

Implementation Plan for Indigenous mobile dental infrastructure: Queensland

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the **National Partnership Agreement on Health Infrastructure** and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to improve the health and wellbeing of Australians through the provision of high quality physical and technological health infrastructure.
2. This initiative has been established under the 2009-10 Budget measure Closing the Gap – Indigenous dental services in rural and regional areas.
3. This proposal provides funding to the State of Queensland to procure three suitable Drover Mobile Dental Clinics and mobile dental equipment for the provision of dental services to Indigenous Australians in Cherbourg, the Torres Strait and Cape York.

TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

4. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Indigenous Health, and the State of Queensland, represented by the Queensland Minister for Health.
5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
7. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing 30 days notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State of Queensland is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State of Queensland by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
8. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

9. The objective of this project is to improve the oral health of Indigenous Australians in communities in Cherbourg, the Torres Strait, Cape York and surrounding communities in Queensland by providing mobile dental infrastructure to assist the provision of dental services to Indigenous Australians in these regions.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role of the Commonwealth

10. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State of Queensland's performance against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State of Queensland for that performance.

Role of the State of Queensland

11. The State of Queensland is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
 - (a) fully funding the project, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
 - (b) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
 - (c) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan;
 - (d) using this equipment for delivery of dental services for the Indigenous populations throughout the region for a period of five (5) years;
 - (e) appropriate maintenance of the dental equipment for a period of five (5) years;
 - (f) all associated infrastructure and capital works carried out in connection with the acquisition, maintenance and utilisation of the equipment; and
 - (g) notification to the Commonwealth of the commencement date of the provision of dental services utilising this equipment.

PERFORMANCE MILESTONES AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

12. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$1,749,190. GST is not payable on the funding provided in this Implementation Plan.

Table 1: Performance milestones and associated payments for the Cherbourg, Torres Strait and the Cape York Projects

Performance milestone	Due date	Amount
Report that formal quotation for the drover and mobile equipment for the three projects has been received.	25 March 2011	\$100,000
Report that purchase orders for the drovers and mobile equipment have been raised for the three projects	6 April 2011	\$628,307
Report that the frame and cabinetry for the Cherbourg and Cape York drovers, and the frame for the Torres Strait drover, are complete	31 May 2011	\$630,714
Report that the drover mobile dental clinics for the Cherbourg and Cape York projects have been delivered, and the cabinetry for the Torres Strait drover is complete	30 June 2011	\$265,869
Report that the drover mobile dental clinic for the Torres Strait project has been delivered	30 September 2011	\$124,300

13. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State of Queensland Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

BUDGET

14. The overall budget for each project (GST not payable) is set out in Table 2.

Table 2: Overall project budget for the Cherbourg, Torres Strait and Cape York Projects

Expenditure Item	2010-2011	2011-2012
i. Mobile equipment and drover for Cherbourg	\$462,500	
ii. Mobile equipment, drover and barge infrastructure for the Torres Strait	\$684,200	\$124,300
iii. Mobile equipment and drover Cape York	\$478,190	

15. Having regard to the estimated costs of the projects as specified in the overall project budget, the State of Queensland 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 State of Queensland bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for the State of Queensland to deliver projects cost-effectively and efficiently.

REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

16. The State of Queensland will provide five project reports for each project to the Commonwealth to demonstrate its achievement of the performance milestones set out in Tables 1. These project reports will contain the following information:
 - a) *Performance Report 1*: advice that a formal quotation for the purchase of the drovers and mobile equipment has been obtained.
 - b) *Performance Report 2*: advice that purchase orders for the drovers and mobile equipment have been raised.
 - c) *Performance Report 3*: advice that the frame for the Torres Strait drover and the frame and the cabinetry for the Cherbourg and Cape York drovers are complete.
 - d) *Performance Report 4*: advice that the Drover Mobile Dental Clinics for the Cherbourg and Cape York projects have been delivered, and the cabinetry complete for the Torres Strait drover.
 - e) *Performance Report 5*: advice that the Rural and Remote Drover Mobile Dental Clinic for the Torres Strait project has been delivered.

17. The State of Queensland will also provide subsequent six monthly reports on service delivery for each of the three projects due on 1 June and 1 December each year for three (3) years from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2014 [the first report due 1 December 2011]. These reports will report against the following items:
 - a) *Project Progress Report due 1 December 2011*: the first report is to provide baseline information on the oral health status of the Indigenous communities in the three project regions.
 - b) *Service Delivery Project Reports due 1 June 2012, 1 December 2012, 1 June 2013 and 1 December 2013*: the progress reports on the service delivery of each project are to include:
 - i. treatment items as defined by ADA Australian Schedule of Dental Services, including data on Decayed, Missing and Filled Teeth (DMFT).
 - ii. a description of the number and type of services (eg. preventative services) provided by the State of Queensland during the reporting period;
 - iii. promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the projects during the reporting period; and
 - iv. description of any delays or difficulties in undertaking the projects and the strategies adopted to address them.
 - c) *Final Project Report due 1 June 2014 or within 60 Business Days of the termination of this Implementation Plan* : the final project report will be a stand-alone document that can be used for public information dissemination purposes regarding the projects and must:
 - i. describe the number and type of services provided by the State of Queensland for the three project periods, against the performance milestones and budget for each project;

- ii. evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objectives in this Implementation Plan has been achieved and explaining why any aspects were not achieved; and
- iii. include a discussion of any other matters relating to the three projects, which the Commonwealth notifies the State of Queensland should be included in the final report at least 30 days before it is due.