

Aged Care Worker Screening – Preparatory Support – Western Australia

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Western Australia
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025 or upon completion with the provision of the final report.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports the ongoing collaboration between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments to operationalise aged care worker screening and to enable jurisdictions to undertake the necessary preparatory activities to facilitate information sharing through legislative and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) system changes prior to commencement of aged care worker screening.</p> <p>Funding for this Schedule will be used for preparatory activities to operationalise aged care worker screening as outlined in the state or territory funding request. With regard to Western Australia, funding will be used for the following bodies of work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a dedicated state-based Aged Care Worker Screening Project Team to continue the preparatory activities to support the operationalisation of national aged care worker screening • procurement of a dedicated Senior Legal Officer to progress legislative amendments and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) consultation, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ action necessary amendments to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) worker screening to aged care • procurement of an ICT specialist to determine necessary scope of works including costing and staging for ICT systems to implement aged care worker screening, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ develop an ICT options paper and business case to determine ICT builds required to support aged care worker screening

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<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Western Australia of \$1.5 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="432 510 783 544">(\$)</th> <th data-bbox="831 510 959 544">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1129 510 1198 544">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 555 695 589">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="831 555 975 589">1,500,000.00</td> <td data-bbox="1038 555 1182 589">1,500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 607 695 667">Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td> <td data-bbox="831 607 975 640">1,500,000.00</td> <td data-bbox="1038 607 1182 640">1,500,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 680 778 741">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="922 680 975 714">0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1134 680 1182 714">0.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/>	(\$)	2024-25	Total	Estimated total budget	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.00	0.00
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>The Parties agree funding can be used for travel and accommodation for one Western Australian officer to participate in two in-person Aged Care Worker Screening workshops to implement the national aged care worker screening process.</p> <p>The Parties acknowledge Western Australia will commence implementation preparation as soon as possible as state-based legislative reform and ICT changes must be initiated prior to commencement of the aged care worker screening.</p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that this funding is provided on the basis of Western Australia’s in-principle agreement to deliver aged care worker screening, which is subject to execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement.</p>												

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Delivery of the early preparatory activities and ongoing collaboration required prior to implementation of aged care worker screening, as prescribed in Table 1 of the Schedule.</p>	<p>Milestone 1: Provision of an outline confirming preparatory activities have commenced, including a forecast delivery schedule for completion against the activities outlined in the submitted funding request.</p> <p>Milestone 2: Provision of status report clearly detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of work as outlined in the delivery schedule from milestone 1 • Confirmation of how these activities contribute towards operational readiness for implementation of aged care worker screening. • List of any outstanding deliverables with scheduled completion dates <p>Milestone 3: Provision of a final report outlining the outputs achieved, their contribution to overall project outcomes and operational readiness for implementation of aged care worker screening, include an overall assessment of the benefits arising from the preparatory activities and confirmation that the funds were used for the purposes outlined.</p>	<p>16/08/24</p> <p>No later than 31/12/2024</p> <p>31/07/2025</p>	<p>50 % payment in accordance with Table 1.</p> <p>50 % payment in accordance with Table 1.</p> <p>Payment made following receipt of mid-point report.</p> <p>Nil.</p>

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Anika Wells MP
Minister for Aged Care

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia by



The Honourable Donald Punch MLA
Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering

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