Schedule A

Addressing Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections in the Torres Strait

Project agreement on healthcare and disease prevention in the torres strait islands

1. This Schedule has been developed in accordance with clause 11(a) of the Project Agreement on Healthcare and Disease Prevention in the Torres Strait Islands. It will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and Queensland 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.
2. The outputs of this Schedule will be:
3. a workplan for the delivery of the services under this Schedule;
4. expanded delivery of communicable and chronic disease testing, treatment, prevention and education activities to the entire Torres Strait region, with high priority given to at‑risk populations, namely Torres Strait Island residents under 30 years, people who inject drugs, people in custodial settings, gay men and men who have sex with men, sistergirls, transgender people, people living with viral hepatitis and HIV, and sex workers; and
5. enhanced detection and reporting of communicable diseases to ensure that health activities are responsive to current and emerging risks associated with Blood Borne Viruses (BBV) and Sexually Transmissible Infections (STI) in the Torres Strait, to:
6. reduce the prevalence of BBV and STI in the Torres Strait, namely HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis and trichomonas; and
7. address vaccine preventable hepatitis B and rotavirus infection in the Torres Strait.
8. For the purposes of this Schedule:
9. Testing, including retesting, contact-tracing and antenatal testing of individuals at risk of BBV and STI, will include:
10. establishment of baseline data on testing uptake for each specified disease for the Torres Strait region, and estimates of the number of at-risk populations, as specified in clause 2(b), and
11. undertaking testing, including retesting, contact-tracing and antenatal testing for BBV and STI, with the aim of achieving annual increases in testing based on the above baseline.
12. Best practice clinical management and treatment of BBV and STI will include:
13. provision of access to advancements in treatment;
14. adoption of the best practice Patient Management System by all Torres Strait health services; and
15. treatment of new positive diagnoses with BBV and/or STI within one week of diagnosis or within clinically appropriate times based on clinical management guidelines.
16. Immunisation services will comply with Queensland’s immunisation guidelines and schedules for hepatitis B and rotavirus immunisation.
17. Delivery of education activities will include culturally-safe community health education activities, at least twice yearly to each Torres Strait island, aimed at increasing awareness of BBV, STI and priority chronic diseases; promoting safe sexual and drug injecting behaviours; encouraging health-seeking behaviour and resilience; and eliminating stigmatising and discriminatory behaviours that affect access to testing and treatment for BBV and STI in communities.
18. Table 1 summarises the milestones for the project, their relationship to the outputs, expected completion dates, relevant reporting dates and expected payments to be made. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to the annual performance report demonstrating the relevant milestone has been met.

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

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| **Outputs** | **Milestones** | **Report due** | **Payment** |
| In accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of this Schedule | A workplan for the delivery of services under this Schedule for the 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2020 period; baseline data and estimates of the number of at-risk populations | 28 February 2017 | $0.02m |
| Services and activities delivered over the 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017 period in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of this Schedule. | 30 April 2017 | $1.10m |
| Services and activities delivered over the 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 period in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of this Schedule. | 30 April 2018 | $1.12m |
| Services and activities delivered over the 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 period in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of this Schedule. | 30 April 2019 | $1.12m |
| Services and activities delivered over the 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 period in accordance with clauses 2 and 3 of this Schedule | 30 April 2020 | $1.12m |

1. Queensland will provide performance reports in accordance with Table 1 during the operation of this Schedule. Each performance report is to contain a description of actual performance and information that demonstrates achievements of the outputs by Queensland in the period to date against the project milestones and is to include details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Queensland proposes to resolve this/these matter(s).
2. Queensland will prepare a final performance report within 30 days of the completion of the project reporting in accordance with clause 5 of this Schedule on services and activities delivered over the 1 April to 30 June 2020 period.
3. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of $4.48 million in respect of this Schedule. All payments are GST exclusive.
4. The Commonwealth’s and Queensland’s estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Schedule, including through National Partnership payments to Queensland 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**

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| **($ million)** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** | **2018-19** | **2019-20** | **Total** |
| **Estimated total budget** | **1.12** | **1.12** | **1.12** | **1.12** | **4.48** |
| Less estimated National Partnership Payments | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 1.12 | 4.48 |
| Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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

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| Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by    The Honourable Greg Hunt MP  Minister for Health  [Day] [Month] [Year] |  |  |
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| Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by    **The Honourable Yvette D’Ath** **MP**  Acting Minister for Health  [Day] [Month] [Year] |  |  |