

Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2021-23

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania the Australian Capital Territory the Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule will commence as soon as the Commonwealth and one other Party sign it, and is expected to expire on 30 June 2023.
Purpose	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support service providers to deliver critical family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) services and meet demand, including in the context of the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on women’s safety, and to support those who need it most. 2. Support service providers to trial new initiatives and undertake reforms to address emerging jurisdictional priorities and identified needs related to FDSV service delivery. 3. Enhance data and reporting across jurisdictions on the use and impact of the National Partnership funding. 4. Align with and build on the <i>National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022</i> (National Plan) and its successor. 5. Acknowledge that responding to violence is a shared responsibility of all Australian governments, with States and Territories (States) having primary responsibility for funding frontline services. Jurisdictions can use National Partnership funding flexibly in order to account for the contexts and settings of their jurisdictional needs, in line with the terms of the National Partnership.

Funding principles

6. States will use the Schedule funding, within the context of responding to frontline FDSV service needs in their jurisdiction, in line with the following principles:
 - (a) fund services or support victim-survivors directly, or develop the capacity or capability of services, including for emergency planning and disaster responses. Funding must not be used to subsidise the operations of State government departments or agencies, or to fund infrastructure projects;
 - (b) respond to demand and address priority areas of need, including the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - (c) support the needs of children as victims in their own right, including through bespoke, targeted programs;
 - (d) support inclusion, access and equity to ensure diverse people and groups who have experienced and continue to experience systemic barriers to support (including, but not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) peoples, women on temporary visas, people with disability, LGBTIQ+ communities, older people, people living in regional, rural and remote locations, women at risk of imprisonment or exiting imprisonment, victim-survivors leaving violent situations who have pets) can access help in a timely and appropriate manner;
 - (e) address all forms of family, domestic and sexual violence and non-physical forms of abuse, such as coercive control, technology-facilitated abuse and financial abuse;
 - (f) implement new initiatives or reforms aimed at addressing emerging priorities, based on collaboration and information sharing between Parties and, as identified by the Women's Safety Taskforce, by the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs inquiry into family, domestic and sexual violence, or in the National Plan and its successor and through the associated consultations, including the National Summit on Women's Safety;
 - (g) align the implementation of the Schedule with the National Plan and its successor;
 - (h) build reporting requirements into funding agreements with service providers in order to provide high-quality and consistent data to the Commonwealth, as per the Schedule reporting requirements, and continue to work with the Commonwealth to improve national FDSV data collection; and
 - (i) meet the reporting performance milestones and reporting requirements in a timely manner.

7. Payments under the Schedule will be made through four equal payments spread across two financial years.
8. States are to use Payment 1 to address frontline service gaps and demand in the context of the ongoing impacts the COVID-19 pandemic, as required where identified by States (see funding principle 6(a-b)).
9. States are to use Payments 2-4 to support innovative service delivery models, implement reforms, address market gaps, support the needs of diverse people and groups, develop projects identified through the National Summit on Women's Safety, or to undertake evaluation to assess the services, programs or initiatives proposed under the scope of Payments 2-4 and enhance frontline sector capability (see funding principles 6(b-g)).
 - (a) The Commonwealth and States will seek to agree the scope for the full payments prior to Payment 2, where possible, in order to facilitate a strategic approach to planning and allocating funding.
 - (b) Noting this, the scope and arrangements for Payments 2-4 will be otherwise progressively agreed by the Commonwealth and the States throughout 2021-23.
 - (c) These arrangements, including identifying projects, must be agreed by the Commonwealth before payments will be released.

