

Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia (Policing)

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT - AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire by 30 June 2028.
Purpose	<p>This Schedule supports law enforcement and community policing efforts in Central Australia, with a view to reduce alcohol-related crime and violence across the region.</p> <p>This Schedule is part of the Commonwealth's \$250 million plan for <i>A Better, Safer Future for Central Australia</i> (the Central Australia Plan).</p> <p>Initially, extra high visibility police and law enforcement operations, working with community-led policing, will act as a circuit breaker to improve community safety. Funding to continue delivery of Aboriginal Liaison Officers and point of sale intervention (POSI) coverage will support longer-term community engagement with law enforcement and reduce alcohol-related crime across the region.</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>Since 2023, this schedule has had a number of iterations, reflecting the complex and dynamic environment in which community safety initiatives are being delivered.</p> <p>Deliverables under this schedule have included the recruitment and deployment of additional high-visibility police and Aboriginal Liaison Officers to Central Australia and the maintenance of POSI coverage to reduce alcohol-related crime and harm to the community.</p>

	<p>From June 2026 to June 2028, this schedule will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• fully fund the total cost of an additional 6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Aboriginal Liaison Officers in Alice Springs, including operational overheads and specialist training requirements, and• maintain 100% POSI coverage at all takeaway alcohol suppliers in Alice Springs.
Estimated financial contributions	<p>The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of \$24.916 million in respect of this Schedule. The profile for the total financial contribution is presented in Table 1.</p>

Table 1: Financial contributions to the state

(\$)	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Estimated total budget	4,500,000.00	3,650,000.00	8,803,000.00	5,483,000.00	1,240,000.00	1,240,000.00	24,916,000.00
Less estimated National Partnership Payments	4,500,000.00	3,650,000.00	8,803,000.00	5,483,000.00	1,240,000.00	1,240,000.00	24,916,000.00
Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
2022-23 to 2023-24 (\$8,150,000 – all paid by 30 June 2024)			
35 Additional FTE Police Officers	Confirmation of NTG extension of Operation Drina and execution of agreement		\$3,800,000 (Paid May 2023) (Includes \$800,000 transfer of PALI execution payment in May 2023)
	Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, that is accepted by the Commonwealth, that details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed project plans, activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ an update on progress under Operation Drina ○ an overview of what culturally appropriate and trauma-informed workplace specific training is provided to the Police Officers. ○ 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 ○ a description of how the additional Police Officers will undertake high visibility operations. 	No later than 7 June 2023	\$1,450,000 (Paid October 2023) (Includes \$450,000 transfer of PALI project plan payment in October 2023)
	Final report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, that details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the project activities and outcomes including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ overview of the project (including outcome under Operation Drina). ○ any challenges in delivering the project as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with project objectives. ○ amount and type of culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that was provided to the Police Officers. ○ any recommendations to improve future programs. 	30 June 2024	\$1,500,000 (Paid June 2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. 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. 		
10 additional Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALOs)	Execution of agreement		\$700,000 (Transfer of Security Guard execution payment paid May 2023)
	<p>Project Plan from the Northern Territory Government, that is accepted by the Commonwealth, that details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed project plans, activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a proposed timeline for the recruitment and deployment of the 10 additional ALOs to Alice Springs a description of geographical and communities that the ALOs will be recruited from. a description of how the additional ALOs will undertake community liaison and engagement tasks in the Alice Springs area. 	31 December 2023	\$700,000 (Includes \$400,000 for additional ALOs paid in April 2024 and \$300,000 transfer of Security Guard project plan payment in October 2023)

2024-25 to 2025-26 (\$11,777,500)

All payments under the extension period of this schedule are conditional on the Northern Territory Police meeting its commitment to **100 per cent Point of Sale Intervention coverage** of takeaway alcohol premises in Alice Springs. Limited exceptions where POSI-deployed officers are reasonably required to meet urgent and unexpected public safety priorities are permissible.

