

## Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia (Policing)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

<b>Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule</b>	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule will support the provision of funding for additional, high visibility police, community-based policing through the engagement of Aboriginal Liaison Officers and boost security guard operations in public places in Alice Springs.</p> <p>It is part of a broader two-year \$48.8 million Commonwealth Government investment, announced by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on 24 January 2023.</p> <p>Additional high visibility police and law enforcement operations, working alongside security guards coupled with the immediate temporary restrictions on alcohol and a move to an opt-out system of alcohol restrictions in Central Australian communities, will act as a circuit breaker to improve community safety in the short to medium term.</p> <p>It will allow high-level visible police operations to continue without affecting general duties patrols, enabling current service levels to be maintained in Alice Springs (i.e. up to three patrols over three shifts, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year).</p> <p>Engagement of Aboriginal Liaison Officers will strengthen relationships between local communities and local police through promoting awareness and education in arising community issues and effectively assist in developing appropriate solutions.</p> <p>The additional resources will ensure NT Police can effectively respond to any surge issues on an ongoing basis, including incidents of community unrest.</p> <p>Specifically, this schedule will provide the Northern Territory with funding for two years for:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the recruitment, training and deployment of 35 additional FTE police officers in Alice Springs.</li> <li>• the recruitment, training and deployment of 10 additional FTE Aboriginal Liaison Officers in Alice Springs</li> <li>• the equivalent of 10 additional security guards working a 24/7 roster.</li> </ul>																
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$12.5 million in respect of this Schedule.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Table 1</b> (\$ million)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2022-23</th> <th>2023-24</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Estimated total budget</b></td> <td><b>4.5</b></td> <td><b>8.0</b></td> <td><b>12.5</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i></td> <td>4.5</td> <td>8.0</td> <td>12.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> <td>0.0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <hr/>		2022-23	2023-24	Total	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<i>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</i>	4.5	8.0	12.5	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0
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**Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary**

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
35 Additional FTE Police Officers	<p>Confirmation of NTG extension of Operation Drina and execution of agreement</p> <p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, that is accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed project plans, activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ an update on progress under Operation Drina</li> <li>○ an overview of what culturally appropriate and trauma-informed workplace specific training is provided to the Police Officers.</li> <li>○ a proposed timeline for the recruitment and deployment of the 35 additional Police Officers to Alice Springs, made up of experienced officers and new recruits, and</li> <li>○ a description of how the additional Police Officers will undertake high visibility operations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7 June 2023	Released - \$3,000,000
	<p>Bi-annual report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed by the Commonwealth and NT Government), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the plan is being implemented to date, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ an update on progress under Operation Drina</li> <li>○ the total number of hours worked by the additional 35 FTE Police Officers since the last reporting period, including the locations (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed</li> <li>○ the culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that has been undertaken by the Police Officers</li> <li>○ what opportunities have there been for the Police Officers to work closely with other agencies, Indigenous communities and community night patrols to promote community safety and crime prevention in Alice Springs</li> <li>○ proportion of the additional 35 FTE Police Officers that identify as a First Nations person</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	29 February 2024	Released - \$3,750,000 (\$1,250,000 already released under former PALI agreement)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o the type of ongoing support that is being provided to First Nations Police Officers, and</li> <li>o project expenditure to date, including breakdown of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan.</li> </ul> <p>Final report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the project activities and outcomes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o overview of the project (including outcome under Operation Drina).</li> <li>o any challenges in delivering the project as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with project objectives.</li> <li>o amount and type of culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that was provided to the Police Officers.</li> <li>o any recommendations to improve future programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An update on any formal partnership between police and Aboriginal communities in Central Australia which embeds the partnership elements set out in Priority Reform One, Clauses 32 and 33 of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.</li> <li>• Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan.</li> <li>• A Certificate of Practical Completion and certification of funds having been expended for the purposes that they were provided, a draft template is attached for your consideration.</li> </ul>	30 June 2024	\$1,500,000
10 additional Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALOs)	<p>Execution of agreement</p> <p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, that is accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed project plans, activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o a proposed timeline for the recruitment and deployment of the 10 additional ALOs to Alice Springs</li> <li>o a description of geographical and communities that the ALOs will be recruited from.</li> <li>o a description of how the additional ALOs will undertake community liaison and engagement tasks in the Alice Springs area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Bi-annual report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed by the Commonwealth and NT Government), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the plan is being implemented to date, including:</li> </ul>	February 2024  29 February 2024	\$400,000  \$400,000
		31 April 2024	\$225,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o the total number of hours worked by the additional 10 ALOs since the last reporting period, including the communities (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed</li> <li>o what opportunities have there been for the ALOs to work closely with other agencies, Indigenous communities and community night patrols to promote community safety and crime prevention in Alice Springs, project expenditure to date, including breakdown of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan.</li> </ul>			
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10 Additional Security guards	<p>Execution of agreement</p> <p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed project plan, activities and outcomes.</li> <li>• A description of security guards training that reflects current certification requirements under the relevant Territory licensing regime.</li> <li>• An overview of what regular culturally appropriate and workplace specific training will be undertaken by the security guards.</li> <li>• A proposed timeline for the tender/grants process for additional NT security guards.</li> </ul> <p>Bi-annual report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth (on the template agreed by the Commonwealth and NT Government), detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the plan is being implemented to date.</li> </ul>		7 June 2023	Released - \$700,000  Released - \$300,000
			29 February 2024	\$400,000

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The security guards training that has been undertaken to comply with current certification requirements under the relevant Territory licensing regime.</li> <li>• The culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that has been undertaken to date by the security guards.</li> <li>• The total number of hours worked by the additional security guards since the last reporting period, including the locations (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed.</li> <li>• Proportion of the security guards that identify as a First Nations person.</li> <li>• Project expenditure to date, including breakdown of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan.</li> </ul>	30 June 2024	<p style="text-align: right;">\$600,000</p>
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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



The Honourable Mark Dreyfus KC MP  
Attorney-General

6/2 / 2024

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern  
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2/2 / 2024