

National Firearms Register

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth The Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the Commonwealth disbursement of financial assistance to the Northern Territory for the implementation of the National Firearms Register (NFR).</p> <p>Responsibility for firearms management in Australia is shared between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments (States).</p> <p>The Commonwealth is responsible for matters relating to the import and export of firearms, while States have responsibility for all matters relating to licensing, possession, transfer, storage, registration and use of firearms.</p> <p>The National Firearms Agreement provides guiding principles for the management of firearms access and firearms ownership in Australia.</p> <p>The NFR will provide a mechanism to share high quality, reliable firearms and firearms ownership information between Australian jurisdictions to ensure that police and other law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to keep themselves and the community safe.</p> <p>In order to establish this national capability to the benefit of all Australians, significant reform to firearms management is required across all Australian jurisdictions.</p> <p>In entering into this Agreement, the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory recognise that a coordinated and cohesive approach to firearms information management is required in order to limit the risks posed by firearms to the Australian community, particularly frontline law enforcement.</p>

Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$101.8m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <table><tr><td>Table 1 (GST exclusive) (\$million)</td><td>2024-25</td><td>2025-26</td><td>2026-27</td><td>2027-28</td><td>Total</td></tr><tr><td>Estimated Total Cth budget</td><td>30.0</td><td>30.5</td><td>28.6</td><td>12.7</td><td>101.8</td></tr><tr><td>The Northern Territory</td><td>6.2</td><td>5.5</td><td>4.2</td><td>1.6</td><td>17.5</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>Total estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions – The Northern Territory (GST exclusive) (\$million)</td><td>5.8</td></tr></table>	Table 1 (GST exclusive) (\$million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated Total Cth budget	30.0	30.5	28.6	12.7	101.8	The Northern Territory	6.2	5.5	4.2	1.6	17.5	Total estimated balance of non-Commonwealth contributions – The Northern Territory (GST exclusive) (\$million)	5.8
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Additional terms	<p>Allocation of Funds</p> <p>1. The Parties understand that this Schedule is made in good faith and that funding will be apportioned to projects as shown at Table 2.</p> <p>2. In the case where there are significant adverse changes to the scope, scale or cost of the Register’s implementation, the relevant State portfolio minister may write to the Commonwealth to request further consideration.</p> <p>NFR Program Responsibilities</p> <p>3. The Commonwealth will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. leading the national policy approach and program coordination for the implementation of the NFRb. building and operating the central Register in line with agreed business requirements and as a National Policing Information System under the <i>Australian Crime Commission Act 2002</i> andc. uplifting its portals and systems related to firearms management to meet the requirements of the NFR. <p>4. Each State will be responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Leading the policy response and approach within its jurisdiction andb. Uplifting their firearms registries, portals and systems to meet the requirements of the NFR. <p>Governance</p> <p>5. The Commonwealth will be responsible for setting up the governance structure, with the appropriate fora and reporting mechanisms, to support the implementation of the NFR.</p> <p>6. States will be responsible for participating in the governance structure.</p>																				

	<p>Procurement</p> <p>7. If required, the Commonwealth will assist States, to develop procurement strategies to acquire the most appropriate firearms registry platform, including any joint or coordinated procurement.</p> <p>8. A joint procurement may constitute a significant change and a new agreement may be needed – the Commonwealth will work with affected parties where required.</p> <p>Legislation and Regulation</p> <p>9. The Commonwealth will work with States to coordinate the necessary legislative and regulatory changes needed to enable the NFR to meet its stated objectives.</p> <p>10. States will be responsible for managing their respective legislative change process in line with NFR timeframes.</p> <p>Performance monitoring and reporting</p> <p>11. The Commonwealth will work with States to monitor progress in accordance with implementation plans.</p> <p>12. States will be responsible for developing a detailed implementation plan for jurisdictional level activities.</p> <p>13. The Commonwealth may provide an implementation plan and progress report templates to be used to assist States to meet reporting requirements under the FFA.</p> <p>14. In consultation with States, the Commonwealth will report to relevant forums including the Police Ministers Council.</p>
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Year	Output – NT	Performance milestones	Due Date	Payment
1	Commencement of NFR activity	<p>Initiation of NFR Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of FFA • Demonstration of acceptance of the invitation to be a member of the NFR Implementation Steering Committee 	1 September 2024	\$400,000
1	NFR Project Plan and Data Remediation Plan	<p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed project plan details work across the five main streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data uplift (planned activities and resources required to initiate project activities, e.g. auditing – data uplift) - Registry and portal uplift - Legislative change - Business change - Integration <p>Required attachments to the initial Project plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed proposed budget plan for the life of the project • Demonstration of participation as a member of the NFR Implementation Steering Committee (e.g. minutes and attendees of meeting) 	1 October 2024	\$1,000,000
1	National Data Standard – Agreement	<p>Agreement to the National Data Standard, as part of this agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth will work with States to agree on national data standards for firearms information for the purposes of data remediation. • The Commonwealth and States will undertake data remediation in-line with the national data standard. 	1 October 2024	\$300,000

