

National Capital Functions Program

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Australian Capital Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 31 July 2029, or when all deliverables outlined in this Schedule have been completed and acquitted.
Purpose	<p>The aim of this agreement is to support the ACT government to administer the specific services outlined below that fulfil Commonwealth responsibilities of diplomatic and treaty obligations and relevant legislative provisions.</p> <p>a. registration of diplomatic vehicles and licences to give effect to Article 34 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations which is given domestic force and effect by the <i>Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Act 1967 (Cth)</i>.</p> <p>b. electronic registration of certain deaths abroad to give effect to the <i>Registrations of Deaths Abroad Act 1984 (Cth)</i>, foreign marriages solemnised in Australia by or in the presence of diplomatic or consular officers of proclaimed overseas countries to give effect to Div 3 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961 (Cth)</i> (Marriage Act), and marriages solemnised overseas by an Australian Defence Force Chaplain or authorised officer to give effect to Part V of the Marriage Act.</p> <p>c. French teaching under the French-Australian program for the purpose of meeting the Commonwealth’s obligations under Article 3 of the <i>Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic concerning the Establishment of a French-Australia School in Canberra</i>; and</p> <p>d. facilitating International Baccalaureate membership to the International Baccalaureate Organisation.</p> <p>Funding provided under this Schedule will contribute to the delivery of the services listed at attachment A.</p>

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory of up to \$8.636m in respect of this Schedule.						
	Table 1						
	(\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total
	Estimated total budget	1.627	1.674	1.726	1.778	1.831	8.636
	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>						
	Balance of non-Commonwealth Contribution	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary				
Output/s	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment	Payment Date
As detailed in services and reporting requirements outlined in attachment A	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.1 and 1.2 (Reporting period 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024).	30 September 2024	\$813,500	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.3 and 1.4 (Reporting period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024).	28 February 2025	\$813,500	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.1 and 1.2 (Reporting period 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025).	31 July 2025	\$837,000	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.3 and 1.4 (Reporting period 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025).	28 February 2026	\$837,000	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.1 and 1.2 (Reporting period 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026).	31 July 2026	\$863,000	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.3 and 1.4 (Reporting period 1 January 2026 – 31 December 2026).	28 February 2027	\$863,000	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.1 and 1.2. (Reporting period 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027).	31 July 2027	\$889,000	
	Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.3 and 1.4 (Reporting period 1 January 2027 – 31 December 2027).	28 February 2028	\$889,000	

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Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.3 and 1.4 (Reporting period 1 January 2028 – 31 December 2028).	28 February 2029	\$915,500	
Commonwealth acceptance of Performance Reports, submitted by ACT, encompassing all administrative services under the Schedule for Output 1.1 and 1.2 (Reporting period 1 July 2028 – 30 June 2029).	31 July 2029	TBC	

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

[Day] [Month] [Year]

28 January 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the Territory of the ACT by



Andrew Barr MLA

Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory

4 March 2025

Attachment A: Scope of Services and reporting requirements

Outputs (1.1 to 1.4)

1.1 Registration of diplomatic vehicles and licences

The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) will provide the following in relation to a diplomatic vehicle for diplomatic agents (defined as 'the head of the mission or a member of the diplomatic staff of the mission' as consistent with Article 1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations):

- Register diplomatic vehicles for diplomatic agents on behalf of the Australian Government.
- Provide 100% concession for eligible vehicle registration fees.
- Provide diplomatic plates.

The ACT will provide the following services in relation to a driver's licence for diplomatic agents:

- Register and renew driver's licences for diplomatic agents on behalf of the Australian Government.
- Provide 100% concession of licence fees.

In respect of these services, the ACT will provide an Annual Report outlining:

- Numbers of Vehicle registrations established.
- Numbers of Vehicle registrations renewed.
- Numbers of Driver's licences issued.
- Numbers of Driver's licences renewed.

1.2 Register of Deaths Abroad and certain marriages

The ACT Government will maintain a Register of Deaths Abroad pursuant to the requirements of the *Registration of Deaths Abroad Act 1984* (Cth) and the *Registration of Deaths Abroad Regulations 2018* (Cth).

