

Family Law Information Sharing

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>New South Wales</p> <p>Victoria</p> <p>Queensland</p> <p>Western Australia</p> <p>South Australia</p> <p>Tasmania</p> <p>Australian Capital Territory</p> <p>Northern Territory</p>
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of the <i>National Strategic Framework for Information Sharing between the Family Law and Family Violence and Child Protection Systems (National Framework)</i>, including the co-location of child protection and policing officials at family law court registries across Australia.</p> <p>The National Framework supports the appropriate and timely two-way information exchange between the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCOA) and the Family Court of Western Australia (FCWA) (the family law courts) on the one hand, and state and territory courts, child protection, policing, firearms, and justice agencies on the other.</p> <p>The co-location of state and territory child protection and policing officials performs a range of functions to enhance information sharing and collaboration between the family law courts and their agencies. This is crucial to support informed decision-making to protect and promote the best possible outcomes for children, their families and individuals impacted by family violence, child abuse or neglect risk.</p>

<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States and Territories of \$45.021 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <p>In addition to this funding, States and Territories must provide co-contributions to support the delivery of the National Framework and/or the Co-location Program. States and Territories are required to report their co-contributions to the Commonwealth through mandatory surveys.</p> <hr/> <p>Table 1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>(\$ million)</th> <th>2025-26</th> <th>2026-27</th> <th>2027-28</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>14.758</td> <td>15.013</td> <td>15.250</td> <td>45.021</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>14.758</td> <td>15.013</td> <td>15.250</td> <td>45.021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- New South Wales</td> <td>3.411</td> <td>3.468</td> <td>3.523</td> <td>10.402</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Victoria</td> <td>3.620</td> <td>3.696</td> <td>3.766</td> <td>11.082</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Queensland</td> <td>2.939</td> <td>2.989</td> <td>3.035</td> <td>8.963</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Western Australia</td> <td>1.421</td> <td>1.439</td> <td>1.455</td> <td>4.315</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- South Australia</td> <td>1.221</td> <td>1.243</td> <td>1.263</td> <td>3.727</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Tasmania</td> <td>0.999</td> <td>1.017</td> <td>1.032</td> <td>3.048</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Australian Capital Territory</td> <td>0.664</td> <td>0.673</td> <td>0.680</td> <td>2.017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Northern Territory</td> <td>0.483</td> <td>0.488</td> <td>0.496</td> <td>1.467</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions*</i></td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*The type and quantum of state and territory co-contributions are not prescribed and will vary across jurisdictions.</i></p>	(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget	14.758	15.013	15.250	45.021	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	14.758	15.013	15.250	45.021	- New South Wales	3.411	3.468	3.523	10.402	- Victoria	3.620	3.696	3.766	11.082	- Queensland	2.939	2.989	3.035	8.963	- Western Australia	1.421	1.439	1.455	4.315	- South Australia	1.221	1.243	1.263	3.727	- Tasmania	0.999	1.017	1.032	3.048	- Australian Capital Territory	0.664	0.673	0.680	2.017	- Northern Territory	0.483	0.488	0.496	1.467	<i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions*</i>	-	-	-	-
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<p>Additional terms</p>	<p>The Commonwealth financial contribution to each State and Territory has two components.</p> <p>The quantum of the two components for each state and territory is at Attachment A. The funding in the two components must be spent as outlined below.</p> <p>The first component (co-location) must be spent to support the continuation, establishment and/or expansion of the Co-location Program, if applicable.</p> <p>The second component (other funding) allocated to States and Territories must be utilised to establish or support information sharing processes, either by establishing, continuing or expanding co-located officials or to undertake activities that ensure information regarding family violence and child abuse is shared in a timely manner to meet objectives of the National Framework. States and Territories are responsible for allocating this component of funding amongst their agencies (child protection and police/firearms agencies or state and territory courts) as they see appropriate.</p>																																																												

	<p>States and Territories are expected to deliver the program in accordance with public sector ethical values and duties such as probity, accountability, and transparency.</p>
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Table 2A: New South Wales – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Survey due	Payment
Reporting of information sharing with the FCFCOA (or FCWA if applicable) by Police/Firearms and Child Protection agencies (including co-located officials where applicable) and state and territory courts.	<p>Mandatory Survey Reporting</p> <p>Completion and Commonwealth acceptance of the 'National Information Sharing Framework: Courts and Agencies Survey' every six months (November and May). The mandatory surveys will continue until the final survey in May 2028 is completed. Surveys are to be completed by the last day of the month following each reporting period.</p> <p>The reporting periods are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 - 1 May 2026 to 31 October 2026 - 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027 - 1 May 2027 to 31 October 2027 - 1 November 2027 to 30 April 2028 <p>Annual payments are contingent upon Commonwealth acceptance of all completed surveys due in that calendar year, and will be paid following the acceptance of each November survey.</p>	30 November 2025	\$3.411m
		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$3.468m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$3.523m

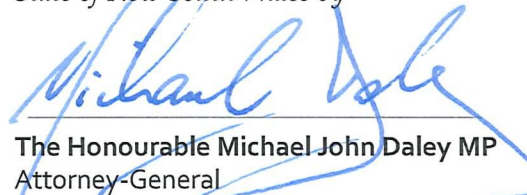
The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP
 Attorney-General
 16 July 2025

Signed for and on behalf of the State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Michael John Daley MP
 Attorney-General

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15 August 2025.

