

Schedule E8

Northern Territory: Bilateral Schedule

NATIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP

PART 1- FORMALITIES

- E8-1 This Bilateral Schedule to the National Legal Assistance Partnership (NLAP) is between the Commonwealth of Australia (Commonwealth) and the Northern Territory. This Bilateral Schedule is consistent with the NLAP and should be read in conjunction with the NLAP's multilateral agreement and its Schedules.
- E8-2 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, whichever is later. This Bilateral Schedule may be terminated earlier or extended as agreed in writing by the Parties.
- E8-3 This Bilateral Schedule may be amended at any time by agreement in writing by the Commonwealth and the Northern Territory.

PART 2 – STATE SPECIFIC REPORTING AND MEASUREMENT

- E8-4 Reporting in respects to this Bilateral Schedule will be included within the Northern 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

- E8-5 In addition to Clause E8-4, the Northern 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

E8-6 The Commonwealth will provide an estimated total financial contribution to the Northern Territory of **\$3.548 million over five years** in respect to this Bilateral Schedule. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 1: Estimated NLAP financial contributions - Northern Territory - bilateral

(\$ million)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Estimated NLAP – Bilateral Schedule (1) = (2) + (3) + (4)	1.212	1.231	0.363	0.368	0.374	3.548
Estimated NLAP bilateral payment – mainstream and specialist legal assistance services (2)	0.860	0.874	-	-	-	1.734
<i>Family Advocacy and Support Services</i>	0.860	0.874	-	-	-	1.734
Estimated NLAP multilateral payment – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific legal assistance services (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estimated NLAP - Administrative funding (4)	0.352	0.357	0.363	0.368	0.374	1.814

Mainstream and specialist legal assistance services

E8-7 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

E8-8 Under this Bilateral Schedule, the Northern Territory will allocate and administer quarantined Commonwealth funding for the operation of Family Advocacy and Support Services in the Northern Territory at the following agreed service locations:

- (a) Darwin Family Law Courts Registry
- (b) Alice Springs Federal Circuit Court Registry
- (c) Northern Territory Local Court in Katherine; and
- (d) Northern Territory Local Court in Darwin.

E8-9 The Northern 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

E8-10 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

E8-11 The Commonwealth will provide **\$1.814 million over five years** to support the Northern Territory in conducting their roles and responsibilities under the NLAP.

PART 4 – OTHER CONDITIONS

E8-12 The Commonwealth Attorney-General is authorised to amend this Bilateral Schedule on behalf of the Commonwealth.

E8-13 The Northern Territory Attorney-General or the relevant Northern Territory Minister with portfolio responsibility for legal assistance is authorised to amend this Bilateral Schedule on behalf of the Northern Territory.

E8-14 Other conditions may be agreed between the Parties from time to time.

Interpretation

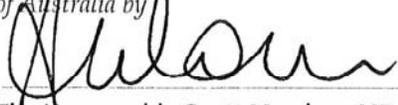
E8-15 For the purposes of the NLAP and this Bilateral Schedule:

- (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

[Day] [Month] [Year]

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern
Territory by



The Honourable Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory of Australia

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