

# National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Participant Follow-up Function

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	<p>Commonwealth            New South Wales            Victoria            Queensland            Western Australia            South Australia            Tasmania            Australian Capital Territory            Northern Territory</p>
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support follow up participants of the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) who receive a positive immunochemical faecal occult blood test (iFOBT) result and who have not progressed along the screening pathway for appropriate medical care, including clinical or diagnostic assessment by a healthcare provider and/or specialist.</p> <p><b>The Participant Follow-up Function (PFUF) is undertaken in accordance with nationally consistent guidelines and protocols with key activities including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) contacting participants of the NBCSP where there is no record on the National Cancer Screening Register (NCSR) indicating that the participant has attended the necessary follow-up following a positive iFOBT;</li> <li>(b) making timely updates to a participant's record on the NCSR following contact;</li> <li>(c) providing advice regarding the PFUF to the Commonwealth via the NBCSP Program Delivery Advisory Group, as needed;</li> <li>(d) participating in PFUF information sharing forums, including those facilitated by the Commonwealth and the NCSR; and</li> <li>(e) where viable and at the discretion of state and territory health departments, and with necessary permissions from jurisdictional health services, progressing follow up of missing Colonoscopy, Histopathology and Adverse Events reports or other program related work to ensure data quality and completeness, in a manner that is agreed with the Commonwealth.</li> </ul>



Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$38.829 million in respect of this Schedule.					
	\$	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
	NSW	\$2,765,409	\$2,874,327	\$2,980,116	\$3,081,836	\$11,701,688
	Vic	\$2,275,268	\$2,364,344	\$2,450,860	\$2,534,048	\$9,624,520
	Qld	\$1,836,252	\$1,907,555	\$1,976,808	\$2,043,398	\$7,764,013
	SA	\$671,126	\$695,259	\$718,699	\$741,238	\$2,826,322
	WA	\$1,006,315	\$1,044,018	\$1,080,638	\$1,115,849	\$4,246,820
	TAS	\$260,346	\$267,849	\$275,136	\$282,144	\$1,085,475
	NT	\$155,913	\$159,189	\$162,371	\$165,430	\$642,903
	ACT	\$225,371	\$231,459	\$237,372	\$243,057	\$937,259
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,196,000</b>	<b>\$9,544,000</b>	<b>\$9,882,000</b>	<b>\$10,207,000</b>	<b>\$38,829,000</b>

**Additional Terms:**

The Commonwealth will support the delivery of the PFUF by:

- (a) providing States and Territories (the States) with nationally consistent guidelines and protocols that guide delivery of the follow-up function, providing clarifications as needed;
- (b) maintaining the NCSR and ensuring the States are provided with electronic worklists identifying participants for follow-up;
- (c) providing the States with nationally consistent guidance and protocols for follow up of missing Colonoscopy, Histopathology and Adverse Events reports, or other program related work, agreed jointly by the Commonwealth and the States;
- (d) providing a template for the mandatory Pre-Configured Reporting (PCR) 701-705 for PFUF Annual Reporting. This template may be updated periodically in consultation with the States. States are required to provide these reports and may use their own templates if they prefer, as long as they include the required PCR.
- (e) providing advice to the NBCSP Program Delivery Advisory Group on the PFUF role, as needed.

The Parties acknowledge that the purposes of this agreement, reference to 'nationally consistent guidelines and protocols' includes the NBCSP Participant Follow-Up Function Minimum Guidelines, the PCR 701-705 for PFUF Annual Reporting and other relevant guidelines produced by the NCSR, such as quick reference guides and the NCSR User Guide. These operational documents may be varied periodically in consultation with the States to ensure national consistency and maintain data integrity of the NCSR, while allowing for tailored operational processes that meet jurisdiction-specific needs. Such updates to these operational documents do not constitute a variation of the FFA Schedule.



The Parties agree that States will support the effective and nationally consistent delivery of the PFUF through activities including:

- (a) having regard to the nationally consistent guidelines and protocols redeveloped by the Commonwealth in consultation with the States;
- (b) delivering the PFUF for NBCSP participants who receive a positive iFOBT result and who have not progressed along the screening pathway for appropriate medical care, including clinical assessment by a healthcare provider resulting in diagnostic assessment such as colonoscopy or other clinically relevant procedure;
- (c) making timely updates to NBCSP participant's records;
- (d) participating in the NBCSP Program Delivery Advisory Group and providing advice as required.

The parties agree that the States will provide an annual report to the Commonwealth that, at a minimum, contains; data reports generated from the NCSR for the relevant jurisdictions which includes information outlining the impact of PFUF activities, demonstrating the delivery of participant follow-up outcomes.

At the discretion of the States, annual reporting may also include feedback of any lessons learned to support the continuous improvement of delivery of the PFUF.

The Commonwealth supports the provision of health and emergency services through the public hospital system through the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA). The NHRA provides that the Commonwealth will not fund a service where the same service, or any part of the same service, is otherwise funded by the Commonwealth. States will ensure that any claim for funding under the NHRA is not funding services, or any part of a service, provided for under this agreement and will maintain appropriate records.

The Parties acknowledge that the Commonwealth is separately supporting the States to expand existing direct access colonoscopy triage models for participants of the NBCSP that return a positive bowel cancer screening result and improve access to and reporting of public diagnostic colonoscopy services.

The Parties acknowledge that during the term of this Schedule the Commonwealth will conduct a review of the PFUF program in consultation with the States to assess its performance and assure its ongoing effectiveness.

**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

<b>Output</b>	<b>Performance milestones</b>	<b>Report due</b>	<b>Payment</b>
Delivery of the NBCSP PFUF	Provision of an Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, as prescribed in Table 1.	30 April 2025	100% of annual allocation in accordance with Table 1.
	Provision of an Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026, as prescribed in Table 1.	30 April 2026	
	Provision of an Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027, as prescribed in Table 1.	30 April 2027	
	Provision of an Annual performance report covering the period 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028, as prescribed in Table 1.	30 April 2028	

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

05 / 10 / 2024

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

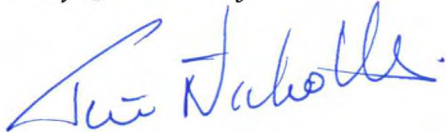
**Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by**

**The Honourable Ryan Park MP**  
Minister for Health  
/ / 2024

**The Honourable Mary-Anne Thomas MP**  
Minister for Health  
/ / 2024

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

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



**The Honourable Tim Nicholls MP Minister for Health and Ambulance Services**  
10 / 12 / 2024

**The Honourable Amber-Jade Sanderson MP**  
Minister for Health  
/ / 2024

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

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

**The Honourable Chris Picton MP**  
Minister for Health and Wellbeing  
/ / 2024

**The Honourable Guy Barnett MP**  
Minister for Health  
/ / 2024

**Signed** for and on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory by

**Signed** for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by

**The Honourable Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA**  
**Minister for Health**  
/ / 2024

**The Honourable Steven Edgington**  
Minister for Health  
/ / 2024