Table 2C: Queensland – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Survey due	Payment
Reporting of information sharing with the FCFCOA (or FCWA if applicable) by Police/Firearms and Child Protection agencies (including co-located officials where applicable) and state and territory courts.	<p>Mandatory Survey Reporting</p> <p>Completion and Commonwealth acceptance of the 'National Information Sharing Framework: Courts and Agencies Survey' every six months (November and May). The mandatory surveys will continue until the final survey in May 2028 is completed. Surveys are to be completed by the last day of the month following each reporting period.</p> <p>The reporting periods are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 - 1 May 2026 to 31 October 2026 - 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027 - 1 May 2027 to 31 October 2027 - 1 November 2027 to 30 April 2028 <p>Annual payments are contingent upon Commonwealth acceptance of all completed surveys due in that calendar year, and will be paid following the acceptance of each November survey.</p>	30 November 2025	\$2.939m
		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$2.989m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$3.035m


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 Attorney-General

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Table 2D: Western Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Survey due	Payment
Reporting of information sharing with the FCFCOA (or FCWA if applicable) by Police/Firearms and Child Protection agencies (including co-located officials where applicable) and state and territory courts.	<p>Mandatory Survey Reporting</p> <p>Completion and Commonwealth acceptance of the 'National Information Sharing Framework: Courts and Agencies Survey' every six months (November and May). The mandatory surveys will continue until the final survey in May 2028 is completed. Surveys are to be completed by the last day of the month following each reporting period.</p> <p>The reporting periods are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 - 1 May 2026 to 31 October 2026 - 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027 - 1 May 2027 to 31 October 2027 - 1 November 2027 to 30 April 2028 <p>Annual payments are contingent upon Commonwealth acceptance of all completed surveys due in that calendar year, and will be paid following the acceptance of each November survey.</p>	30 November 2025	\$1.421m
		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$1.439m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$1.455m

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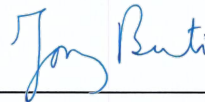
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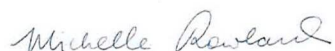
The Honourable Dr Tony Buti MLA
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Table 2E: South Australia – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Survey due	Payment
Reporting of information sharing with the FCFCOA (or FCWA if applicable) by Police/Firearms and Child Protection agencies (including co-located officials where applicable) and state and territory courts.	<p>Mandatory Survey Reporting</p> <p>Completion and Commonwealth acceptance of the 'National Information Sharing Framework: Courts and Agencies Survey' every six months (November and May). The mandatory surveys will continue until the final survey in May 2028 is completed. Surveys are to be completed by the last day of the month following each reporting period.</p> <p>The reporting periods are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 - 1 May 2026 to 31 October 2026 - 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027 - 1 May 2027 to 31 October 2027 - 1 November 2027 to 30 April 2028 <p>Annual payments are contingent upon Commonwealth acceptance of all completed surveys due in that calendar year, and will be paid following the acceptance of each November survey.</p>	30 November 2025	\$1.221m
		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$1.243m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$1.263m

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The Honourable Kyam Maher MLC
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Table 2F: Tasmania – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
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Reporting of information sharing with the FCFCOA (or FCWA if applicable) by Police/Firearms and Child Protection agencies (including co-located officials where applicable) and state and territory courts.	<p>Mandatory Survey Reporting</p> <p>Completion and Commonwealth acceptance of the 'National Information Sharing Framework: Courts and Agencies Survey' every six months (November and May). The mandatory surveys will continue until the final survey in May 2028 is completed. Surveys are to be completed by the last day of the month following each reporting period.</p> <p>The reporting periods are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 May 2025 to 31 October 2025 - 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2026 - 1 May 2026 to 31 October 2026 - 1 November 2026 to 30 April 2027 - 1 May 2027 to 31 October 2027 - 1 November 2027 to 30 April 2028 <p>Annual payments are contingent upon Commonwealth acceptance of all completed surveys due in that calendar year, and will be paid following the acceptance of each November survey.</p>	30 November 2025	\$0.999m
		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$1.017m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$1.032m

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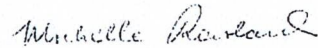
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Table 2H: Northern Territory – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

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		31 May 2026	N/A
		30 November 2026	\$0.488m
		31 May 2027	N/A
		30 November 2027	\$0.496m

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Attachment A – Funding Components

Co-location (\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget	9.882	10.099	10.302	30.283
- New South Wales	2.416	2.468	2.518	7.402
- Victoria	2.665	2.731	2.792	8.188
- Queensland	1.915	1.958	1.998	5.871
- Western Australia	0.762	0.774	0.785	2.321
- South Australia	0.809	0.827	0.844	2.480
- Tasmania	0.723	0.739	0.754	2.216
- Australian Capital Territory	0.385	0.393	0.400	1.178
- Northern Territory	0.207	0.209	0.211	0.627
Other Funding (\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget	4.876	4.914	4.947	14.737
- New South Wales	0.995	1.000	1.005	3.000
- Victoria	0.955	0.965	0.974	2.894
- Queensland	1.024	1.031	1.037	3.092
- Western Australia	0.659	0.665	0.670	1.994
- South Australia	0.412	0.416	0.419	1.247
- Tasmania	0.276	0.278	0.278	0.832
- Australian Capital Territory	0.279	0.280	0.280	0.839
- Northern Territory	0.276	0.279	0.284	0.839