

# Project Agreement for the National Coronial Information System (NCIS)

## FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2029 or on completion of the initiative.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the ongoing management of the National Coronial Information System (NCIS). This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>operating effective data collection, quality and validity systems to maintain reliability, consistency and integrity of the NCIS including continuous improvement activities and regular engagement with data partners.</li> <li>ensuring database security and integrity to prevent unauthorised access to NCIS data.</li> <li>facilitating a direct system access service to support coronial investigations and third party researchers undertaking death and injury research and monitoring work.</li> <li>providing a data report service to support coronial investigations and external organisations undertaking death and injury prevention research work.</li> <li>providing support and training to NCIS users to facilitate their access to NCIS data and maximise data use.</li> </ul>

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the State of Victoria \$1.818m in respect of this Schedule.					
	<b>Table 1</b>					
	<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>2028-29</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Estimated total budget<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>1.220</b>	<b>1.231</b>	<b>1.240</b>	<b>1.251</b>	<b>4.942</b>
	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>					
	- to Victoria	<b>0.439</b>	<b>0.450</b>	<b>0.459</b>	<b>0.470</b>	<b>1.818</b>
	<i>Balance of other Commonwealth contributions<sup>(b)</sup></i>	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.180	0.72
	<i>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions<sup>(c)</sup></i>	0.601	0.601	0.601	0.601	2.404
	Note:					
	(a) The estimated total budget does not reflect NCIS user charges					
(b) Other Commonwealth NCIS contributions include funds from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communication, Sport and the Arts, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology and Safe Work Australia. These NCIS contributions are made via funding arrangements and access agreements based on the NCIS user charges.						
(c) Other government contributions include funds from States and Territories and the New Zealand Government.						

Additional terms	<p>Victoria will provide 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 mortality data reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on specified drug-related deaths, mental health mortality and injury related deaths, in accordance with Table 2 and during the operation of the Agreement, with these reports drafted in consultation with personnel from the relevant drug, suicide and injury policy areas of the Department, and</li> <li>that build on previous annual mortality data reports to continue time series data and allow trends to be identified over time. Each report will include a breakdown of the age and gender of the deceased, a brief analysis of the data and relevant recommendations made by the coroner.</li> </ul>
	<p>State and Territory governments are parties to a Memorandum of Understanding for the National Coronial Information System (MoU), which outlines their responsibilities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing a financial contribution to support the operation of the NCIS, and representation on the NCIS Board of Management as described in the MoU</li> <li>complying with the license agreement with the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety that permits the transfer of coronial information for storage and dissemination via the NCIS, and</li> <li>transferring information to the NCIS in accordance with State and Federal privacy legislation.</li> </ul>

Under the NCIS MoU, a Board of Management is established with Board member responsibilities listed. These include:

- overseeing and ensuring strong governance of the NCIS including the effective implementation of appropriate risk management measures
- setting the strategic vision and objectives of the NCIS including through the endorsement of a strategic plan
- monitoring expenditure and use of resources in the operation of the NCIS
- ensuring that all legal and financial responsibilities are compiled with and that an audit report is prepared annually, and
- ensuring maintenance and fostering of the NCIS' relationships with stakeholders.

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Continuation of the National Coronial Information System (NCIS) for ongoing maintenance and improvement of the data storage and retrieval system of coronial information and provision of annual mortality data reports for publication	Continuation of the National Coronial Information System (NCIS), as demonstrated through the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 annual mortality data reports in the 2025-26 financial year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>2023 Drug mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified drug related deaths reported to the coroner in 2023. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ a section each on deaths relating to, at a minimum: Alcohol, Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Heroin, Opioid narcotics, and new and emerging drugs if relevant and as agreed between the NCIS Manager and the Department, and</li> <li>▪ information on polydrug use, and whether the drug made a primary or secondary contribution to death.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>2023 Intentional self-harm mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified mental health mortality reported to the coroner in 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The scope of the report will be as agreed between the NCIS Manager and Department and is likely to include mental health related deaths Foo-F99 and suicide – intentional harm X60-X84.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>2023 Injury mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified injury related deaths reported to the coroner in 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The content will include a section on each of the following: falls deaths; burns deaths; injury deaths in rural and remote areas, injury deaths occurring on farms; injury deaths involving off-road motorcycles/vehicles; and alcohol related injury deaths.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	15/05/2026	\$0.439m
	An <b>NCIS annual report for the 2025-26</b> financial year which includes:		31/10/2026

