

Schedule

Specialised and trauma-informed legal services for victim-survivors of sexual assault

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Victoria
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028 or on completion of final reporting.
Purpose	This Schedule will pilot the extension and expansion of legal and non-legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence to support their safe and informed participation in the justice system, guided by their own goals in their journey of recovery (the pilot). Through the pilot, Victoria will test a coordinated legal and non-legal service delivery model that is trauma-informed, victim-and survivor-centric, culturally safe, accessible and integrated with existing services. This includes trialing a Justice System Navigator function and supporting access to restorative justice pathways, as agreed in this Schedule at Attachment A. The pilot will also contribute towards the development of an evidence base about the use and impact of coordinated legal and non-legal services for victims and survivors to support future policy development and service delivery, and build sector capacity.
Interpretation	1. A Justice System Navigator supports victims and survivors to access any chosen justice pathway; and for those who choose to pursue a criminal justice pathway, a trained support person to advocate and provide support in initial and ongoing interactions with police, prosecutors, the court and related systems, as they engage with the justice system. 2. Restorative justice is an alternative to traditional criminal justice responses that enables people who have been affected by a crime, including the person responsible, to communicate about the damage that has been caused and work together to repair it.

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to Victoria of \$4.628 m in respect of this Schedule. <table><tr><th colspan="7">Table 1</th></tr><tr><th>(\$ million)</th><th>2023-24</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27*</th><th>2027-28*</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>0.850</td><td>0.850</td><td>1.150</td><td>1.178</td><td>0.600</td><td>4.628</td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>0.850</td><td>0.850</td><td>1.150</td><td>1.178</td><td>0.600</td><td>4.628</td></tr><tr><td>- Victoria</td><td>0.850</td><td>0.850</td><td>1.150</td><td>1.178</td><td>0.600</td><td>4.628</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><td>0.0</td></tr></table>	Table 1							(\$ million)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27*	2027-28*	Total	Estimated total budget	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.178	0.600	4.628	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.178	0.600	4.628	- Victoria	0.850	0.850	1.150	1.178	0.600	4.628	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Additional terms	- Victoria will ensure legal assistance service data is collected and reported consistent with the <i>National Legal Assistance Data Standards Manual</i> for the Victims Legal Service providers or the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing’s data collection requirements for the partner sexual assault service providers. - The Commonwealth, Victoria and relevant legal assistance and non-legal service providers will participate in monitoring and evaluation activities. - Victoria will provide regular performance reports in accordance with Table 2 and Attachment B. - The Commonwealth will conduct, and Victoria and relevant legal assistance and non-legal service providers will participate in, an evaluation of the pilot over the course of the pilot concluding in 2027-28. Participation will include supporting engagement between service recipients (where service recipients agree to participate) and evaluators and provision of service data. - The Commonwealth will establish an evaluation steering committee, comprising representatives from each participating State and Territory, to oversee monitoring and evaluation activities. - The Parties note that legal and non-legal services delivered through funding provided under this Schedule may extend beyond the expiration of this Schedule.																																										

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Finalise the legal service delivery model	Commonwealth acceptance of a project plan outlining the legal service delivery model and its implementation	30 November 2023*	\$0.850 m (Paid)
Delivery of legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024	30 September 2024	\$0.850 m (Paid)
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	31 March 2025	Nil
Delivery of legal and non-legal services to victims and survivors of sexual violence	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025	30 September 2025	\$0.850 m (Paid)
	Execution of this amended schedule.	Upon execution of this schedule	\$0.300 m
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026	30 September 2026	\$1.178 m
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027	30 September 2027	\$0.600 m
	Commonwealth acceptance of a performance report against the items listed at Attachment B for the period 1 July 2027 to 31 December 2027	31 March 2028	Nil

Notes: The Commonwealth may provide templates for the States to use for the project plan and performance reports required in Table 2 of this Schedule. If provided, the project plan and performance reports to be completed in accordance with these templates.

Performance reports should be provided on the report due date or the next business day.

*subject to the Schedule being signed before this date

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

**Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by**



The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP

Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

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



The Honourable Sonya Kilkenny MP

Attorney-General of the State of Victoria

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