

Boosting HPAI Biosecurity Response Capability

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - ENVIRONMENT

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="443 432 1276 1014"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="443 432 957 510">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="973 477 1069 510">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1085 477 1181 510">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1197 477 1260 510">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 521 957 555">Estimated total budget</td> <td data-bbox="1021 521 1069 555">9.0</td> <td data-bbox="1133 521 1181 555">3.0</td> <td data-bbox="1197 521 1260 555">12.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="443 566 1276 600"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 611 957 645">- New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="1005 611 1069 645">1.64</td> <td data-bbox="1117 611 1181 645">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1197 611 1260 645">2.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 656 957 689">- Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="1005 656 1069 689">1.31</td> <td data-bbox="1117 656 1181 689">0.44</td> <td data-bbox="1197 656 1260 689">1.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 701 957 734">- Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="1005 701 1069 734">1.59</td> <td data-bbox="1117 701 1181 734">0.53</td> <td data-bbox="1197 701 1260 734">2.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 745 957 779">- Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1005 745 1069 779">1.54</td> <td data-bbox="1117 745 1181 779">0.51</td> <td data-bbox="1197 745 1260 779">2.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 790 957 824">- South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1005 790 1069 824">0.96</td> <td data-bbox="1117 790 1181 824">0.32</td> <td data-bbox="1197 790 1260 824">1.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 835 957 869">- Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="1005 835 1069 869">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1117 835 1181 869">0.18</td> <td data-bbox="1197 835 1260 869">0.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 880 957 913">- the Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1005 880 1069 913">0.52</td> <td data-bbox="1117 880 1181 913">0.17</td> <td data-bbox="1197 880 1260 913">0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 925 957 958">- the Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1005 925 1069 958">0.89</td> <td data-bbox="1117 925 1181 958">0.30</td> <td data-bbox="1197 925 1260 958">1.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="443 969 957 1003">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="1021 969 1069 1003">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1133 969 1181 1003">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1197 969 1260 1003">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	Total	Estimated total budget	9.0	3.0	12.0	<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	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The provision of Commonwealth financial contributions is contingent on States providing appropriate co-investment that is consistent with the Purpose of this Schedule. 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. 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. 																																																

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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>Milestone 1: Procurement plan</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"> • Items to be purchased and estimated cost for each item • timeframe for purchase • procurement process • co-contributions (including value of co-contribution) from the State 	27/03/2025	<p>NSW: \$218,658</p> <p>VIC: \$174,012</p> <p>QLD: \$212,021</p> <p>WA: \$204,667</p> <p>SA: \$128,542</p> <p>TAS: \$73,646</p> <p>ACT: \$69,565</p> <p>NT: \$118,889</p>
<p>Milestone 2: Interim Progress report as at 25 April 2025</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"> • List of items procured, and cost of each item purchased • Evidence of the commitment of funds • Outline of co-contributions from State. 	16/05/2025	<p>NSW: \$1,421,280</p> <p>VIC: \$1,131,078</p> <p>QLD: \$1,378,137</p> <p>WA: \$1,330,333</p> <p>SA: \$835,525</p> <p>TAS: \$478,697</p> <p>ACT: \$452,172</p> <p>NT: \$772,778</p>
<p>Milestone 3: Final report as at 31 October 2025</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"> • List of items procured, and cost of each item purchased • Evidence of the commitment of funds • Evidence of co-contributions from State. 	28/11/2025	<p>NSW: \$546,646</p> <p>VIC: \$435,030</p> <p>QLD: \$530,053</p> <p>WA: \$511,667</p> <p>SA: \$321,356</p> <p>TAS: \$184,111</p> <p>ACT: \$173,922</p> <p>NT: \$297,222</p>

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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

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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

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Queensland by

The Honourable Anthony Perret MP
Minister for Primary Industries

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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 Howlett 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,
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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)
<p>Response equipment – 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>Consumables – for example, PPE, carbon dioxide (or other gases), chemical products, pit liners.</p>
<p>Diagnostic equipment – mobile diagnostic trailers or vans, capital equipment to increase testing and diagnostic capacity.</p>	<p>Laboratory supplies – reagents, containers, bags</p>
<p>Depopulation equipment – higher welfare depopulation equipment for both large and small scale operations depending on local industry. Including MAK units, vessels for CO₂ gassing, and foaming units (preference for the higher welfare outcomes associated with nitrogen-based foam units).</p>	<p>Staffing and consultants – personnel for HPAI preparedness or response planning</p>
<p>Disposal equipment – capital equipment to improve biosecure disposal of carcasses</p>	<p>Training – material or resources to train staff</p>
<p>Other capital expenditure directly related to improving HPAI or EAD capability.</p>	<p>Investment not directly related to improving HPAI or EAD capability – other investments that cannot be linked to enhancing capability.</p>