

Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia (Policing)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the provision of funding for additional, high visibility police in Alice Springs.</p> <p>Additional high visibility police and law enforcement operations, working alongside immediate temporary restrictions on alcohol and a move to an opt-out system of alcohol restrictions in Central Australian communities, will act as a circuit breaker to improve community safety in the short to medium term.</p> <p>The additional resources will ensure NT Police can effectively respond to any surge issues on an ongoing basis, including incidents of community unrest.</p> <p>It will allow high-level visible police operations to continue without affecting general duties patrols, enabling current service levels to be maintained in Alice Springs (i.e. up to three patrols over three shifts, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year).</p> <p>Specifically, this schedule will provide the Northern Territory with funding for two years to procure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the recruitment, training and deployment of 30 additional FTE police officers in Alice Springs.

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$8.0 million in respect of this Schedule.</p>
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<p>Table 1</p>	
<p>(\$ million)</p>	
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<p>Estimated total budget</p>	<p>4.0 4.0 8.0</p>
<p><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></p>	<p>4.0 4.0 8.0</p>
<p>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</p>	<p>0.0 0.0 0.0</p>
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
	Confirmation of NTG extension of Operation Drina and execution of agreement		\$3,000,000
30 Additional FTE Police Officers	<p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, that is accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed project plans, activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an update on progress under Operation Drina ○ an overview of what culturally appropriate and trauma-informed workplace specific training is provided to the Police Officers. ○ a proposed timeline for the recruitment and deployment of the 30 additional Police Officers to Alice Springs, made up of experienced officers and new recruits, and ○ a description of how the additional Police Officers will undertake high visibility operations. 	No later than 7 June 2023	\$1,000,000
	<p>Bi-annual report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed by the Commonwealth and NT Government), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the plan is being implemented to date, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an update on progress under Operation Drina ○ the total number of hours worked by the additional 30 FTE Police Officers since the last reporting period, including the locations (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed ○ the culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that has been undertaken by the Police Officers ○ what opportunities have there been for the Police Officers to work closely with other agencies, Indigenous communities and community night patrols to promote community safety and crime prevention in Alice Springs ○ proportion of the additional 30 FTE Police Officers that identify as a First Nations person 	31 December 2023	\$3,000,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the type of ongoing support that is being provided to First Nations Police Officers, and ○ project expenditure to date, including breakdown of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. 		
	<p>Final report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the project activities and outcomes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ overview of the project (including outcome under Operation Drina). ○ any challenges in delivering the project as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with project objectives. ○ amount and type of culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that was provided to the Police Officers. ○ any recommendations to improve future programs. • An update on any formal partnership between police and Aboriginal communities in Central Australia which embeds the partnership elements set out in Priority Reform One, Clauses 32 and 33 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. • Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. • A Certificate of Practical Completion and certification of funds having been expended for the purposes that they were provided. 	7 June 2024	\$1,000,000

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Mark Dreyfus MP
Attorney-General

4th May 2023

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by



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Attorney-General

4 May 2023