

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL OUTCOME STANDARDS FOR PERPETRATOR INTERVENTIONS

An agreement between:

- n the **Commonwealth of Australia**; and
- n the **States and Territories of**
 - t New South Wales,
 - t Victoria,
 - t Queensland,
 - t Western Australia,
 - t South Australia,
 - t Tasmania,
 - t the Australian Capital Territory, and
 - t the Northern Territory.

The output of this project will be support for the implementation of the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions as part of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

Project Agreement for Implementation of National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions

OVERVIEW

1. This Project Agreement (the Agreement) is created subject to the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement and its Schedules, which provide information in relation to performance reporting and payment arrangements under the IGA FFR.

Purpose

2. This Agreement will support the implementation of the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions as part of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022.

Reporting Arrangements

3. The states will report annually against the agreed milestones during the operation of this Agreement, as set out in Part 4 – Project Milestones, Reporting and Payments.

Financial Arrangements

4. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the states of \$4,000,000 (exclusive of GST) in respect of this Agreement, as set out in Part 5 – Financial Arrangements.

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

5. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement for this project.

Parties to this Agreement

6. This Agreement is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States).

Term of the Agreement

7. This Agreement will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and will expire on 30 June 2017 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.

PART 2 – PROJECT OUTPUTS

Outputs

8. The outputs of this Agreement will be:
 - (a) in-principle agreement by the National Plan Implementation Executive Group (IMPEG) to performance indicators for the National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions (NOSPI); and
 - (b) facilitating improvements to perpetrator interventions, including data collection, consistent with the agreed performance indicators and national reporting framework.
9. The Parties are committed to developing the NOSPI performance indicators and reporting framework, to enable them to be considered and agreed by the Women's Safety Ministers and the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) in 2016.

PART 3 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY

Role of the Commonwealth

10. The Commonwealth will be responsible for:
 - (a) monitoring and assessing achievement against milestones to ensure that the outputs of this Agreement are delivered within the agreed timeframe; and
 - (b) providing a consequent financial contribution to the States to support the implementation of this Agreement.

Role of the States and Territories

11. The states will be responsible for:
 - (a) all aspects of delivering on the project outputs set out in this Agreement; and
 - (b) reporting on the delivery of outputs as set out in Part 4 – Project Milestones, Reporting and Payments.

Shared roles

12. The Commonwealth and the states will agree bilateral Project Plans that:
 - (a) set out each state's strategy for delivering the outputs of this Agreement; and
 - (b) identify specific improvements to data collection processes and systems to support implementation of the reporting framework.
13. Project Plans:
 - (a) are to be developed following agreement by Ministers to the NOSPI performance indicators and reporting framework;
 - (b) are to be agreed in writing by Ministers who have responsibility for the safety of women; and
 - (c) may be varied over time to accommodate changing circumstances within each jurisdiction but only require the written agreement of Ministers to variations that directly affect milestones and associated payments.

14. The Parties will meet the requirements of Schedule E, Clause 26 of the IGA FFR, by ensuring that prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Agreement, and that the roles of both Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 4 – PROJECT MILESTONES, REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

15. 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

Outputs	Milestones	Report due	Payment
In-principle agreement by the National Plan Implementation Executive Group to performance indicators for the NOSPI	State participation in a national workshop to progress work on developing performance indicators	15 May 2016	100 per cent of the State's 2015-16 allocation as set out in Table 2 of this Agreement
Facilitate improvements to perpetrator interventions, including data collection, consistent with the agreed performance indicators and reporting framework	<p>Agreement of Women's Safety Ministers and LCCSC to performance indicators and the reporting framework.</p> <p>Agreement to bilateral Project Plans identifying specific improvements to perpetrator interventions, including data collection processes and systems, to support the implementation of the reporting framework</p> <p>Achievement of scheduled progress in accordance with the agreed state-specific Project Plan</p>	15 May 2017	100 per cent of the State's 2016-17 allocation of the as set out in Table 2 of this Agreement

16. 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.

Reporting arrangements

17. In-principle agreement by IMPEG to the performance indicators will qualify as reporting for the first milestone.
18. A progress report on the achievement of scheduled progress in accordance with agreed state-specific Project Plans will qualify as the performance report for the purpose of the second milestone.

PART 5 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

19. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the states of \$4,000,000 in respect of this Agreement. All payments are GST exclusive.
20. The Commonwealth's funding contribution will not be reduced where the states secure funding from other activity partners. The Commonwealth's and the States' estimated financial contributions to the operation of this Agreement, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with *Schedule D – Payment Arrangements* of the IGA FFR, are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

(\$)	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Estimated total budget	2,800,000	1,200,000	4,000,000
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	2,800,000	1,200,000	4,000,000
New South Wales	787,658	337,567	1,125,225
Victoria	628,786	269,480	898,266
Queensland	520,315	222,992	743,307
Western Australia	314,396	134,741	449,137
South Australia	230,242	98,675	328,917
Tasmania	118,756	50,896	169,652
Australian Capital Territory	106,815	45,778	152,593
Northern Territory	93,032	39,871	132,903
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0	0	0

21. Having regard to the agreed estimated costs of projects specified in this Agreement, a state will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, the States bear all risk should the costs of a project exceed the agreed estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the states to deliver projects cost effectively and efficiently.

PART 6 – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Enforceability of the Agreement

22. The Parties do not intend any of the provisions of this Agreement to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Agreement.

Variation of the Agreement

23. The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by all the Parties.
24. A Party to the Agreement may terminate their participation in the Agreement at any time by notifying all Parties in writing.

Delegations

21. The Commonwealth Minister may delegate the assessment of performance against milestones and the authorisation of related project payments to senior Commonwealth officials, having regard to the financial and policy risks associated with those payments.

Dispute resolution

22. A Party may give notice to other Parties of a dispute under this Agreement.
23. Officials of relevant Parties will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.
24. If a dispute cannot be resolved by officials, it may be escalated to the relevant Ministers.

Interpretation

25. Performance indicators show that activities were implemented as planned and influence change in a desired outcome in line with the NOSPI headline standards. The performance indicators will be reported on by the Commonwealth and the States in line with the agreed reporting framework.
26. The Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) consists of a minimum of two ministers with responsibilities for law and justice, police and emergency management from each of the Commonwealth, the states and New Zealand.
27. The National Plan Implementation Executive Group (IMPEG) is a group of senior officials from the Commonwealth and the States with responsibility for overseeing the implementation of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022*.

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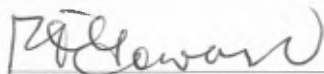


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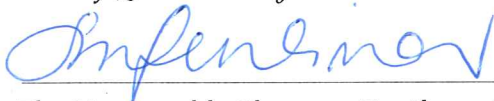
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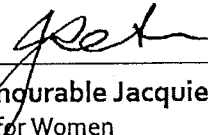
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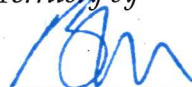
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