

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>

Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$12.0m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>All figures are GST exclusive. Figures in Table 1 may not add due to rounding.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">Table 1</th></tr><tr><th>(\$ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>9.0</td><td>3.0</td><td>12.0</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td></tr><tr><td>- New South Wales</td><td>1.64</td><td>0.55</td><td>2.19</td></tr><tr><td>- Victoria</td><td>1.31</td><td>0.44</td><td>1.74</td></tr><tr><td>- Queensland</td><td>1.59</td><td>0.53</td><td>2.12</td></tr><tr><td>- Western Australia</td><td>1.54</td><td>0.51</td><td>2.05</td></tr><tr><td>- South Australia</td><td>0.96</td><td>0.32</td><td>1.29</td></tr><tr><td>- Tasmania</td><td>0.55</td><td>0.18</td><td>0.74</td></tr><tr><td>- the Australian Capital Territory</td><td>0.52</td><td>0.17</td><td>0.70</td></tr><tr><td>- the Northern Territory</td><td>0.89</td><td>0.30</td><td>1.19</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td></tr></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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Additional terms	<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
Milestone 1: Procurement plan Development by each State of a detailed procurement plan to the satisfaction of (and approved by) the Commonwealth that includes: <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 	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
Milestone 2: Interim Progress report as at 25 April 2025 Provision of an Interim Progress Report for the period 1 January 2025 to 25 April 2025 to the satisfaction of the Commonwealth that includes: <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	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
Milestone 3: Final report as at 31 October 2025 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: <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	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

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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

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*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

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

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

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*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*

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA

Minister for Climate Change, Environment, Energy,
and Water

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Maley', written over the printed name of the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.

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>