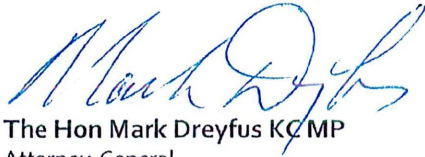
		<p>Required attachment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed executive agreement accepting the National Data Standard 		
1	Progress report 1	<p>Progress report 1 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed to between parties), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress to date on data uplift Including commencement of project work including recruitment or allocation of resources and activity to date – data cleaning. Demonstration of participation as a member of the NFR Implementation Steering Committee (e.g. minutes and attendees of meeting) 	1 March 2025	\$2,000,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation change and policy work Business change Including commencement of project work including recruitment or allocation of resources 	1 March 2025	\$500,000
1	Procurement execution – registry/portal uplift	<p>Evidence of execution of contract regarding delivery of uplifted registry and portal which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of execution of contract Resource allocation to commence procurement activity 	1 March 2025	\$2,000,000
2	Progress Report 2	<p>Progress report 2 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed to between parties), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress to date on data uplift 	1 September 2025	\$1,000,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registry and portal uplift 	1 September 2025	\$1,500,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business change 	1 September 2025	\$400,000
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislation changes 	1 September 2025	\$400,000

2	Progress Report 3	Progress report 3 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed to between parties), detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress to date on data uplift - Demonstration of participation as a member of the NFR Implementation Steering Committee (e.g. minutes and attendees of meeting) 	1 March 2026	\$1,000,000
		- Registry and portal uplift	1 March 2026	\$400,000
		- Business change	1 March 2026	\$400,000
		- Legislation changes	1 March 2026	\$400,000
3	Progress report 4	Progress report 4 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed to between parties), detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress to date on data uplift 	1 September 2026	\$700,000
		- Registry and portal uplift	1 September 2026	\$350,000
		- Business changes	1 September 2026	\$350,000
		- Legislation changes	1 September 2026	\$350,000
		- Commencement of integration activity into NFR - Including integration plans	1 September 2026	\$350,000
3	Progress report 5	Progress report 5 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed to between parties), detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Progress and demonstration of finalising registry data uplift - Demonstration of participation as a member of the NFR Implementation Steering Committee (e.g. minutes and attendees of meeting) 	1 March 2027	\$1,100,000

		- Progress and demonstration of finalising registry portal uplift	1 March 2027	\$300,000
		- Business change	1 March 2027	\$200,000
		- Completion of legislative changes, including submission into legislature	1 March 2027	\$300,000
		- Demonstration of commencement of integration activity into NFR	1 March 2027	\$200,000
4	Progress Report 6	Progress report 6 from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed by the Commonwealth part of reporting template), detailing: - Progress and demonstration of finalising data uplift	1 September 2027	\$300,000
		- Progress and demonstration of finalising registry and portal uplift	1 September 2027	\$300,000
		- Completion of the business change initiative	1 September 2027	\$200,000
		- Progress of integration activity into NFR	1 September 2027	\$300,000
4	NFR Project Completion	<p>Final Report (as part of reporting template) from the Northern Territory, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details or includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of activity to date across the five NFR activity streams • transition plan from implementation to operation <p>Required attachments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion documentation specific to the jurisdiction (e.g. Acceptance into Service, Authority to Operate and other relevant documentation) • a Certificate of Practical Completion from the ACIC 	1 May 2028	\$500,000

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

Signed for and on behalf of the
Commonwealth of Australia by



The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP
Attorney-General

19/7/24

Signed for and on behalf of the
Northern Territory



The Hon Brent Potter MLA
Minister for Police

22/7/24.