31 Additional FTE Police Officers	<p>Progress report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance against program objectives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ number of FTE police deployed against Northern Territory-funded baseline of 312 FTE ○ number of FTE police deployed against Commonwealth-funded 'baseline plus' target ○ 100% Point of Sale Intervention (POSI) coverage at takeaway alcohol premises within Alice Springs (100 per cent of outlets, 100 per cent of operating hours) (including details of when, where and why this wasn't met (if applicable)) ○ details of cultural awareness and anti-racism training completed by officers deployed in Central Australia, including evaluation metrics demonstrating levels of engagement, knowledge and skills acquired, behavioral change, and overall impact of the training ○ impact of relevant policy and program measures ○ any challenges in delivering the program as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with program objectives • Other relevant data, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ how many officers deployed under the agreement identify as First Nations ○ broader criminal justice system indicators for Central Australia including demographic breakdowns (indicators are to be agreed in consultation with Commonwealth officials) • Project expenditure to-date, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. 	30 August 2024	<p>\$2,500,000 (February 2024 milestone moved to August 2024) (paid November 2024)</p>
	<p>Progress report, in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	29 November 2024	<p>\$4,199,000 (paid January 2025)</p>
	<p>Progress report, in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	31 March 2025	<p>No payment due to lack of progress ((\$4,199,000 scheduled)</p>

	<p>Progress report, in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	31 July 2025	No payment due to lack of progress (\$2,169,500 scheduled)
	<p>Final Report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report requirements as set out above, as well as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any recommendations to improve future programs ○ 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. ○ Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan, and ○ A Certificate of Practical Completion and certification of funds having been expended for the purposes that they were provided, on a template to be provided by the Commonwealth. 	19 December 2025	No payment due to lack of progress (\$2,169,500 scheduled)
Police and ALO training and development	<p>Training Plan from the Northern Territory Government that is accepted by the Commonwealth. The training plan should contain a description of new, targeted, non-core training modules that will be developed and delivered to police officers and/or ALOs (as appropriate) to improve program outcomes (with a focus on additional POSI training), including delivery timeframes for this program.</p>	31 July 2024	\$50,000 (paid November 2024)
	<p>Progress report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the training that has been conducted for police officers and ALOs • Outcome and evaluation of the training conducted, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ number of police officers that have received training under the project. ○ feedback from participants in the training program. • Project expenditure to-date, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. 	29 November 2024	\$104,000 (paid January 2025)
	<p>Progress report in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	31 March 2025	\$100,000 (paid June 2025)
	<p>Progress report in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	31 July 2025	\$100,000

			(paid October 2025)
	<p>Final Report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report requirements as set out above, as well as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any recommendations to improve future programs ○ 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. ○ Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan, and ○ A Certificate of Practical Completion and certification of funds having been expended for the purposes that they were provided, on a template to be provided by the Commonwealth. 	19 December 2025	\$95,000 (paid March 2026)
20 additional Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALOs)	<p>Progress report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance against program objectives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ agreed 'baseline plus' numbers of FTE ALOs deployed under this agreement ○ total number of additional hours worked by ALOs since the last reporting period, including the communities (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed in ○ impact of ALO engagements – e.g. how are ALOs work closely with other agencies, Indigenous communities and community night patrols to promote community safety and crime prevention in Alice Springs ○ any challenges in delivering the program as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with program objectives, and ○ project expenditure to date, including breakdown of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan. 	30 August 2024	\$650,000 (paid November 2024)
	Progress report , in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth	29 November 2024	\$600,000 (paid January 2025)
	Progress report , in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth	31 March 2025	\$600,000 (paid June 2025)
	Progress report , in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth	31 July 2025	\$255,000

