

## Preschool Reform Agreement Outcomes Measure Participation 2026 and 2027 – Implementation Plan Addendum

1. This template has been developed for the purposes of clause 10.9b of the Preschool Reform Agreement 2022-2027 (PRA) *Appendix A.4 Preschool Outcomes Measure 2026-2027* (Appendix A.4), corresponding with **Tables 4 and 5** in the PRA Implementation Plan template.
2. **Table 4** agrees:
  - a. Commonwealth project funding made available for 2026 to support participation in the Preschool Outcomes Measure in accordance with section 10 of Appendix A.4;
  - b. the ways in which States intend to spend this Commonwealth funding in 2026.
3. When completing Table 4, States are requested to also outline State contributions, where relevant, including in-kind contributions.
4. Commonwealth project funding for 2026 will be provided on the basis of the information provided in Table 4, where Table 4 is included or appended to an Implementation Plan.
5. The template should also be used to agree, in 2026, Commonwealth funding made available for 2027, and the ways in which States intend to spend that funding in 2027.
6. The Commonwealth will provide the ACT \$2.75 million for the Preschool Outcomes Measure: Project Support, as detailed in Table 4, bringing the 2026 Commonwealth financial contribution to \$12,404,475.

**Table 4, 2026: Overview of Preschool Outcomes Measure Project Support for State of ACT - Statement of Allocations for 2026**

Activities (details)	Commonwealth funding	State contribution	Actions (incl. deliverables)	KPI	Timing (incl. delivery schedule)
Continuation of POM staffing resources to the end of 2027 to support implementation of the Pilot of the national tool (the Pilot)	\$626,600 (to be expended across 2026 and 2027)	ACT Government staff will provide supervision support and administrative support for services engaging with the Pilot including training facilitation and portal support. Ways to leverage and utilise partnerships with other jurisdictions, providers, and the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) will be explored to assist with this.	Identify roles and responsibilities, including professional development facilitation and data / portal administration; confirm staff and onboard	Staffing in place	Q2 2026

		ACT Government staff to facilitate engagement of services in the Pilot through existing partnerships			
Prepare for and participate in the Pilot	\$2,123,400 (to be expended across 2026 and 2027)	<p>ACT Government staff will contribute to the design and planning of the Pilot, including participation on national working groups, coordination and facilitation of professional learning. ACT Government staff will consider ways to leverage and utilise partnerships with other jurisdiction, providers, and ACER, to assist with this.</p> <p>ACT Government staff will facilitate and support local stakeholder engagements.</p> <p>ACT Government preschool staff will be involved in the Pilot in identified ACT government preschools, subject to industrial consultations.</p>	<p>Participate in implementation activities as required by the Australian Government, including development of an ACT roadmap in consultation with the supplier, ACER.</p> <p>Undertake an EOJ process to identify suitable services to participate noting the timeframe and requirements of the Pilot.</p> <p>Undertake a grant process to encourage and facilitate participation.</p> <p>Work with ACER to tailor and deliver professional learning to the ACT context.</p> <p>Confirm Pilot participants and support them to engage in the Pilot and contribute to evaluation activities as required.</p> <p>Engage with the evaluation of the Pilot.</p>	Suitable number of sites engaged and supported to prepare for and implement the Pilot.	Q2– Q4 2026

**Table 4, 2027: Overview of Preschool Outcomes Measure Project Support for State of ACT - Statement of Allocations for 2027**

Activities (details)	Commonwealth funding	State contribution	Actions (incl. deliverables)	KPI	Timing (incl. delivery schedule)
Participate in the Pilot	Funding provided in 2026 to be expended across 2026 and 2027	ACT Government staff will contribute to the design and planning of the Pilot, including	Participate in implementation activities as required by the Australian Government.	Suitable number of sites engaged and supported to prepare for	Q1 – Q4 2027

	<p>participation on national working groups, coordination and facilitation of professional learning, and local stakeholder engagements.</p> <p>ACT Government preschool staff will be involved in the Pilot in identified ACT government preschools, subject to industrial consultations.</p>	<p>Work with ACER to deliver professional learning to the ACT context.</p> <p>Continue to support Pilot participants to engage and contribute to evaluation activities as required.</p> <p>Engage with the evaluation of the Pilot.</p>	and implement the Pilot.	
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7. **Table 5** agrees the State's planned actions in relation to the Preschool Outcomes Measure for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026.

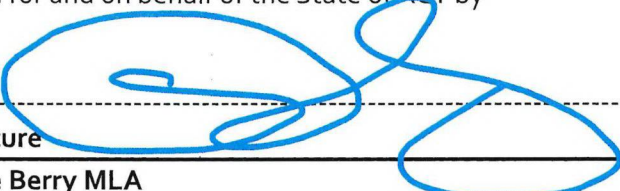
**Table 5: Planned Actions for the period 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2026 for the State of ACT**

Reform Element	Actions	Timing
<b>Reform Element Three: Implement a new national preschool outcomes measure</b>		
Participate in activities that continue to support outcomes measurement	<p>Measures to be undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ACT will collaborate with the Australian Government, and where required ACER, to commence preparations for the Pilot in Term 2 2026, with the intention to conduct professional development in Term 3 to give teachers opportunity to undertake assessments at multiple points to increase data delivery in 2026.</li> <li>The ACT opts to use the national tool as the 'primary tool'.</li> <li>The ACT will liaise with stakeholders to share information on the Pilot and encourage participation.</li> <li>The ACT will undertake an Expression of Interest process to identify suitable service providers and invite voluntary participation in the Pilot.</li> <li>The ACT will offer a financial incentive to services (using Australian Government funding) to encourage participation.</li> <li>The ACT will work closely with Pilot participants including supporting their access to professional learning tailored to the ACT context.</li> <li>The ACT will collaborate with the Australian Government and ACER to develop suitable communications and support materials for the Pilot tailored to the ACT.</li> <li>The ACT will Engage with the evaluation of the Pilot.</li> <li>The ACT will continue to participate in the POM Working Group.</li> </ul>	Term 2 (commencing 21 April) – Term 4 (ending 18 December) 2026

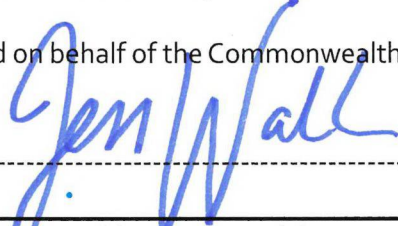
**Sign off**

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

Signed for and on behalf of the State of ACT by

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**Signature** **Date**  
**Yvette Berry MLA**  
Minister for Education and Early Childhood

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

 22/6/26  
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**Signature** **Date**  
**Senator The Honourable Dr Jess Walsh MP**  
Minister for Early Childhood Education