

Medical Research Centre for Launceston, Tasmania

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Tasmania
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 October 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports the establishment of a new medical research centre within the Launceston General Hospital in Tasmania through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the establishment of facilities within the Northern Integrated Care Service building at the Launceston General Hospital • providing a non-ongoing contribution to operational costs for the first 5 years of operation from 2023-24. <p>The objectives of the initiative are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • increase access to health research and medical services for rural people in the regional community of Launceston, northern Tasmania and surroundings • improve research governance within the Tasmanian Health Service • improve research infrastructure to attract and support clinical research in Tasmania • enable the Launceston General Hospital to engage with existing national clinical trials networks and leverage the experience and expertise of already established research communities • establish a Medical Research Centre at the Launceston General Hospital • support the hospital to meet accreditation requirements under the Clinical Trials Governance Framework

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Tasmania of \$4 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="384 360 667 398">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="691 360 794 398">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="818 360 922 398">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="946 360 1050 398">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1074 360 1177 398">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1201 360 1305 398">2027-28</th> <th data-bbox="1353 360 1428 398">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 409 667 477">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="746 409 786 443">2.4</td> <td data-bbox="874 409 914 443">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1002 409 1042 443">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1129 409 1169 443">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1257 409 1297 443">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1385 409 1425 443">4.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="384 488 667 555"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="746 488 786 521">2.4</td> <td data-bbox="874 488 914 521">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1002 488 1042 521">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1129 488 1169 521">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1257 488 1297 521">0.4</td> <td data-bbox="1385 488 1425 521">4.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/> <p>Note: Tasmania has committed funding to this initiative and may contribute other funding consistent with clause 31 of the Federation Funding Agreement - Health.</p>	(\$ million)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	4.0	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	2.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	4.0
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • implementation of the initiative will require engagement with the local community and consultation with appropriate and relevant stakeholders. • teaching, training and research funded by states undertaken in public hospitals is funded by the Commonwealth under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA). The NHRA provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. Tasmania will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records. 																					

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Establishment of the Medical Research Centre facility at the Launceston General Hospital	Provision of a Project Plan for the partial refit (construction) of the Northern Integrated Care Service building at the Launceston General Hospital, (consisting of approximately 1,300 square metres including the Medical Research Centre, library, and supporting works), detailing key milestone steps and timeframes through to the delivery and opening of the facility; and including a current status report (including photographic evidence of progress, or excerpts of architectural design as applicable).	Upon Execution	\$2,000,000.00
	Completion of works evidenced by a Certificate of Practical Completion or a Certificate of Completion	30 April 2025	Nil
	Confirmation in writing that the Medical Research Centre has commenced operating at the site within the Northern Integrated Care Service building at the Launceston General Hospital	1 September 2025	Nil
Initial operations of the Medical Research Centre	Provision of an Activity Work Plan (2023-24 to 2027-28) describing how each of the objectives of this agreement (as specified in the 'Purpose' section of the agreement) will be addressed, proposed activities and expected timeframes (including any planned engagement activities with local community and consultation with relevant stakeholders). (Note: Tasmania will advise the Commonwealth as soon as practicable of any significant deviations from the agreed Activity Work Plan).	Upon Execution	\$400,000.00
	Provision of an Annual Status Report (for the period to 28 February 2025) demonstrating progress against the Activity Work Plan, including summary	1 April 2025	\$400,000.00

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	information about the Medical Research Centre's initiation of or involvement in research and/or clinical trials (name, brief description of the research/clinical trial, role of the Medical Research Centre) and evidence of engagement activities with local community and consultation with relevant stakeholders during the period.		
	Provision of an Annual Status Report (for the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026) demonstrating progress against the Activity Work Plan, including summary information about the Medical Research Centre's initiation of or involvement in research and/or clinical trials (name, brief description of the research/clinical trial, role of the Medical Research Centre) and evidence of engagement activities with local community and consultation with relevant stakeholders during the period.	1 April 2026	\$400,000.00
	Provision of an Annual Status Report (for the period 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2027) demonstrating progress against the Activity Work Plan, including summary information about the Medical Research Centre's initiation of or involvement in research and/or clinical trials (name, brief description of the research/clinical trial, role of the Medical Research Centre) and evidence of engagement activities with local community and consultation with relevant stakeholders during the period.	1 April 2027	\$400,000.00

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	Provision of a Final Report including an assessment of the establishment and operations of the Medical Research Centre (achievements/challenges, lessons learned) against the objectives of the agreement (as specified in the 'Purpose' section of the agreement).	3 October 2028	Nil

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 Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

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Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Tasmania by

The Honourable Guy Barnett MP
Minister for Health

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