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of up to \$260.0m in respect of this Schedule.11. States will make financial contributions in respect of this Schedule, which demonstrate a commitment to address demand in their respective jurisdiction and are commensurate with the Commonwealth's investment. State contributions may be drawn from existing commitments. The Commonwealth will agree to States' financial contributions prior to making relevant payments.12. 'Table 1: Estimated financial contributions' outlines the Commonwealth contribution for Payment 1, totaling \$65.0m, and the agreed State contributions in line with Payment 1.13. The Commonwealth contribution is allocated across States on a per capita basis with a loading for remote and very remote communities.14. The arrangements for the distribution of the remaining up to \$195.0m of Commonwealth funding, and States' financial contributions in line with these payments, will be agreed by the Commonwealth and States progressively throughout 2021-23.
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Table 1: Estimated financial contributions – Payment 1	
(\$ million)	2021-22 2022-23 Total
Estimated total budget	65.0 0.0 65.0
Estimated Commonwealth contribution	65.0 0.0 65.0
- New South Wales	20.032 0.0 20.032
- Victoria	15.735 0.0 15.735
- Queensland	13.255 0.0 13.255
- Western Australia	7.535 0.0 7.535
- South Australia	4.781 0.0 4.781
- Tasmania	1.413 0.0 1.413
- Australian Capital Territory	1.054 0.0 1.054
- Northern Territory	1.195 0.0 1.195
Estimated State contributions	
- New South Wales	
- Victoria	
- Queensland	
- Western Australia	
- South Australia	
- Tasmania	
- Australian Capital Territory	
- Northern Territory	
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0 0.0 0.0
Services in scope / Outputs	<p>15. The use of funding must be consistent with the purpose and funding principles of the Schedule.</p> <p>16. The following service types and initiatives are in scope of the Schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) family and domestic violence services; (b) sexual violence services; (c) family, domestic and sexual violence helplines; (d) housing and accommodation services; (e) specialist support services for children; (f) specialist support services for diverse people and groups outlined in Funding Principle (6d); (g) legal support and court based services; (h) direct funding support for victim-survivors (for example, brokerage funding or flexible support packages); (i) perpetrator interventions and men’s behaviour change programs; and

	<p>(j) other generalist or specialist services providing support for people experiencing FDSV.</p> <p>17. States must seek the Commonwealth's agreement to fund any services or initiatives that are not in this list.</p>
Reporting and accountability	<p>18. The Commonwealth and States will collaborate closely to deliver meaningful improvements in data and reporting, in order to better understand the needs of the FDSV sector, ongoing demand, the client base, and the service delivery models that drive effective outcomes.</p> <p>19. While the details of this commitment will be settled through subsequent negotiations following Payment 1, the reporting expectations for this Schedule will build on those set under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses, including disaggregated service and client level data.</p> <p>20. This commitment will align with the FDSV-related data projects being undertaken by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and through the Data and Digital Ministers Group, to reduce duplication of effort and ensure consistency.</p>
Media and publicity	<p>21. As provided for under Clause 21 of the Federation Funding Agreement – Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other – Parties must ensure prior agreement is reached on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activities under this Schedule.</p>

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>National Partnership is established and arrangements for Payment 1 are agreed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each State will provide the Commonwealth with a project plan. The Plan will outline (using best endeavours with regard to the level of detail available): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ how the State will distribute Payment 1 to service providers, in line with the Schedule terms, and ◦ the State's proposed financial contributions in line with the Commonwealth's financial contributions through Payment 1 • The Commonwealth and each State to agree the project plan, including that State's financial contribution. • The Commonwealth and States sign the Schedule <p><i>The Commonwealth will release the payments to States once the performance milestones are met.</i></p>	<p>Nil</p>	<p>\$65.0m split among States, as defined in Table 1</p>
<p>State reporting</p>	<p>Each State is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing updates as part of Women's Safety Taskforce meetings on funding allocation and expenditure to date, and key priorities for spending, in line with the Schedule terms • A progress report on the use and impact of Payment 1, against the agreed State project plan 	<p>Women's Safety Taskforce meetings</p> <p>31 March 2022</p>	<p>Nil – ongoing reporting requirement</p> <p>TBA in consultation with States</p>

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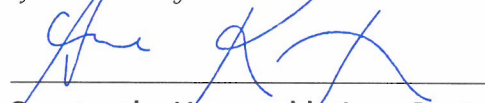
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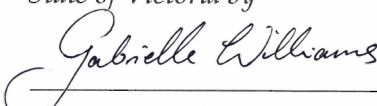
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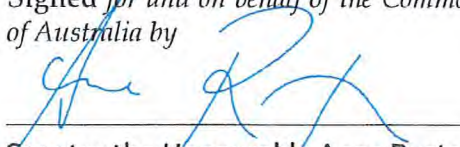
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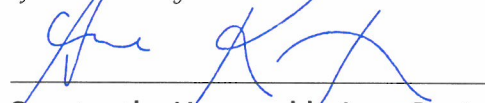
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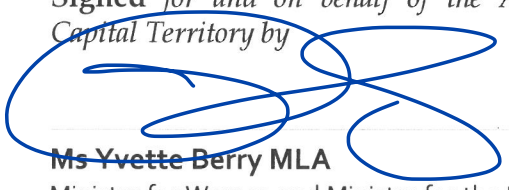
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