

## Managing Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea Cross Border Health Issues in the Torres Strait Islands

**Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule**

<b>Parties</b>	Commonwealth Queensland					
<b>Duration</b>	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2024.					
<b>Purpose</b>	This Schedule will support the management of Torres Strait / Papua New Guinea (PNG) cross border health issues.					
<b>Estimated financial contributions</b>	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the States of \$21.064 million in respect of this Schedule.					
	<b>(\$ million)</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Estimated total budget</b>	<b>5.142</b>	<b>5.224</b>	<b>5.307</b>	<b>5.391</b>	<b>21.064</b>
	Managing Torres Strait Cross Border Health Issues	4.937	5.016	5.096	5.177	20.226
	Torres Strait Communications Officer	0.205	0.208	0.211	0.214	0.851
	<b>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</b>	<b>5.142</b>	<b>5.224</b>	<b>5.307</b>	<b>5.391</b>	<b>21.064</b>
	<b>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Additional terms</b>	Nil					

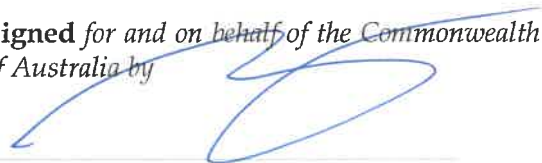
Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
<p>The output of this schedule will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The delivery of health services at Queensland Health facilities, to PNG nationals who travel through the Torres Strait Protected Zone (TSPZ) for traditional activities recognised under the Torres Strait Treaty, to:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address Australia/PNG cross border health issues; and</li> <li>Mitigate the risk of the spread of communicable diseases; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>Provide effective two-way information and data sharing between Queensland and PNG in relation to communicable disease and other health issues which may arise from cross border movements in the TSPZ.</li> </ol> <p>For the purposes of this schedule:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health services include, but are not limited to:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>admitted patient services (primarily at Calms and Thursday Island Hospitals);</li> <li>non-admitted patients' services (primarily at Saibai and Boigu Primary Health Care Clinics);</li> <li>management of tuberculosis (TB) patients;</li> <li>pathology tests;</li> <li>medication dispense events; and</li> <li>patient transport (such as medical evacuations)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Communication and liaison services will be coordinated by a Torres Strait Communications Officer and include the following activities:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication and liaison services between Queensland and Papua New Guinea; and</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 period.</p> <p><i>Note: Performance reports should contain a description of actual performance in the relevant reporting period, and will include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity data for the relevant reporting period regarding health services provided to PNG nationals at Queensland Health facilities, including but not limited to:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>total number of admitted and non-admitted patients;</li> <li>admitted patient data, including clinical presentation, services provided and average length of stay;</li> <li>non-admitted patient data, including clinical presentation and services provided;</li> <li>breakdown of PNG national presentations by treaty villages and non-treaty villages as defined in the Torres Strait Treaty;</li> <li>any relevant emerging trends and data predictions, such as health conditions treated, at risk patients and geographic areas; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>Communication and liaison services between Queensland and Papua New Guinea; and</li> </ol>	30/06/2021	\$5.142M

<p>a. maintaining regular communication channels with cross-border stakeholders including: the Commonwealth Department of Health (Torres Strait Cross Border Health Issues Committee (HIC) Secretariat), the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Queensland Department of Health, PNG National Department of Health and Western Province Health Authority to improve knowledge of health issues which may arise from cross border movements in the TSPZ;</p>	<p>c. Details of any matter(s) that have arisen which could adversely impact on the delivery of the output, and how Queensland proposes to resolve this/these matter(s).</p>	<p>30/04/2022</p>	<p>\$5,224M</p>
<p>b. monitoring of trends and emerging health risks with cross-border stakeholders, including on-the-ground information on communicable diseases from PNG and the Torres Strait, on an on-going basis as well as during communicable disease outbreaks;</p>	<p>Performance report on health services and communication and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 period. Refer to first milestone for details on reporting.</p>	<p>30/04/2023</p>	<p>\$5,307M</p>
<p>c. facilitating with cross-border stakeholders the exchange of clinical and surveillance data and other relevant health information associated with the movement of traditional inhabitants in the TSPZ, including the follow up of PNG nationals treated for infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and sexually transmitted infections/HIV; and</p>	<p>Performance report on health services and liaison activities delivered over the 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 period. Refer to first milestone for details on reporting.</p>	<p>30/04/2024</p>	<p>\$5,391M</p>
<p>d. attending, actively participating in, and providing timely advice to HIC meetings, and assisting in the implementation of HIC measures including the development of appropriate disease surveillance activities and communication protocols.</p>	<p>Final performance report on health services and communication activities delivered from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 period. Refer to first milestone for details on reporting.</p>	<p>30/04/2025</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p></p>	<p>Biannual Teleconference to discuss progress and identify any arising issues.</p>	<p>Last week of November and last week of May of every year.</p>	<p>Nil</p>

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth  
of Australia by



**The Honourable Greg Hunt MP**

Minister for Health

15.2.2021

Signed for and on behalf of the  
State of Queensland by



**The Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP**

Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

29.11.2020