

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25 - Remote Policing

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory of Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025.
Purpose	<p>Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2024-25</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 that 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 Investment 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 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • employment data • client and community experience • data to support achievement of Closing the Gap Priority Reforms and targets • data to support related social outcomes framework(s).

	<p>Remote Policing</p> <p>This Schedule will support improved safety in remote communities across the Northern Territory by contributing funding to support activities undertaken by the Northern Territory Police as part of a remote community policing model.</p> <p>A remote community policing model is a strategic approach to support a sustainable allocation of resources to communities. It seeks to ensure that police operations in remote areas across the Northern Territory are well supported, agile, have adequate staffing coverage (including the Aboriginal liaison officer program), and include remote service and engagement as part of its priorities.</p> <p>Parties to this Schedule recognise the importance of a consistent engagement approach, ensuring community views are encouraged, understood and considered.</p> <p>This Schedule will support the continuation of the Community Resilience Engagement Command and related initiatives to improve cultural safety for staff and those who come in contact with policing.</p> <p>Through this Schedule, the safety of remote Aboriginal communities is increased through a reduction in: criminal activity, demand and supply of illicit substances in remote communities and improved police relationships with communities, which leads to increased cooperation and reporting of crime.</p>												
<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$30,891,798 in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2024-25</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>30.891798</td> <td>30.891798</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>30.891798</td> <td>30.891798</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/>	(\$ million)	2024-25	Total	Estimated total budget	30.891798	30.891798	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	30.891798	30.891798	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>Role of the Northern Territory</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"> maximising opportunities for local businesses and employees to be involved in the delivery of the projects 												

- ensuring that Aboriginal Australians realise employment and business opportunities by incorporating appropriate Aboriginal employment and, where relevant, First Nations supplier-requirements.

Additionally, the Northern Territory agrees to:

- liaise with the Joint Steering Committee prior to the release of any media statements relating to the Schedule.

Shared Roles and Responsibilities

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.

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

Outputs	Performance milestones Reporting period: 1 January – 31 December 2024	Report due	Payment
Remote policing service delivery	<p>NT Police continues to carry out remote service delivery as part of the overall policing response across the Northern Territory, including reactive and proactive policing, with a minimum of 300 sworn police officers operating outside the Greater Darwin Area and servicing regional and remote areas.</p> <p>Maintain a police facility in at least 50 remote communities for hosting permanent or temporary operational capability. A police facility is a police station, a police post or visiting officers' quarters.</p> <p>The Northern Territory provides evidence of services via a Report for the reporting period to the Commonwealth.</p> <p>At a minimum, the Report should include an outline of the remote service delivery response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offence report for the Northern Territory separating urban areas and remote community locations, and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – alcohol-related assault offences – offences against property – public order offences. • Graphical event (demand) report by Police Division showing total reactive events and total proactive events. • Data on arrest and alternate resolution numbers. • The number and percentage of sworn police officers who identify as Aboriginal. • The number and percentage of sworn police officers who complete cultural competency education, training and inductions. • The number and names of police facilities by Police Division. 	01 March 2025	\$24,713,438

Aboriginal employment	<p>Maintain an Aboriginal Liaison Officer workforce of a minimum of 51 Aboriginal Liaison Officers to work across the Northern Territory. These 51 are in addition to the 20 positions funded under the Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia agreement.</p> <p>To demonstrate achievement of this milestone, provide data for the reporting period to the Commonwealth on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the total number of Aboriginal Liaison Officers the distribution of the positions across the Northern Territory by Division. 	01 March 2025	\$6,178,360
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

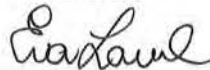
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



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

28 June 2024