

Managing Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues in the Torres Strait Islands

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule																									
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland																								
Duration	This Schedule will expire on 30 June 2028, or upon completion of the initiative, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones. See Table 2.																								
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the management of Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea (PNG) cross border health issues and mitigate the spread of communicable diseases through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delivery of health services at Queensland Health facilities, to PNG nationals who travel through the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ) for traditional activities recognised under the Torres Strait Treaty; and 2. Providing effective two-way information and data sharing between Queensland and PNG in relation to communicable disease and other health issues which may arise from cross border movements in the TSPZ. 																								
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Additional terms	<p>a. The Parties agree that for the purpose of this Schedule, Health services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o admitted patient services (primarily at Cairns and Thursday Island Hospitals). 																								

- non-admitted patients' services (primarily at Saibai and Boigu Primary Health Care Clinics).
 - management of tuberculosis (TB) patients.
 - pathology tests.
 - medication dispense events.
 - patient transport (such as medical evacuations).
- b. The Parties agree that communication and liaison activities undertaken for the purposes of this Schedule will be coordinated by a Torres Strait Communications Officer and will include:
- maintaining regular communication with cross-border stakeholders¹ through formal face-to-face meetings, emails, telephone, video conferencing and other communication forums.
 - Monitoring of trends and emerging health risks with cross-border stakeholders, including on-the-ground information on communicable diseases from PNG and the Torres Strait, on an on-going basis as well as during communicable disease outbreaks.
 - Facilitating with cross-border stakeholders the exchange of clinical and surveillance data and other relevant health information associated with the movement of traditional inhabitants in the TSPZ, including the follow-up of PNG nationals treated for infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and sexually transmitted infections/HIV.
 - Attending, actively participating in, and providing timely advice to HIC meetings, and assisting in the implementation of HIC measures including the development of appropriate disease surveillance activities and communication protocols.
- c. Queensland will provide annual performance reports, at the times specified in **Table 2**, that contain a description of actual performance in the relevant reporting period, and include:
- Activity data for the relevant reporting period regarding health services provided to PNG nationals at Queensland Health facilities, including but not limited to:
 - i. total number of admitted and non-admitted patients.
 - ii. admitted patient data, including clinical presentation, services provided and average length of stay.
 - iii. non-admitted patient data, including clinical presentation and services provided.
 - iv. breakdown of PNG national presentations by treaty villages and non-treaty villages as defined in the Torres Strait Treaty.

¹ **Cross Border Stakeholders** include: - The Commonwealth Department of Health, through the Torres Strait Health Issues Committee Secretariat (HIC), The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Queensland Department of Health, the Clinical Collaborative Group, PNG National Department of Health, and the Western Provincial Health Authority.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="628 226 1410 338">v. any relevant emerging trends and data predictions, such as health conditions treated, at risk patients and geographic areas.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="509 349 1342 421">o Communication and liaison services between Queensland and Papua New Guinea.<li data-bbox="509 432 1350 544">o Details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Queensland proposes to resolve this/these matter(s).<li data-bbox="416 555 1366 701">d. The Parties agree and commit to participating in bi-annual teleconferences in the last week of November and May each year, until completion of this Schedule to discuss progress and identify any arising issues.
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Management of Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea (PNG) cross border health issues through provision of health services to PNG nationals who travel through the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ) for traditional activities recognised under the Torres Strait Treaty, and communication and liaison activities.</p>	<p>Provision of an annual performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 reporting period</p>	<p>30/04/2025</p>	<p>\$5.623m</p>
	<p>Provision of an annual performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 reporting period</p>	<p>30/04/2026</p>	<p>\$5.724m</p>
	<p>Provision of an annual performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 reporting period</p>	<p>30/04/2027</p>	<p>\$5.826m</p>
	<p>Provision of a final performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 reporting period.</p>	<p>30/04/2028</p>	<p>\$5.900m</p>
	<p>Provision of a high-level evaluation report on health services and communication activities delivered over the four-year funding period – 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2028, including the outstanding months in the last reporting periods, lessons learned, benefits, and outcomes of the activities.</p>	<p>Within 90 days of the completion of the project - 30/09/2028</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 Mark Butler MP
Minister for Health and Aged Care

19/11/2024

Signed for and on behalf of the State of
Queensland by



The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP
Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

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