

Victorian Cytology Service

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STREAMLINED AGREEMENTS

Formalities and operation of schedule													
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria												
Effect on other agreements	The Project Agreement for the Victorian Cytology Service that commenced on 21 May 2018 on is replaced by this Agreement and Schedule. This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2021.												
Purpose	This Schedule will support the Victorian Cytology Service (VCS), a national centre of excellence in the early detection of pre-cancerous cervical abnormalities, to provide accurate reporting of primary cervical screening tests and benchmarking data on the pricing and quality of primary cervical screening tests.												
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Victoria of \$10.6 million in respect of this Schedule, noting this does not include payments made prior to 1 July 2020 under the previous agreement.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th>2020-21</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>10.6</td> <td>10.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td> <td>10.6</td> <td>10.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions *</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Victoria is not required to provide financial and/or in-kind contributions under the terms of this Agreement, however it allocates its own source funding and provides in-kind contributions to support achievement of the outputs of this Agreement. Victoria has noted that the VCS Foundation is a Company Limited by Guarantee that operates under, and complies with, the: Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012; and Improving Cancer Outcomes Act 2014.</p>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2020-21	Total	Estimated total budget	10.6	10.6	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	10.6	10.6	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions *	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	<p>The Commonwealth will be responsible for conducting a review of services and outputs delivered under this Agreement within twelve months of its expiry.</p> <p>Victoria will be responsible for participating in the review.</p>												

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Report period	Payment
<p>The outputs of this Agreement will be the delivery of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) processed primary cervical screening tests in Victoria taken by health practitioners, or self-collected, in line with the National Cervical Screening Program (NCSP); (b) benchmarking data to the Commonwealth on the pricing and quality of primary cervical screening tests; (c) reporting on the impact of the renewed NCSP ; (d) education, training and support for cervical screening test collectors to support the NCSP; (e) assessment of the new primary cervical screening tests taken in Victoria to support the COMPASS trial; and (f) research and support activities that promote continued participation in the NCSP. 	<p>Demonstration, through the provision of performance reports, of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The processing of at least 45 per cent annually of all primary cervical screening tests taken in Victoria; 2. Data on costs and quality of primary cervical screening tests including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the average unit cost of processing cervical screening tests; (b) a breakdown of the number of tests ordered by medical practitioners/ nurses and other health workers; (c) number of each type of cervical cancer screening tests processed; (d) the quality of the cervical screening assessments; and 3. Any research, education and other activities undertaken to support the NCSP, the broader cytology workforce and the introduction of the new cervical screening test of the NCSP. <p>Each performance report is to contain the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Victoria proposes to resolve this/these matter(s); (b) a report on the impact of the renewed NCSP and referrals from the new testing regime; (c) an update on activities that target under screened or never screened women; and (d) evidence on National Association of Testing Authority/Royal College of Pathologists Australasia accreditation for cervical cytology. <p>Victoria will provide a final performance report for the 1 May 2021 to 30 June 2021 by no later than 31 July 2021.</p>	<p>31/05/2021</p>	<p>1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021</p>	<p>\$10,611,000</p>

This schedule was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching National Partnership was signed.