

# Implementation Plan for *Aedes albopictus* Prevention and Control in the Torres Strait Program

## National Partnership Agreement on Health Services

### PRELIMINARIES

1. This Implementation Plan is created subject to the provisions of the National Partnership Agreement on Health Services and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective in the National Partnership is to commit to improving the health and wellbeing of Australians through delivering high quality health services.
2. The initiative will assist in the control of *Aedes albopictus* (Asian Tiger) mosquito within the Torres Strait and attempt to eliminate it from an area if detected, in prevention of the spread of *Aedes albopictus* to mainland Australia, to increase the health knowledge in Torres Strait communities regarding dengue fever and mosquito control, and increase community activity in controlling container breeding mosquitoes.

### TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

3. This Implementation Plan will commence as soon as it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Minister for Health and Ageing, and the State of Queensland, represented by Minister for Health.
4. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion of the project as specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments against performance benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.
5. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the Ministers.
6. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing *30 days* notice in writing. Where this Implementation Plan is terminated, the Commonwealth's liability to make payments to the State is limited to payments associated with performance benchmarks achieved by the State by the date of effect of termination of this Implementation Plan.
7. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

8. The objective in this Implementation Plan is the surveillance, control and possible elimination of *Aedes albopictus* in the Torres Strait and prevention of spread of *Aedes albopictus* from the Torres Strait to mainland Australia.
9. This initiative will assist in preventing the spread of dengue fever (and other mosquito-borne diseases) throughout Australia.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Role of the Commonwealth

10. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the State's performance against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan and providing any consequential financial contribution to the State for that performance.

### Role of Queensland

11. Queensland will be responsible for all aspects of the administration and performance of the program.
12. Queensland will be responsible for program governance and will provide formally documented information regarding structures and procedures.
13. Queensland will report to the Commonwealth on the performance of the program, as agreed below.

## PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

14. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth for the project is \$2,183,000 payable in accordance with performance benchmarks set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: Performance benchmarks and associated payments**

Deliverable	Expected payment date	Payment amount
(i) Commencement of the Program (July 2010)	N/A	\$0
(ii) Acceptance of August 2010 Progress Report	December 2010	\$357,000
(iii) Acceptance of February 2011 Progress Report	March 2011	\$357,000
(iv) Acceptance of August 2011 Progress Report	September 2011	\$364,000
(v) Acceptance of February 2012 Progress Report	March 2012	\$364,000
(vi) Acceptance of August 2012 Progress Report	September 2012	\$370,500
(vii) Acceptance of February 2013 Final Report	March 2013	\$370,500

15. Progress reports submitted by Queensland will be accepted by the Commonwealth on the basis that the reports identify and show progress toward achieving the agreed control monitoring and elimination strategies.

16. The program will consist of the following strategies.
- Undertaking activities to monitor the current distribution of *Aedes albopictus* in the Torres Strait region.
  - Undertaking activities to prevent the expansion of *Aedes albopictus* outside of the Torres Strait and mainland Australia.
  - Undertaking activities to increase the community council activity in controlling container breeding mosquitoes.
  - Undertaking activities to increase knowledge in Torres Strait and Northern Peninsular Area communities regarding the prevention of dengue fever and container breeding mosquito control in general.
  - Undertaking activities to eliminate *Aedes albopictus* when detected inside the 'Cordon Sanitaire' area or on the mainland.
17. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to Queensland Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

## BUDGET

18. The overall project budget is set out in Table 2.

**Table 2: Overall project budget**

(\$ million)		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
(i)	Conduct the <i>Aedes albopictus</i> Prevention and Control in the Torres Strait Program	0.714	0.728	0.741	2.183

19. Having regard to the estimated costs of projects specified in the overall project budget, Queensland will not be required to pay a refund to the Commonwealth if the actual cost of the project is less than the agreed estimated cost of the project. Similarly, Queensland bears all risk should the costs of a project exceed the estimated costs. The Parties acknowledge that this arrangement provides the maximum incentive for Queensland to deliver projects cost-effectively and efficiently.
20. Payments of equal instalments will be made on acceptance of six monthly progress reports each financial year that Queensland is funded.

## REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

21. Queensland will provide project reports to the Commonwealth to demonstrate its achievement of performance benchmarks set out in Table 1.
22. Project reports will contain the following information:
- a) a description of actual performance in the period to date against the performance benchmarks;

- b) promotional activities undertaken in relation to, and media coverage of, the project during the reporting period;
  - c) a description of the work that will be undertaken to complete the remaining performance benchmarks and any expected promotional opportunities during the next reporting period;
  - d) difficulties encountered (if any) in the performance of the program and details of any action proposed or undertaken to overcome those difficulties;
  - e) the proposed plan of action to be taken in respect of performance of the remainder of the program;
  - f) a complete version of the Project Material produced to the date; and
23. The final project report is due within 60 Business Days of the completion of the project or termination of this Implementation Plan.
24. The final project report will be a stand-alone document that can be used for public information dissemination purposes regarding the project and must:
- a) describe the conduct, benefits and outcomes of the project as a whole;
  - b) evaluate the project, including assessing the extent to which the objective in this Implementation Plan has been achieved and explaining why any aspects were not achieved; and
  - c) include a discussion of any other matters relating to the project, which the Commonwealth notifies Queensland should be included in the final project report at least 30 days before it is due.
25. All Reports must be provided electronically in .doc or .xls format as well as in hard copy.