Aged Care Worker Screening – Preparatory Support - Queensland

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: For	malities and operation of schedule			
Parties	Commonwealth			
	Queensland			
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2025 or upon complet with the provision of the final report.			
Purpose	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 Communications Technology (ICT) system changes prior to commencement of aged care worker screening. 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 Queensland, funding will be used for the following bodies of work:			
	 establish a project team to support preparatory activities (ICT options development, state-based legislation review and work to determine operational and regulatory functionality) 			
	 undertake ICT scoping and change readiness activities; 			
	 operational policy and procedure development (e.g. transition and regulation planning); and 			
	 state-based legislative development work to enable function, delivery and information sharing, subject to timely finalisation and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) 			

Estimated financial contributions

The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Queensland of \$1.80 million in respect of this Schedule.

Table 1		
(\$)	2024-25	Total
Estimated total budget	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
OLess estimated National Partnership Payments	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.00	0.00

Additional terms

The Parties agree funding can be used for travel and accommodation for one Queensland officer to participate in two in-person Aged Care Worker Screening workshops to implement the national aged care worker screening process.

The Parties acknowledge Queensland 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.

The Parties acknowledge that this funding is provided on the basis of Queensland's in-principle agreement to deliver aged care worker screening, which is subject to execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary						
Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment			
Delivery of the early preparatory activities and ongoing collaboration required prior to implementation of aged care worker screening, as	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.	16/08/24	50 % payment in accordance with Table			
prescribed in Table 1 of the Schedule.	Milestone 2: Provision of status report clearly detailing: 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	No later than 31/12/2024	50 % payment in accordance with Table 1. Payment made following receipt of mid-point report.			
	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.	31/07/2025	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 Anika Wells MP

Minister for Aged Care

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Charis Mullen MP

Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services, Minister for Multicultural Affairs

04.09.2024

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