# Schedule D

# The National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Participant Follow-up Function

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIED PROJECTS

#### PRELIMINARIES

1. This Schedule will support the delivery of the Participant Follow-up Function (PFUF) for participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) who receive a positive immunochemical faecal occult blood test (iFOBT) result and who have not progressed along the screening pathway for appropriate medical care, such as General Practitioner (GP) assessment and colonoscopy. This Schedule continues the previous Schedule D to the National Partnership Agreement on Specified Projects.

# FORMALITIES

#### Parties to this Schedule

2. This Schedule is between the Commonwealth of Australia (the Commonwealth) and the States and Territories (the States).

#### Term of this Schedule

3. This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it and will expire on 30 June 2022 or on completion of the project, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

#### OUTPUT

- 4. The outputs of this Schedule will be:
  - (a) delivery of an agreed follow-up service for relevant NBCSP participants and/or their relevant health professionals who are identified through the NBCSP Register; and
  - (b) timely updates to a participant's NBCSP register record.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

5. To realise the outputs in this Schedule, each Party has specific roles and responsibilities in addition to those in the Agreement, as outlined below.

## Role of the Commonwealth

- 6. Under this Schedule, the Commonwealth agrees to be accountable for the following additional roles and responsibilities:
  - (a) maintaining the NBCSP Register and ensuring States are provided with identified participants for follow-up;
  - (b) facilitating national minimum follow-up, consistent with the *NBCSP Participant Follow-up Function Minimum Guidelines*, to assist NBCSP participants with positive iFOBT results to progress along the screening pathway;
  - (c) providing States with an Annual Reporting Template as defined in the *NBCSP Participant Follow-up Function Minimum Guidelines*, which may be modified from time to time, in consultation with the States, to use for reporting in relation to this Schedule; and
  - (d) providing advice on the PFUF at the NBCSP Program Delivery Advisory Group meeting and/or teleconference which is held quarterly.

#### **Role of the States**

- 7. Under this Schedule, the States agree to be accountable for the following additional roles and responsibilities:
  - (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 Performance Monitoring and Reporting.
  - (c) providing advice on the PFUF at the NBCSP Program Delivery Advisory Group meeting and/or teleconference which is held quarterly.

## PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

- 8. Annual performance reports will be provided in accordance with Table 1 and will describe the performance of the State against the milestones. The Commonwealth will make the payment subject to the annual performance report demonstrating the milestone has been met.
- 9. Annual performance reports will be provided in a format consistent with the *NBCSP Participant Follow-up Function Minimum Guidelines* as per clause 6 ( c )

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

Outputs	Performance milestones*	Report due	Payment	
Delivery of the PFUF for the NBCSP in accordance with clause 4 of this Schedule.	<b>2018-19</b> Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.	30 April 2019	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 2.	
	<b>2019-20</b> Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.	30 April 2020		
	<b>2020-21</b> Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.	30 April 2021		
	<b>2021-22</b> Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.	30 April 2022		

\* For milestones prior to the commencement of this Schedule, see superseded Schedule D for the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Participant Follow-up Function.

# FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 10. Under this Schedule, the Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution to the States of \$35.069 million. All payments are GST exclusive.
- 11. The Commonwealth's estimated financial contribution to this Project, including through National Partnership payments to the States paid in accordance with Schedule D Payment Arrangements of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations, are shown in Table 2.

(\$ million)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	Total
Estimated total budget	7.989	8.911	9.121	9.048	35.069
New South Wales	2.494	2.764	2.815	2.768	10.841
Victoria	1.918	2.152	2.206	2.196	8.471
Queensland	1.580	1.777	1.826	1.820	7.002
Western Australia	0.844	0.957	0.991	0.994	3.786
South Australia	0.595	0.660	0.672	0.662	2.589
Tasmania	0.257	0.276	0.279	0.278	1.091
Australian Capital Territory	0.176	0.191	0.195	0.195	0.757
Northern Territory	0.126	0.134	0.137	0.136	0.532
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	7.989	8.911	9.121	9.048	35.069
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

#### Table 2: Estimated financial contributions

#### INTERPRETATION

- 12. For the purposes of this Schedule:
  - (a) **Project** refers to the Participant Follow-up Function (PFUF) for participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP).
  - (b) **NBCSP Register** refers to the technical application used to maintain details of the NBCSP participants; including screening test results, status (if on a screening pathway) and outcomes of clinical assessments.

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