined by consensus by the Parties based on pathogen), or potential for multi-jurisdictional or international spread of the outbreak. This notification may be to the:
    - i. Coordinating Epidemiologist;
    - ii. OzFoodNet restricted (epidemiologists) e-mailing list; or
    - iii. National Focal Point under the *International Health Regulations 2005* (IHRs).

- (b) Fortnightly – for all outbreaks occurring in the States, along with details of clusters of disease under investigation, cases of potentially emerging diseases and other information as requested by the Coordinating Epidemiologist.
- (c) Quarterly – for all gastrointestinal disease outbreaks occurring in the States. Each Quarterly Summary will aggregate and analyse data on foodborne and other enteric disease in the States. It will be in an agreed format and accompanied by quarterly summary data.

## FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 13. Under this Schedule, the Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution to the States of \$7.136 million. All payments are GST exclusive.
- 14. The Commonwealth’s estimated financial contribution to this Project, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with *Schedule D – Payment Arrangements of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*, are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Estimated financial contributions**

(\$ million)	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>1.748</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>1.795</b>	<b>1.824</b>	<b>7.136</b>
New South Wales	0.352	0.356	0.361	0.367	1.436
Victoria	0.259	0.262	0.266	0.270	1.057
Queensland	0.257	0.261	0.265	0.269	1.052
Western Australia	0.203	0.205	0.208	0.212	0.828
South Australia	0.203	0.205	0.208	0.212	0.828
Tasmania	0.187	0.189	0.192	0.195	0.763
Australian Capital Territory	0.141	0.143	0.145	0.147	0.576
Northern Territory	0.146	0.148	0.150	0.152	0.596
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	<b>1.748</b>	<b>1.769</b>	<b>1.795</b>	<b>1.824</b>	<b>7.136</b>
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## INTERPRETATION

- 15. For the purposes of this Schedule:
  - (a) **Enteric disease** means communicable diseases affecting the gastrointestinal tract. There are various sources of enteric disease, including foodborne, waterborne, environmental, person-to-person, zoonotic or unknown.
  - (b) **Foodborne disease outbreaks** means information relating to two or more cases that have been linked to a common source of food and were reported in the State or Territory during the specified reporting period. Foodborne and non-foodborne disease outbreak

information from the States is collated into a national dataset, the OzFoodNet Outbreak Register.

- (c) **Incidence of foodborne diseases** means information relating to cases of foodborne disease such as: botulism; campylobacteriosis; cholera; enteric fever (typhoid and paratyphoid); haemolytic uraemic syndrome; hepatitis A; hepatitis E; listeriosis; salmonellosis; Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* infection; and shigellosis, which were reported in the State or Territory during the specified reporting period.
- (d) **Outbreak management tool and surveillance database** includes the OzFoodNet Outbreak Register. The OzFoodNet Outbreak Register is a national dataset managed by OzFoodNet Central for the collation of information from States on foodborne and other relevant enteric disease clusters and outbreaks.
- (e) **Site** is an operational adjunct to the current jurisdictional surveillance infrastructure that collects, collates, manages and coordinates the transfer of information across and within jurisdictions for the purposes of contributing to the provision of national data on the reported incidence of enteric diseases and foodborne disease outbreaks. Epidemiologists, or other suitably qualified personnel, are employed by the States to coordinate and oversee the work of the OzFoodNet Site.
- (f) **Project** means OzFoodNet: a national enhanced foodborne disease surveillance program that provides comprehensive information on foodborne disease and the capacity to rapidly identify and respond to outbreaks of foodborne disease.
- (g) **Project Material** means all Material (documents, records, software, goods, images, information and data), including but not limited to that which was created and/or supplied to the Commonwealth under the current and previous agreements (including funding, project and partnership agreements) for the OzFoodNet Program (since 2000), in addition to all reports and data, which are: (1) brought into existence for the purpose of the OzFoodNet Program under the Agreement; (2) incorporated in, supplied or required to be supplied along with the Material referred to in paragraph (1); or (3) copied or derived from the Material referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) above.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

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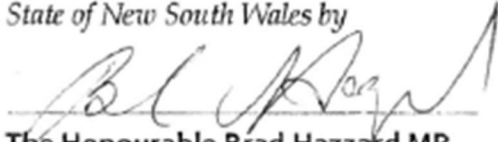
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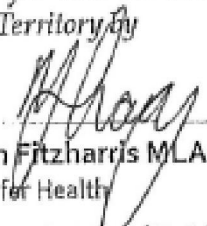
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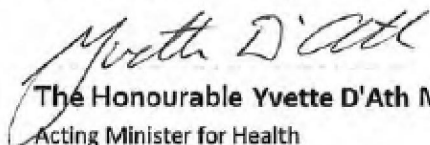
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