

# Australia Capital Territory: Bilateral Schedule

## NATIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP

### PART 1- FORMALITIES

- E7-1 This Bilateral Schedule to the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) is between the Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) and the Australian Capital Territory. This Bilateral Schedule is consistent with the NLAP and should be read in conjunction with the NLAP's multilateral agreement and its Schedules.
- E7-2 This Bilateral Schedule will commence on 1 July 2020 and will expire on 30 June 2025 or on completion of the final performance reporting and processing of final payments. This Bilateral Schedule may be terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
- E7-3 This Bilateral Schedule may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by the Commonwealth and the Australian Capital Territory.

### PART 2 – STATE SPECIFIC REPORTING AND MEASUREMENT

- E7-4 Reporting in respects to this Bilateral Schedule will be included within the Australian Capital Territory's Statement of Services and Funding and Jurisdictional Performance Report, as per the requirements of Part 4 – Performance Monitoring and Reporting of the multilateral agreement.

#### Family Advocacy and Support Services

- E7-5 In addition to Clause E7-4, the Australian Capital Territory will provide the following information relating to the Family Advocacy and Support Services:
- (a) update on the status of the Family Advocacy and Support Services, including the service approach and collaborative arrangements;
  - (b) update on the dedicated men's support worker, the nature of their work, utilisation and referrals made;
  - (c) number of dedicated men's support worker services delivered;
  - (d) number of non-legal support services (excluding dedicated men's support worker services) delivered; and
  - (e) a de-identified case study.

## PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

E7-6 The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Australian Capital Territory of **\$3.309 million over five years** in respect to this Bilateral Schedule. All payments are exclusive of GST.

**Table 1: Estimated NLAP financial contributions - Australian Capital Territory - bilateral**

(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
<b>Estimated</b> NLAP – Bilateral Schedule (1) = (2) + (3) + (4)	<b>1.094</b>	<b>1.110</b>	<b>0.363</b>	<b>0.368</b>	<b>0.374</b>	<b>3.309</b>
<b>Estimated</b> NLAP bilateral payment – mainstream and specialist legal assistance services (2)	<b>0.742</b>	<b>0.753</b>	-	-	-	<b>1.495</b>
<i>Family Advocacy and Support Services</i>	0.742	0.753	-	-	-	<b>1.495</b>
<b>Estimated</b> NLAP multilateral payment – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific legal assistance services (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Estimated</b> NLAP - Administrative funding (4)	0.352	0.357	0.363	0.368	0.374	<b>1.814</b>

### Mainstream and specialist legal assistance services

E7-7 The Commonwealth may provide additional financial contributions, for mainstream and specialist legal assistance services, in respect to this Bilateral Schedule from time to time.

### Family Advocacy and Support Services

E7-8 Under this Bilateral Schedule, the Australian Capital Territory will allocate and administer quarantined Commonwealth funding for the operation of Family Advocacy and Support Services in the Australian Capital Territory at the following agreed service locations:

- (a) Canberra Family Law Courts Registry.

E7-9 The Australian Capital Territory will ensure that the Family Advocacy and Support Services provide integrated legal assistance services including:

- (a) legal support and advice for families affected by family violence with matters before the family law courts;
- (b) preparing notices of risk and applications to assist the court to make evidence-based and safe decisions;
- (c) trauma-informed and high quality social support services delivered by appropriately qualified personnel, so that clients' other issues, particularly where they elevate the risk of family violence, are identified and responded to alongside legal issues;
- (d) dedicated men's support workers who will work with male victims and alleged male perpetrators to access appropriate support services including parenting programs and men's behavioural change programs;
- (e) assisting families to transition between, and manage matters across, the Commonwealth family law, state family violence and state child protection jurisdictions; and

- (f) unless it is not feasible, partnering with established providers of specialist domestic violence services to deliver the social support services.

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific legal assistance services**

E7-10 The Commonwealth may provide additional financial contributions, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific legal assistance services, in respect to this Bilateral Schedule from time to time.

### **Administrative funding**

E7-11 The Commonwealth will provide **\$1.814 million over five years** to support the Australian Capital Territory in conducting their roles and responsibilities under the NLAP.

## **PART 4 – OTHER CONDITIONS**

E7-12 The Commonwealth Attorney-General is authorised to amend this Bilateral Schedule on behalf of the Commonwealth.

E7-13 The Australian Capital Territory Attorney-General or the relevant Australian Capital Territory Minister with portfolio responsibility for legal assistance is authorised to amend this Bilateral Schedule on behalf of the Australian Capital Territory.

E7-14 Other conditions may be agreed between the Parties from time to time.

### **Interpretation**

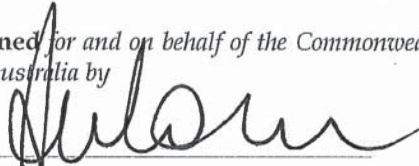
E7-15 For the purposes of the NLAP and this Bilateral Schedule:

- (a) *Family Advocacy and Support Services* refers to services based in family law court registries and integrate frontline legal assistance services with social support services, which, where possible, assist families to manage matters across the Commonwealth family law and State family violence jurisdictions, helping families who are traversing systems to have continuous support during a time of crisis.

**PART 5 – SIGN OFF**

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

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



**The Honourable Scott Morrison MP**  
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia

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*Signed for and on behalf of the Australian  
Capital Territory by*



**Andrew Barr MLA**  
Chief Minister of the Australian Capital Territory

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