

## Boosting HPAI Biosecurity Response Capability

### FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – ENVIRONMENT

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

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales Victoria Queensland Western Australia South Australia Tasmania the Australian Capital Territory 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>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<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="427 405 1294 1010"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="427 405 975 483"><b>Table 1</b> <b>(\$ million)</b></th> <th data-bbox="975 405 1086 483"><b>2024-25</b></th> <th data-bbox="1086 405 1198 483"><b>2025-26</b></th> <th data-bbox="1198 405 1294 483"><b>Total</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 483 975 528"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="975 483 1086 528"><b>9.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1086 483 1198 528"><b>3.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1198 483 1294 528"><b>12.0</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="427 528 1294 573"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 573 975 618">- New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="975 573 1086 618">1.64</td> <td data-bbox="1086 573 1198 618">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1198 573 1294 618">2.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 618 975 663">- Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="975 618 1086 663">1.31</td> <td data-bbox="1086 618 1198 663">0.44</td> <td data-bbox="1198 618 1294 663">1.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 663 975 707">- Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="975 663 1086 707">1.59</td> <td data-bbox="1086 663 1198 707">0.53</td> <td data-bbox="1198 663 1294 707">2.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 707 975 752">- Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="975 707 1086 752">1.54</td> <td data-bbox="1086 707 1198 752">0.51</td> <td data-bbox="1198 707 1294 752">2.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 752 975 797">- South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="975 752 1086 797">0.96</td> <td data-bbox="1086 752 1198 797">0.32</td> <td data-bbox="1198 752 1294 797">1.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 797 975 842">- Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="975 797 1086 842">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1086 797 1198 842">0.18</td> <td data-bbox="1198 797 1294 842">0.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 842 975 887">- the Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="975 842 1086 887">0.52</td> <td data-bbox="1086 842 1198 887">0.17</td> <td data-bbox="1198 842 1294 887">0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 887 975 931">- the Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="975 887 1086 931">0.89</td> <td data-bbox="1086 887 1198 931">0.30</td> <td data-bbox="1198 887 1294 931">1.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="427 931 975 976"><b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b></td> <td data-bbox="975 931 1086 976"><b>0.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1086 931 1198 976"><b>0.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1198 931 1294 976"><b>0.0</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Table 1</b> <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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<p>Additional terms</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>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>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>																																																

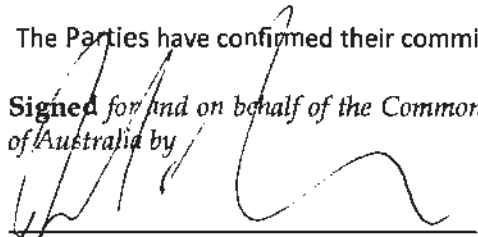
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary		
Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p><b>Milestone 1: Procurement plan</b></p> <p>Development by each State of a detailed procurement plan to the satisfaction of (and approved 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 VIC: \$174,012 QLD: \$212,021 WA: \$204,667 SA: \$128,542 TAS: \$73,646 ACT: \$69,565 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 VIC: \$1,131,078 QLD: \$1,378,137 WA: \$1,330,333 SA: \$835,525 TAS: \$478,697 ACT: \$452,172 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 VIC: \$435,030 QLD: \$530,053 WA: \$511,667 SA: \$321,356 TAS: \$184,114 ACT: \$173,912 NT: \$297,222

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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

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State of South Australia by



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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

17 Feb, 2025

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

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

**Ms Suzanne Orr MLA**

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy,  
and Water

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**The Honourable Gerard Maley MLA**

Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

[Day] [Month] [Year]

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

<b>Proposed in-scope funding categories with examples</b>	<b>Proposed out-of-scope funding categories with examples (may form co-contribution from states and territories)</b>
<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>