

Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Ducks Emergency Response Program

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

1. The purpose of this Schedule is to outline the delivery of agreed activities for the Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program in 2012-13 and to facilitate the Commonwealth's cost-shared contributions to the Victorian Government, the combatant state for this response program.
2. The Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is a Category 3 animal disease under the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) as agreed by the National Management Group in 2012.
3. The emergency response plan and budget is approved by the National Management Group in accordance with the EADRA.
4. Financial commitments are approved by the National Management Group subject to jurisdictional budgetary considerations.
5. This Schedule will be reviewed in conjunction with reviews of the Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program in accordance with the provisions of the EADRA.

PART 2: FORMALITIES

6. The Parties to this Schedule are the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Victoria.
7. This Schedule will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth and Victorian ministers with portfolio responsibility for agriculture, fisheries and forestry, and will expire on completion or termination of the Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program as determined by the National Management Group, including acceptance of the final project report and processing of final payments against milestones, unless terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.

PART 3: PROJECT ELEMENTS AND MILESTONES

8. The purpose of the Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is to eradicate the viral infection in ducks in accordance with the AUSVETPLAN strategies and procedures. This will be achieved through:
 - (a) implementation of an eradication response;
 - (b) maintenance of strict quarantine and movement controls to reduce the spread of infection;
 - (c) detailed and targeted surveillance and monitoring programs to determine the presence and distribution of the infection;

- (d) disposal of infected and contaminated products as necessary; and
- (e) intensive decontamination.

9. To qualify for the associated payment, Victoria must meet the following milestones:

Table 1: Milestones

Milestones	Due date	Payment
Confirmation by the National Management Group of proof of freedom from infection and acceptance of the response program's final audit report	June 2013	\$251,139.78
The Chicken Meat Industry Federation and the Australian Egg Industry Corporation submit a request for the Commonwealth to underwrite their cost-shared amounts	N/A	\$502,279.57

PART 4: REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

10. Victoria will report against the agreed milestones as outlined in Table 1 above.
11. Reports will be provided to the National Management Group as required.
12. Circumstances may give rise to additional reporting being sought in accordance with the EADRA.

PART 5: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

13. The agreed financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to Victoria for the Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Emergency Response Program is outlined in Table 2 and payable in accordance with the milestones set out in Table 1. All payments are provided directly to Victoria and are exclusive of GST.

Table 2: Agreed financial contributions

Jurisdiction	Total Contribution 2012-13 \$
Commonwealth	251,139.78
New South Wales	89,305.47
Victoria	73,425.67
Queensland	67,131.21
South Australia	6,872.34
Western Australia	11,753.15
Tasmania	1,800.64
Northern Territory	0.00
Australian Capital Territory	851.30
Australian Chicken Meat Federation Inc.	502,279.57*
Australian Egg Corporation Limited	
Total	\$1,004,559.13

* In accordance with Clause 11.4(b) and Schedule 7 of the EADRA, the Commonwealth has agreed to underwrite industry's share of the costs of the response, provided the affected industry can demonstrate that it is able to repay the Commonwealth within a reasonable time period (generally less than ten years). The two parties affected by this response have a zero-based levy as a repayment mechanism.

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by

Date

**The Honourable Joe Ludwig MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by



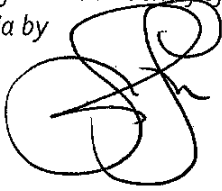
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**The Honourable Peter Walsh MLA
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security**

PART 6: SIGN OFF

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

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



Date 5-8-13

**The Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon MP
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by

Date

**The Honourable Peter Walsh MLA
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security**