

## 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>

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<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="440 443 1262 1025"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="440 454 954 521">Table 1 (\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="970 488 1066 521">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="1082 488 1177 521">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1193 488 1262 521">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 533 954 566"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="1018 533 1066 566"><b>9.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1129 533 1177 566"><b>3.0</b></td> <td data-bbox="1201 533 1262 566"><b>12.0</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" data-bbox="440 577 1262 611"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 622 954 656">- New South Wales</td> <td data-bbox="1010 622 1066 656">1.64</td> <td data-bbox="1121 622 1177 656">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1201 622 1262 656">2.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 667 954 701">- Victoria</td> <td data-bbox="1010 667 1066 701">1.31</td> <td data-bbox="1121 667 1177 701">0.44</td> <td data-bbox="1201 667 1262 701">1.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 712 954 745">- Queensland</td> <td data-bbox="1010 712 1066 745">1.59</td> <td data-bbox="1121 712 1177 745">0.53</td> <td data-bbox="1201 712 1262 745">2.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 757 954 790">- Western Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1010 757 1066 790">1.54</td> <td data-bbox="1121 757 1177 790">0.51</td> <td data-bbox="1201 757 1262 790">2.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 801 954 835">- South Australia</td> <td data-bbox="1010 801 1066 835">0.96</td> <td data-bbox="1121 801 1177 835">0.32</td> <td data-bbox="1201 801 1262 835">1.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 846 954 880">- Tasmania</td> <td data-bbox="1010 846 1066 880">0.55</td> <td data-bbox="1121 846 1177 880">0.18</td> <td data-bbox="1201 846 1262 880">0.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 891 954 925">- the Australian Capital Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1010 891 1066 925">0.52</td> <td data-bbox="1121 891 1177 925">0.17</td> <td data-bbox="1201 891 1262 925">0.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 936 954 969">- the Northern Territory</td> <td data-bbox="1010 936 1066 969">0.89</td> <td data-bbox="1121 936 1177 969">0.30</td> <td data-bbox="1201 936 1262 969">1.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 981 954 1014">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="1018 981 1066 1014">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1129 981 1177 1014">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1201 981 1262 1014">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	Total	<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	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"> <li data-bbox="432 1093 1385 1205">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="432 1216 1385 1485">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="432 1496 1385 1608">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>																																																

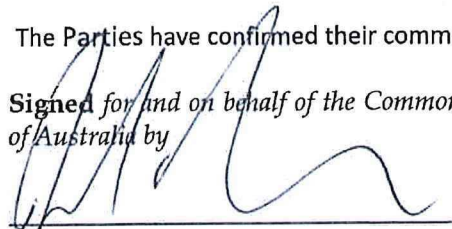
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary		
Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p><b>Milestone 1: Procurement plan</b></p> <p>Development by each State of a detailed procurement plan to the satisfaction of (and approved 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



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**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

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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Queensland by

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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

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State of South Australia by

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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Victoria by

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

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



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

3 Feb 2025  
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Signed for and on behalf of the  
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**The Honourable Jane Howlet MLC**  
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

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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

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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><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>