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a high level summary of the key activities the NCIS organisation has completed to support the ongoing management of NCIS. This includes major achievements, operational statistics, training and support for NCIS users, and the NCIS' financial position including funding partners' contributions.</li> </ul>		
	<p>3 annual mortality data reports in the 2026-27 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2024 Drug mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified drug related deaths reported to the coroner in 2024. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a section each on deaths relating to, at a minimum: Alcohol, Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Heroin, Opioids narcotics, and new and emerging drugs if relevant and as agreed between the NCIS Manager and the Department, and</li> <li>○ information on polydrug use, and whether the drug made a primary or secondary contribution to death.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2024 Intentional self-harm mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified mental health mortality reported to the coroner in 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The scope of the report will be as agreed between the NCIS Manager and Department and is likely to include mental health related deaths Foo-Fgg and suicide – intentional harm X6o-X84.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2024 Injury mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified injury related deaths reported to the coroner in 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The content will include a section on each of the following: falls deaths; burns deaths; injury deaths in rural and remote areas, injury deaths occurring on farms; injury deaths involving off-road motorcycles/vehicles; and alcohol related injury deaths.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	01/05/2027	\$0.250m
	An NCIS annual report for the 2026-27 financial year which includes:	31/10/2027	\$0.200m

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	<p>3 annual mortality data reports in the 2027-28 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2025 Drug mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified drug related deaths reported to the coroner in 2025. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a section each on deaths relating to, at a minimum: Alcohol, Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Heroin, Opioids narcotics, and new and emerging drugs if relevant and as agreed between the NCIS Manager and the Department, and</li> <li>○ information on polydrug use, and whether the drug made a primary or secondary contribution to death.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2025 Intentional self-harm mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified mental health mortality reported to the coroner in 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The scope of the report will be as agreed between the NCIS Manager and Department and is likely to include mental health related deaths Foo-F99 and suicide – intentional harm X60-X84.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2025 Injury mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified injury related deaths reported to the coroner in 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The content will include a section on each of the following: falls deaths; burns deaths; injury deaths in rural and remote areas, injury deaths occurring on farms; injury deaths involving off-road motorcycles/vehicles; and alcohol related injury deaths.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	01/05/2028	\$0.259m
	An NCIS annual report for the 2027-28 financial year which includes:	31/10/2028	\$0.200m

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	<p>3 annual mortality data reports in the 2028-29 financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2026 Drug mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified drug related deaths reported to the coroner in 2026. The report will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a section each on deaths relating to, at a minimum: Alcohol, Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Cannabinoids, Cocaine, Heroin, Opioids narcotics, and new and emerging drugs if relevant and as agreed between the NCIS Manager and the Department, and</li> <li>○ information on polydrug use, and whether the drug made a primary or secondary contribution to death.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2026 Intentional self-harm mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified mental health mortality reported to the coroner in 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The scope of the report will be as agreed between the NCIS Manager and Department and is likely to include mental health related deaths Foo-F99 and suicide – intentional harm X60-X84.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>2026 Injury mortality data report</b> provides a brief overview of specified injury related deaths reported to the coroner in 2026. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The content will include a section on each of the following: falls deaths; burns deaths; injury deaths in rural and remote areas, injury deaths occurring on farms; injury deaths involving off-road motorcycles/vehicles; and alcohol related injury deaths.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	01/05/2029	\$0.270m

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by



**The Honourable Mark Butler MP**  
Minister for Health and Ageing

Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance  
Scheme

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Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



**The Honourable Sonya Kilkenny MP**  
Attorney-General of Victoria

Minister for Planning

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