			(paid October 2025)
	<p>Final Report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of project activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ any challenges in delivering the project as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with project objectives ○ amount and type of culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that was provided to the Aboriginal Liaison Officers, and ○ any recommendations to improve future programs. • Total number of FTE ALOs deployed to Central Australia as permanently established positions • 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. • Project expenditure over the life of the project, including breakdowns of expenditure across activities and outcomes aligned to the project plan, and • A Certificate of Practical Completion and certification of funds having been expended for the purposes that they were provided, on a template to be provided by the Commonwealth. 	19 December 2025	\$255,000 (paid March 2026)

2025-26 to 2027-28 (\$3,000,000)			
6 additional Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALOs) All ALOs are in addition to the ALOs funded by the Commonwealth under other agreements (such as the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment)	Execution of the revised agreement.	30 June 2026	\$250,000
	Progress report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, detailing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance against program objectives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ agreed numbers of FTE ALOs deployed under this agreement ○ total number of additional hours worked by ALOs since the last reporting period, including the communities (e.g. Alice Springs) they were stationed in ○ impact of ALO engagements – e.g. how are ALOs work closely with other agencies, Indigenous communities and community night patrols to promote community safety and crime prevention in Alice Springs, and ○ any challenges in delivering the program as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with program objectives. 	30 October 2026	0 additional ALOs: 0% 1 additional ALO: 15% 2 additional ALOs: 30% 3 additional ALOs: 45% 4 additional ALOs: 60% 5 additional ALOs: 75% 6 additional ALOs: 100% Up to a maximum of \$350,000
	Progress report, in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth	31 March 2027	1 additional ALO: 15% 2 additional ALOs: 30%

			<p>3 additional ALOs: 45%</p> <p>4 additional ALOs: 60%</p> <p>5 additional ALOs: 75%</p> <p>6 additional ALOs: 100% Up to a maximum of \$350,000</p>
	<p>Progress report, in accordance with the requirements above, accepted by the Commonwealth</p>	<p>30 September 2027</p>	<p>1 additional ALO: 15%</p> <p>2 additional ALOs: 30%</p> <p>3 additional ALOs: 45%</p> <p>4 additional ALOs: 60%</p> <p>5 additional ALOs: 75%</p> <p>6 additional ALOs: 100% Up to a</p>

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	<p>Final Report from the Northern Territory Government, accepted by the Commonwealth, reporting against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of project activities and outcomes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ any challenges in delivering the project as planned and, where appropriate, mitigations in line with project objectives ○ amount and type of culturally appropriate and workplace specific training that was provided to the ALOs and PALIs, and ○ any recommendations to improve future programs. • Confirmation, signed by a senior executive officer, that funds have only been expended for the purposes for which they were provided under the terms of this Agreement. • Total number of FTE ALOs deployed to Central Australia as permanently established positions following this program. 	31 March 2028	<p>1 additional ALO: 15%</p> <p>2 additional ALOs: 30%</p> <p>3 additional ALOs: 45%</p> <p>4 additional ALOs: 60%</p> <p>5 additional ALOs: 75%</p> <p>6 additional ALOs: 100% Up to a maximum of \$350,000</p>
100 per cent Point of Sale Intervention (POSI) at all takeaway alcohol outlets in Alice Springs	Execution of the revised agreement.	30 June 2026	\$270,000

	<p>Reporting from the Northern Territory Government reporting against 100 per cent POSI at all takeaway alcohol outlets in Alice Springs between reporting periods.</p> <p>Where 100 per cent is not achieved, detailed reasoning for not maintaining this level of POSI coverage.</p>	30 October 2026	<p><=80 per cent coverage: 0%</p> <p>>80 – <=90 per cent coverage: .50%</p> <p>>90 – <=95 per cent coverage: 70%</p> <p>>95 – <100 per cent coverage: 90%</p> <p>100 per cent coverage: 100%</p> <p>Up to a maximum of \$270,000</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 by



The Honourable Tony Burke MP
Minister for Home Affairs

15 / 6 / 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern
Territory by



The Honourable Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Minister for Police

23 / 6 / 2026