NATIONAL HEALTH AND HOSPITALS NETWORK - NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON IMPROVING PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICES

SURGICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

SCHEDULE A – ELECTIVE SURGERY NATIONAL ACCESS GUARANTEE AND TARGETS

Project number:	2
Hospital/Location (not area health services generally)	*Surgery Connect Program – Purchasing of additional surgical activity* *Centre for Healthcare Improvement* *Queensland Health*
Project Description	– *Purchase of additional activity through the Surgery Connect program (both internally and through the private sector) will assist in facilitating the achievement of elective surgery targets and associated reward payments as set out in the NPA. This will be additional to the current activity under the existing program arrangements.* – *The Surgery Connect Program is used to assist Health Service Districts in the treatment of 'long wait' elective surgery patients either through internal capacity initiatives such running Saturday operating lists or through private sector outsourcing.* – *Funding for Surgery Connect is allocated to Health Service Districts based on their capacity or ability to treat additional 'long wait' elective surgery patients. It is difficult to accurately predict where the funding will be provided into the future as individual Districts' ability to treat additional elective surgery patients can often vary.* – *Based on surgery connect activity in 2010/11, it is likely that the available surgery connect funding would be split:* o *Metropolitan hospitals: 30%* o *Regional hospitals: 40%* o *Private Sector Outsourcing: 30%* – *The Surgery Connect model has proven success in improving access to elective surgery for Queenslanders.* – *Since the program's inception in 2007, Surgery Connect has facilitated the treatment of over 16,000 Queenslanders who may otherwise have continued to languish on elective surgery waiting lists.*
Relationship with other Commonwealth or state funded activities	*This initiative will be a continuation of elective surgery initiatives undertaken through the Commonwealth Governments Elective Surgery Waiting List Reduction Plan*
Expected improvement as a result of this project	– *Queensland Health's Surgery Connect program is an innovative program which aims to provide alternative treatments options for 'long wait' elective surgery patients, either in the private sector or by utilising available capacity in the public sector outside of normal operating hours.* – *It is expected that this funding will provide treatment opportunities for 8,000 Queenslanders over 3 years (approximately 2,700 patients per year*

	depending on case complexity).
Estimated Cost	– *$61.0 million over three to four years.*
Estimated Start Date	*July 2010*
Estimated Completion date	*July 2013*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Project No.	Project Description	Estimated cost
	Purchasing of additional surgical activity (approximately 8,000 additional cases) through the Surgery Connect Program.	$61,000,000