

# Boosting HPAI Biosecurity Response Capability

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

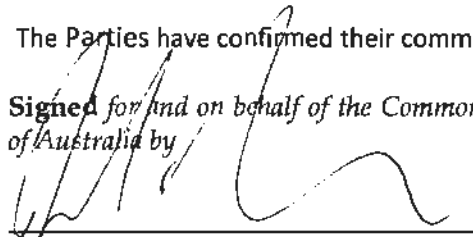
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| Parties  | Commonwealth<br>New South Wales<br>Victoria<br>Queensland<br>Western Australia<br>South Australia<br>Tasmania<br>the Australian Capital Territory<br>the Northern Territory   |
| Duration | This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2026.  |
| Purpose  | <p>This Schedule will support high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) preparedness and national response capability, including through the procurement of specialist equipment for biosecurity surveillance and response which will assist for outbreaks in the production sector and/or in Australian wildlife in each jurisdiction. Capital investments will specifically support HPAI detection, diagnosis, response, and prevention of spread. Guidance to States and Territories (the States) on the types of equipment that are eligible for purchase by States is contained in Appendix A to this Schedule.</p> <p>States will contribute to this purpose through a range of support such as staffing, training, asset management, ongoing maintenance and/or other investments in capital and consumable items. These co-contributions will be specified in the project plan submitted by States.</p> |

| Estimated financial contributions                   | <p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$12.0m in respect of this Schedule. All figures are GST exclusive. Figures in Table 1 may not add due to rounding.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 398 1300 1010"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="416 409 981 483"><b>Table 1</b><br/><b>(\$ million)</b></th> <th data-bbox="981 409 1093 483"><b>2024-25</b></th> <th data-bbox="1093 409 1204 483"><b>2025-26</b></th> <th data-bbox="1204 409 1300 483"><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 483 981 528"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="981 483 1093 528"><b>9.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1093 483 1204 528"><b>3.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1204 483 1300 528"><b>12.0</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="416 528 1300 573"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 573 981 618">- New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="981 573 1093 618">1.64</td> <td data-bbox="1093 573 1204 618">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1204 573 1300 618">2.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 618 981 663">- Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="981 618 1093 663">1.31</td> <td data-bbox="1093 618 1204 663">0.44</td> <td data-bbox="1204 618 1300 663">1.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 663 981 707">- Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="981 663 1093 707">1.59</td> <td data-bbox="1093 663 1204 707">0.53</td> <td data-bbox="1204 663 1300 707">2.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 707 981 752">- Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="981 707 1093 752">1.54</td> <td data-bbox="1093 707 1204 752">0.51</td> <td data-bbox="1204 707 1300 752">2.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 752 981 797">- South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="981 752 1093 797">0.96</td> <td data-bbox="1093 752 1204 797">0.32</td> <td data-bbox="1204 752 1300 797">1.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 797 981 842">- Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="981 797 1093 842">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1093 797 1204 842">0.18</td> <td data-bbox="1204 797 1300 842">0.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 842 981 887">- the Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="981 842 1093 887">0.52</td> <td data-bbox="1093 842 1204 887">0.17</td> <td data-bbox="1204 842 1300 887">0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 887 981 931">- the Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="981 887 1093 931">0.89</td> <td data-bbox="1093 887 1204 931">0.30</td> <td data-bbox="1204 887 1300 931">1.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="416 931 981 976"><b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b></td> <td data-bbox="981 931 1093 976"><b>0.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1093 931 1204 976"><b>0.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1204 931 1300 976"><b>0.0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | <b>Table 1</b><br><b>(\$ million)</b> | <b>2024-25</b> | <b>2025-26</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Estimated total budget</b> | <b>9.0</b> | <b>3.0</b> | <b>12.0</b> | <i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i> |  |  |  | - New South Wales | 1.64 | 0.55 | 2.19 | - Victoria | 1.31 | 0.44 | 1.74 | - Queensland | 1.59 | 0.53 | 2.12 | - Western Australia | 1.54 | 0.51 | 2.05 | - South Australia | 0.96 | 0.32 | 1.29 | - Tasmania | 0.55 | 0.18 | 0.74 | - the Australian Capital Territory | 0.52 | 0.17 | 0.70 | - the Northern Territory | 0.89 | 0.30 | 1.19 | <b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
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| <b>Table 1</b><br><b>(\$ million)</b>               | <b>2024-25</b>  | <b>2025-26</b>                        | <b>Total</b>   |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
| <b>Estimated total budget</b>                       | <b>9.0</b>  | <b>3.0</b>                            | <b>12.0</b>    |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
| <i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i> |   |                                       |                |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
| - New South Wales                                   | 1.64  | 0.55                                  | 2.19           |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
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| - the Australian Capital Territory                  | 0.52  | 0.17                                  | 0.70           |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
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| <b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b>    | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>                            | <b>0.0</b>     |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |
| Additional terms                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="416 1066 1428 1189">1. The provision of Commonwealth financial contributions is contingent on States providing appropriate co-investment that is consistent with the Purpose of this Schedule.</li> <li data-bbox="416 1189 1428 1480">2. States will work expeditiously to prepare for an incursion of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) through development of State response plans. The specialist equipment purchased with the Commonwealth financial contributions under this Schedule will be suitable for surveillance and/or response for outbreaks in the production sector and/or in Australian wildlife as outlined in response plans.</li> <li data-bbox="416 1480 1428 1603">3. To the greatest extent possible, States will support national coordination to further the objective of boosting national response capability for the threat of HPAI.</li> </ol>  |                                       |                |                |              |                               |            |            |             |   |  |  |  |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |              |      |      |      |                     |      |      |      |                   |      |      |      |            |      |      |      |                                    |      |      |      |                          |      |      |      |  |            |            |            |

| Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary  |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| Performance milestones  | Report due | Payment   |
| <p><b>Milestone 1: Procurement plan</b></p> <p>Development by each State of a detailed procurement plan to the satisfaction of (and approved by) the Commonwealth that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• items to be purchased and estimated cost for each item</li> <li>• timeframe for purchase</li> <li>• procurement process</li> <li>• co-contributions (including value of co-contribution) from the State</li> </ul>                      | 17/03/2025 | NSW: \$218,658<br>VIC: \$174,012<br>QLD: \$212,021<br>WA: \$204,667<br>SA: \$128,542<br>TAS: \$73,646<br>ACT: \$69,565<br>NT: \$118,889           |
| <p><b>Milestone 2: Interim Progress report as at 25 April 2025</b></p> <p>Provision of an Interim Progress Report for the period 1 January 2025 to 25 April 2025 to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of items procured, and cost of each item purchased</li> <li>• Evidence of the commitment of funds</li> <li>• Outline of co-contributions from State.</li> </ul>                             | 16/05/2025 | NSW: \$1,421,280<br>VIC: \$1,131,078<br>QLD: \$1,378,137<br>WA: \$1,330,333<br>SA: \$835,525<br>TAS: \$478,697<br>ACT: \$452,172<br>NT: \$772,778 |
| <p><b>Milestone 3: Final report as at 31 October 2025</b></p> <p>Provision of a final report for the period 26 April 2025 to 31 October 2025 (or earlier if all procurements are completed) to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of items procured, and cost of each item purchased</li> <li>• Evidence of the commitment of funds</li> <li>• Evidence of co-contributions from State.</li> </ul> | 28/11/2025 | NSW: \$546,646<br>VIC: \$435,030<br>QLD: \$530,053<br>WA: \$511,667<br>SA: \$321,356<br>TAS: \$184,114<br>ACT: \$173,912<br>NT: \$297,222         |

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

*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*



**The Honourable Julie Collins MP**  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

[Day] [Month] [Year] 24 / 01 / 2025

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by*

**The Honourable Tara Moriarty MLC**  
Minister for Agriculture

[Day] [Month] [Year]

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by*

**The Honourable Ros Spence MP**  
Minister for Agriculture

[Day] [Month] [Year]

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by*

**The Honourable Anthony Perret MP**  
Minister for Primary Industries

[Day] [Month] [Year]

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

**The Honourable Jackie Jarvis MLC**  
Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business

[Day] [Month] [Year]

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of South Australia by*

**The Honourable Clare Scriven MLC**  
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

[Day] [Month] [Year]

*Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by*

**The Honourable Jane Howlet MLC**  
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

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Capital Territory by*

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Territory by*

**Ms Suzanne Orr MLA**  
Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy,  
and Water

**The Honourable Gerard Maley MLA**  
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

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Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy,  
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**The Honourable Gerard Maley MLA**

Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

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## Appendix A: Guidance note on categories of eligible items for support under this Schedule

| Proposed in-scope funding categories with examples   | Proposed out-of-scope funding categories with examples (may form co-contribution from states and territories)  |
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| <p><b>Response equipment</b> – for example, biosecurity trailers or vans that can be strategically deployed across jurisdictions to reduce response times in wildlife or agriculture. Cleaning equipment to prevent horizontal spread of infection (e.g. wheel-wash or truck wash equipment).</p>                      | <p><b>Consumables</b> – for example, PPE, carbon dioxide (or other gases), chemical products, pit liners.</p>  |
| <p><b>Diagnostic equipment</b> – mobile diagnostic trailers or vans, capital equipment to increase testing and diagnostic capacity.</p>  | <p><b>Laboratory supplies</b> – reagents, containers, bags</p>   |
| <p><b>Depopulation equipment</b> – higher welfare depopulation equipment for both large and small scale operations depending on local industry. Including MAK units, vessels for CO<sub>2</sub> gassing, and foaming units (preference for the higher welfare outcomes associated with nitrogen-based foam units).</p> | <p><b>Staffing and consultants</b> – personnel for HPAI preparedness or response planning</p>  |
| <p><b>Disposal equipment</b> – capital equipment to improve biosecure disposal of carcasses</p>  | <p><b>Training</b> – material or resources to train staff</p>  |
| <p><b>Other capital expenditure directly related to improving HPAI or EAD capability.</b></p>  | <p><b>Investment not directly related to improving HPAI or EAD capability</b> – other investments that cannot be linked to enhancing capability.</p> |