

# Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25 – Evaluation

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory of Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p><b>Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25</b></p> <p>This schedule forms part of the continued investment in Northern Territory remote communities for the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25. The aim of the investment is to ensure Aboriginal people living in remote communities have equitable access to mainstream services in a way that is relevant to their context.</p> <p>The parties recognise the importance of continued investment in service delivery that benefits Aboriginal people in remote areas of the Northern Territory is essential to achieving the socio-economic targets under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p> <p>This Schedule will build on investments made under the National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal and replaces that Agreement.</p> <p>The reporting milestones and activities under this Schedule will inform an evaluation approach to identify agreed priorities. The evaluation will be governed by the Joint Steering Committee. The evaluation framework will be aligned with principles of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p> <p>Key data to be included in the evaluation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• employment data</li> <li>• client and community experience</li> <li>• data to support achievement of Closing the Gap Priority Reforms and targets</li> <li>• data to support related social outcomes framework(s).</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <p>The purpose of this Schedule is to establish a baseline data set of services delivered under related Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25 schedules and develop an evaluation framework for future investments of remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.</p>															
<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$700,000 in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="443 658 938 999"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3"><b>Table 1</b></th> </tr> <tr> <th><b>(\$ million)</b></th> <th><b>2024-25</b></th> <th><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td><b>0.7</b></td> <td><b>0.7</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>0.7</td> <td>0.7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Table 1</b>			<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	0.7	0.7	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p><b>Role of the Northern Territory</b></p> <p>In addition to Clause 20 of the Federation Funding Agreement (Role of the States and Territories), the Northern Territory will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maximising opportunities for local businesses and employees to be involved in the delivery of the projects</li> <li>• ensuring that Aboriginal Australians realise employment and business opportunities by incorporating appropriate Aboriginal employment and, where relevant, First Nations supplier-requirements.</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, the Northern Territory agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• liaise with the Joint Steering Committee prior to the release of any media statements relating to the Schedule.</li> </ul> <p><b>Shared Roles and Responsibilities</b></p> <p>The Commonwealth, the Northern Territory and the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory will form a Joint Steering Committee that will guide the implementation of this Schedule and related Schedules under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25, ensuring shared-decision making, transparency and collaboration with Parties to the agreements.</p>															

With regards to the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25, the Joint Steering Committee will:

- oversee and monitor remote service delivery under this and related Schedules
- meet at a minimum bi-annually
- support the development of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to deliver services
- agree key priorities in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory for future investments
- develop and maintain an evaluation framework to measure the impact and outcomes of priorities delivered under future investments
- establish an appropriate partnership or tripartite agreement to inform future investments, that implements the Priority Reforms under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Evaluation	<p>A report outlining the evaluation approach as agreed by the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment Joint Steering Committee (JSC) that is aligned with the Priority Reforms and socio-economic targets in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and establishment the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• baseline employment figures for each activity of the related Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25 Schedules</li> <li>• other relevant baseline data for each activity of the related Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25 Schedules, or other priority activities as agreed by the Joint Steering Committee</li> <li>• benchmarks and key performance indicators for each agreed priority activity, including data disaggregated by gender, where possible</li> <li>• user experience surveys for clients of services, the community and/or non-government service provider, where applicable.</li> </ul> <p>Baseline data will identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal employees, disaggregated by gender, where possible</li> <li>• service delivery organisations as NT Government, non-government organization, or Aboriginal community-controlled</li> <li>• region and community where services are delivered</li> <li>• other related distinctions as required to report against the socio-economic targets under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</li> </ul> <p>The agreed evaluation approach must be developed and agreed by the Joint Steering Committee and independent analysis, where practicable.</p> <p>The evaluation approach will align with the implementation of Priority Reform 4 under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level, and support the implementation of the data and information sharing elements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships are in place to guide the improved collection, access, management and use of data to inform shared decision-making.</li> <li>• Governments provide communities and organisations with access to the same data and information they use to make decisions.</li> </ul>	30 September 2024	nil

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governments collect, handle and report data at sufficient levels of disaggregation, and in an accessible and timely way.</li> </ul>		
	<p>A report outlining the evaluation framework as agreed by the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment Joint Steering Committee for future investments that is aligned with the National Agreement on Closing the Gap that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>baseline data, benchmarks, key performance indicators and results of the user experience surveys as agreed above</li> <li>alignment with whole of government reporting on the socio-economic targets for the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, in addition to funding-related reporting.</li> </ul>	1 May 2025	\$700,000

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by



**The Honourable Linda Burney MP**  
Minister for Indigenous Australians

26 June 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the  
Northern Territory by



**The Honourable Eva Lawler MLA**  
Chief Minister

June 2024