When an application for the registration of a foreign death is received by the ACT Government, the ACT Government must electronically register the death of a person occurring in a foreign jurisdiction, unless that death may be registered by another state or territory or foreign jurisdiction.

The ACT Government will:

- in accordance with the provisions of Division 3 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961* (Cth) (Marriage Act), maintain an electronic register of marriages (to be called the Register of Foreign Marriages Solemnised in Australia) solemnised in Australia by or in the presence of a diplomatic or consular official of a proclaimed overseas country, and
- in accordance with the provisions of Part V of the Marriage Act, maintain an electronic register of marriages (to be called the Register of Overseas Marriages) of members of the Defence Force solemnised overseas by an Australian Defence Force Chaplain, or an officer other than a chaplain (within the meaning of the *Defence*

Act 1903) who is authorised to do so by the Chief of the Defence Force, and other marriages that are required to or may be registered in the Register of Overseas Marriages under section 63 of the Marriage Act.

In delivering the services, the ACT Government will:

- Review and update as necessary its information technology (IT) and online data management systems, to ensure the protection of Personal Information;
- Process any requests for data made by the Australian Government and all Australian state and territory Registries of Deaths Abroad;
- Respond to any relevant complaints;
- Provide when requested advice and information to the Australian Government and all Australian state and territory Registries;
- Maintain records of relevant deaths abroad that have been registered; and
- Ensure 100 per cent of applications are registered within 20 working days of the receipt of an application, provided a completed application meeting all relevant requirements has been supplied.

The ACT Government will provide an Annual Report containing the registered deaths and marriages registered on the Register of Foreign Marriages Solemnised in Australia or Register of Overseas Marriages in the previous financial year.

1.3 Teachers at the French-Australian School (Article 3 of the *Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic concerning the Establishment of a French-Australia School in Canberra*)

The ACT Government will employ five full time teachers for the purpose of teaching the French-Australia Program at the French-Australian School.

The ACT Government will ensure the following Performance Criteria are met:

- Teachers meet Australian Professional Standards for Teachers - all teachers employed by the ACT Government under this Schedule must have been registered with the Teacher Quality Institute or have a 'Permit to Teach' at the French-Australian School from the Teacher Quality Institute.
- Students meet ACT educational standards - all students have access to NAPLAN assessment (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9). Results published.
- Students attain French-Australian bi-lingual standards - students in the French-Australian bilingual program access French National testing (Year 2, 5 & 9). Results published.

The ACT Government will ensure the teachers employed meet the below requirements:

- Are bilingual in French and English;
- Are trained in French curriculum and pedagogy, and have qualifications acceptable to the French National Ministry for Education;
- Meet professional standards required by the ACT Education and Training Directorate including the Teachers' Code of Professional Practice and the Teacher Quality Institute Requirements; and
- Are otherwise of the same standard as that required of teachers in ACT schools.

The ACT Government will ensure that the Teachers are qualified at the Experienced Teacher 2 level (or equivalent).

The ACT Government will provide an Annual Report outlining:

- Number of students enrolled in the primary French-Australia Program and secondary French-Australia Program by year level;
- Reporting against the Performance Criteria specified above for the period covering 1 January – 31 December.

1.4 International Baccalaureate services at Narrabundah College

In respect of teachers providing International Baccalaureate services to the Canberra School, Narrabundah College, the ACT Government will pay all teachers' certification and professional development fees required by the International Baccalaureate Organisation to allow those teachers to obtain and maintain the required qualifications for the provision of International Baccalaureate services to the Canberra School, Narrabundah College.

The ACT Government will provide an Annual Report outlining those students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program at Narrabundah College who have achieved an Australia Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and International Baccalaureate Diploma.

All teachers employed by the ACT Government will meet the ACT educational professional standards. For these standards to be met:

- All International Baccalaureate teachers will have full Teacher Quality Institute qualifications at Narrabundah college; and
- International Baccalaureate teachers are to attend workshops in Australia and the Asia Pacific region to enable them to fully deliver the International Baccalaureate curriculum.