

Schedule

Rheumatic Fever Strategy

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - HEALTH

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Queensland Western Australia South Australia Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 September 2026, or on completion of the initiative, including final performance reporting and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the delivery of improved detection, monitoring, and management of acute rheumatic fever (ARF) and rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians through coordinated disease register and control programs. This Agreement will support a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth and States for delivery of the Rheumatic Fever Strategy (RFS).</p> <p>This Agreement aligns to commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and jurisdictional commitments. State and territory parties will work in partnership with the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health (ACCH) sector to plan, co-design, implement and monitor activities under this schedule.</p>
	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$15.035 million in respect of this Schedule.

Estimated financial contributions	Table 1						
	(\$ million)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
	Estimated total budget	2.916	2.969	3.022	3.064	3.064	15.035
	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	2.916	2.969	3.022	3.064	3.064	15.035
	Queensland	0.825	0.840	0.855	0.867	0.867	4.254
	Western Australia	0.825	0.840	0.855	0.867	0.867	4.254
	South Australia	0.347	0.353	0.359	0.364	0.364	1.787
	Northern Territory	0.919	0.936	0.953	0.966	0.966	4.74
	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Additional terms	<p>The Parties agree to provide a Final Report for the overall delivery of this Schedule (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Final Report will include information on RFS implementation activities under the entire Schedule such as outcomes achieved over time, lessons learnt, future challenges and changes.</p> <p>The Parties acknowledge that Project Plans and Performance Reports and the Final Report provided under this Schedule to the Commonwealth (see Table 2) may be shared with relevant stakeholders in alignment with Priority Reform 4 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</p>					

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary			
Output	Performance milestone	Report due	Payment
Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021.	2021 calendar year 02/05/2022	Nil
Performance Report	Provision of a performance report demonstrating progress against the Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021.	02/05/2022	Financial Year payment on acceptance of Performance Report per Table 1: 2021-22 Qld: \$0.825m WA: \$0.825m SA: \$0.347m NT: \$0.919m
Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022.	2022 calendar year 03/05/2022	Nil
Performance Report	Provision of a Performance Report demonstrating progress against the Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2022.	03/04/2023	Financial Year payment on acceptance of Performance Report per Table 1: 2022-23 Qld: \$0.840m WA: \$0.840m SA: \$0.353m NT: \$0.936m
Annual Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023.	2023 calendar year 3/04/2023	Nil
Annual Performance Report	Provision of a Performance Report demonstrating progress against the Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023.	03/04/2024	Financial Year payment on acceptance of Performance Report per Table 1: 2023-24 Qld: \$0.855m WA: \$0.855m SA: \$0.359m NT: \$0.953m

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Annual Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.	2024 calendar year 03/04/2024	Nil
Annual Performance Report	Provision of a Performance Report demonstrating progress against the Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.	03/04/2025	Financial Year payment on acceptance of Performance Report per Table 1: 2024-25 Qld: \$0.867m WA: \$0.867m SA: \$0.364m NT: \$0.966m
Annual Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025.	2025 calendar year 31/01/2025	Nil
Annual Performance Report	Provision of a Performance Report demonstrating progress against the Project Plan for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025. Performance Reports will demonstrate progress against the Project Plan and include information about the performance of activities undertaken to: a) support improved clinical care, including improved delivery of and adherence to secondary prophylaxis antibiotics; b) provide education and training for health care providers, individuals, families and communities; c) collect and provide agreed data annually to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for national monitoring and reporting of ARF and RHD and measuring program effectiveness in the detection and management of ARF and RHD; and d) maintain a dedicated state-wide patient register and recall system for ARF and RHD.	31/01/2026	Financial Year payment on acceptance of Performance Report and 6-month Project Plan per Table 1: 2025-26 Qld: \$0.867m WA: \$0.867m SA: \$0.364m NT: \$0.966m
6-month Project Plan	Provision of a Project Plan for the period 1 January to 30 June 2026. Project Plans will outline activities to improve the detection, monitoring and management of ARF and RHD for the relevant period (including measures of performance); and include detail on how each jurisdiction will work in	31/01/2026	

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	partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities or their chosen representatives and/or organisations in accordance with jurisdictional commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.		
Final Report	Provision of a Final Report for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2026.	31/08/2026	Nil

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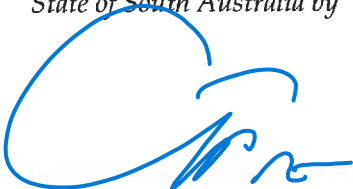
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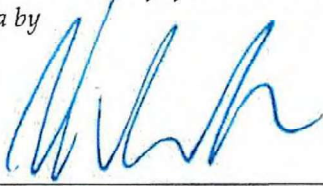
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