

## Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault

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 30 June 2028 or on completion of final reporting.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will pilot the extension and expansion of legal and non-legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence to support their safe and informed participation in the justice system, guided by their own goals in their journey of recovery (the pilot).</p> <p>Through the pilot, the Australian Capital Territory will test a coordinated legal and non-legal service delivery model that is trauma-informed, victim-and survivor-centric, culturally safe, accessible and integrated with existing services. This includes trialing a Justice System Navigator function and supporting access to restorative justice pathways, as agreed in this Schedule at <b>Attachment A</b>.</p> <p>The pilot will also contribute towards the development of an evidence base about the use and impact of coordinated legal and non-legal services for victims and survivors to support future policy development and service delivery, and build sector capacity.</p>
Interpretation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Justice System Navigator supports victims and survivors of sexual violence to access their chosen justice pathway; and for those who choose to pursue a criminal justice pathway, a justice system navigator is a trained support person who can advocate and provide support in initial and ongoing interactions with police, prosecutors, the court and related systems as the victim and survivor engages with the justice system.</li> <li>2. Restorative justice is an alternative to traditional criminal justice responses that enables people who have been affected by a crime, including the person responsible, to communicate about the damage that has been caused and work together to repair it.</li> </ol>

Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory of \$4.629 m in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Table 1</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="400 427 703 465">(\$ million)</th> <th data-bbox="711 427 826 465">2023-24</th> <th data-bbox="834 427 949 465">2024-25</th> <th data-bbox="957 427 1072 465">2025-26</th> <th data-bbox="1080 427 1195 465">2026-27</th> <th data-bbox="1203 427 1318 465">2027-28</th> <th data-bbox="1326 427 1441 465">Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 477 703 546"><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td data-bbox="711 477 826 515">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="834 477 949 515">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="957 477 1072 515">1.150</td> <td data-bbox="1080 477 1195 515">1.177</td> <td data-bbox="1203 477 1318 515">0.602</td> <td data-bbox="1326 477 1441 515">4.629</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 557 703 660"><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td data-bbox="711 557 826 595">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="834 557 949 595">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="957 557 1072 595">1.150</td> <td data-bbox="1080 557 1195 595">1.177</td> <td data-bbox="1203 557 1318 595">0.602</td> <td data-bbox="1326 557 1441 595">4.629</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 672 703 710">- ACT</td> <td data-bbox="711 672 826 710">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="834 672 949 710">0.850</td> <td data-bbox="957 672 1072 710">1.150</td> <td data-bbox="1080 672 1195 710">1.177</td> <td data-bbox="1203 672 1318 710">0.602</td> <td data-bbox="1326 672 1441 710">4.629</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="400 721 703 824">Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td data-bbox="711 721 826 759">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="834 721 949 759">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="957 721 1072 759">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1080 721 1195 759">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1203 721 1318 759">0.0</td> <td data-bbox="1326 721 1441 759">0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/>	(\$ million)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.177	0.602	4.629	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.177	0.602	4.629	- ACT	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.177	0.602	4.629	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="400 927 1449 1030">1. The Australian Capital Territory will ensure legal assistance service data is collected and reported consistent with the <i>National Legal Assistance Data Standards Manual</i>.</li> <li data-bbox="400 1064 1449 1758">2. The Commonwealth, the Australian Capital Territory and relevant legal assistance and non-legal service providers will participate in monitoring and evaluation activities. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="501 1198 1449 1301">a. The Australian Capital Territory will provide regular performance reports in accordance with <b>Table 2</b> and <b>Attachment B</b>.</li> <li data-bbox="501 1335 1449 1581">b. The Commonwealth will conduct, and the Australian Capital Territory and relevant legal assistance and non-legal service providers will participate in, an evaluation of the pilot over the course of the pilot concluding in 2027-28. Participation will include supporting engagement between service recipients and evaluators and provision of service data.</li> <li data-bbox="501 1603 1449 1758">c. The Commonwealth will establish an evaluation steering committee, comprising representatives from each participating State and Territory, to oversee monitoring and evaluation activities.</li> </ol> </li> <li data-bbox="400 1780 1449 1910">3. The Parties note that legal and non-legal services delivered through funding provided under this Schedule may extend beyond the expiration of this Schedule.</li> </ol>																																			

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Finalise the legal service delivery model	Commonwealth acceptance of a project plan outlining the legal service delivery model and its implementation	30 November 2023*	\$0.850 m (Paid)
Delivery of legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at <b>Attachment B</b> for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024	30 September 2024	\$0.850 m (Paid)
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at <b>Attachment B</b> for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	31 March 2025	Nil
Delivery of legal and non-legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at <b>Attachment B</b> for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025	30 September 2025	\$0.850 m (Paid)
	Execution of this amended schedule	Upon execution of this schedule	\$0.300 m
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at <b>Attachment B</b> for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	30 September 2026	\$1.177 m
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Notes: The Commonwealth may provide templates for the States to use for the project plan and performance reports required in Table 2 of this Schedule. If provided, the project plan and performance reports to be completed in accordance with these templates.

Performance reports should be provided on the report due date or the next business day.

\*subject to the Schedule being signed before this date

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

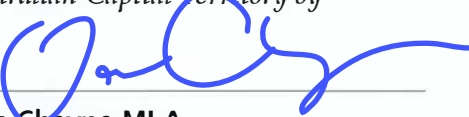
*Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by*



**The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP**  
Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

2 March 2026

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