

[MULTILATERAL TEMPLATE – MULTILATERAL WITH VARYING MILESTONES BETWEEN STATES]

Schedule

Encouraging More Clinical Trials in Australia (EMCTIA)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – HEALTH

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	<p>This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2029, or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payment</p>
Purpose	<p>EMCTIA supports a once-in-a-generation reform initiative designed to support the national reform agenda and activities of the enduring Inter-Governmental Policy Reform Group (IGPRG) for health and medical research. It aims to ensure confidence and long-term investment across jurisdictions in national initiatives (such as the National One Stop Shop) through a sustained partnership, while enabling IGPRG to develop new reform initiatives and adapt its work program over time.</p> <p>This Schedule will encourage more clinical trials in Australia by supporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued operation and support for central jurisdictional health & medical research coordination units • Endorsement of a workplan to develop the NOSS, and continued commitment to deliver the enduring IGPRG work plan and outcomes associated with the national reform agenda Long-term partnership, including local and timely contribution of input from subject matter experts and transition from state-based legacy systems • Co-design and agree a national NOSS Data Migration and Transition Plan • Actively engage with IGPRG to strengthen mutual acceptance of ethical review and develop an accreditation scheme for HRECs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation and review of data collection and reporting, including agreement of national metrics to support evaluation • Embed research as core health system business and drive national consistency by implementation of NCTGF and updated National SOPs, and active engagement with IGPRG, the Commonwealth, and the ACSQHC • Development of nationally agreed and coordinated training, education, change management and communications activities - develop and implement national communication, education, change and training strategies • Ongoing evaluations - active collaboration and contributions to enable ongoing evaluation of IGPRG reforms • Other reform initiatives that may be agreed by IGPRG over time 																																																																								
<p>Estimated financial contributions</p>	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$13.6m in respect of this Schedule.</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>2028-29</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estimated total budget</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>13.568</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>3.392</td> <td>13.568</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- New South Wales</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>2.036</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Victoria</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>2.036</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Queensland</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>2.036</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Western Australia</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>0.509</td> <td>2.036</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- South Australia</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>1.356</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Tasmania</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>1.356</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Australian Capital Territory</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>1.356</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Northern Territory</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>0.339</td> <td>1.356</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(\$ million)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	Total	Estimated total budget	3.392	3.392	3.392	3.392	13.568	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	3.392	3.392	3.392	3.392	13.568	- New South Wales	0.509	0.509	0.509	0.509	2.036	- Victoria	0.509	0.509	0.509	0.509	2.036	- Queensland	0.509	0.509	0.509	0.509	2.036	- Western Australia	0.509	0.509	0.509	0.509	2.036	- South Australia	0.339	0.339	0.339	0.339	1.356	- Tasmania	0.339	0.339	0.339	0.339	1.356	- Australian Capital Territory	0.339	0.339	0.339	0.339	1.356	- Northern Territory	0.339	0.339	0.339	0.339	1.356	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Table 2B: Victoria – Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output (delete if the schedule has one output only)	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
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Progress report 2 Progress report showing measurable progress against all milestones	Provision of a progress report outlining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued operation and support for central jurisdictional health & medical research coordination units 	08/09/2026	\$509,000

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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
[Day] [Month] [2026]

*Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Victoria by*



The Honourable Harriet Shing MP
Minister for Health
Minister for Ambulance Services
Minister for Women
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