

TSSP Change Frame 2008

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Contract Part A (Project Specific Conditions)	Clause 15.14 requires that, on every anniversary of the date of contract signature, an audit of all Trust and Imprest Accounts and all documentation relating to the Accounts for the previous twelve months must be conducted by an independent auditor and completed within 28 days	Independent audits commence on the second year of operations in November 2008 and occur at the same time each year with the exception of the final year of TSSP Phase 1, which should occur in May and lead into exit reporting through current ISP	Financial tranches from AusAID commenced in December 2007, however expenditure through Trust Funds did not commence through TSSP Trust Accounts until February 2008 and transactions did not pick up until later in 2008. Financial monitoring and reporting of any substance will follow and not precede these dates. As a consequence there will be very limited financial information available to any auditor prior to Quarter 4, 2008.	Nil	Nil	Adjusted to allow 12 months of financial operations to be audited.	Nil	Agreed by AusAID February 2008

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TSSP Contract (Part B Standard Conditions)	Clause 14.1 requires the ISP, within 12 months of the Project Start Date, to draft a Handover Plan which includes all the functions to be performed to hand over the Project to the Partner Country in a manner which ensures the Partner Country is able to continue the Project and in particular to manage ongoing maintenance requirements as well as any other matters specified in Schedule 1 and to provide a copy to AusAID.	Handover Plan to be developed by December 2009.	<p>TSSP is designed as a flexible and adaptive Program.</p> <p>The information required in a Handover Plan depends on the time taken to become fully operational; and the substance of policies, activities and decisions to emerge over time.</p> <p>It also depends on pending decisions within and external to transport sector line agencies in terms of major reorganization, restructuring. And realignment. These may not be finalised until well into 2009.</p>	Nil	Nil	Better informed and more reliable and timely plan	Nil	Agreed by AusAID February 2008

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TSSP Scope of Services	<p>Clause 5.5.1 requires the preparation of four Quarterly Progress Reports each year.</p> <p>Annex 3 summarises the reports, plans and manuals required under the SoS.</p>	<p>Reporting Schedule to be changed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Six Monthly Report (January to June) submitted in July of each year • 1 x Annual Plan (January – December) submitted in January of each year • Monthly by-exception reports to AusAID <p>Note: Quarterly Financial Reports, Monthly Adviser Progress Reports, Six Monthly Indepth Adviser Reports, Provincial Trip Reports and Specialist/Adviser Exit Reports will continue.</p>	<p>TSSP makes a wide range of reports available to TSCMIC and AusAID (Annex 4 refers).</p> <p>29 major reports were required during the first year of TSSP operations.</p> <p>The requirement for quarterly progress reports has proved time-consuming, is more than has proved necessary to meet TSCMIC and AusAID requirements, and on occasions diverts the attention of Program personnel from implementation and monitoring.</p> <p>Additionally there was duplication in associated with producing a Quarterly Progress Report and an Annual Plan at the same time, and the practicalities of combining the information required in the Annual Plan.</p>	Nil	Nil	Reduction in reporting duplication and overlap; more attention paid on strategic planning and implementation.	Nil, as a wide range of reports will continue.	Agreed by AusAID March 2008.

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TSSP SoS and Concept Design Document. GoPNG MTDS	Clause 7.10 of the SoS required the development of Gender and HIV and AIDS Strategies and Plans. The CDD and the SoS highlighted the critical importance of developing and assisting GoPNG agencies to develop/ implement and monitor Gender and HIV and AIDS Plans The GoPNG MTDS does similarly. The PNG-Australia Partnership Agreement does similarly	4 x months gender consultant input from 2009 and each following year 4 x months HIV and AIDS consultant input be allocated in supporting capacity building needs within the TSSP and GoPNG transport sector agencies to assist these agencies to develop, implement and monitor Gender and HIV and AIDS plans, policies and strategy.	One only input was specified within the SoS for a Gender and HIV and AIDS Specialist to develop plans. Agreement for a second, short term gender input was agreed in 2008. Consultations with GoPNG agencies, and the analysis within the plans developed by the consultants, make very apparent the need for additional support in these cross-cutting policy areas; and a missed opportunity within the SoS in not specifying this - particularly given the role the transport system can play in supporting positive change.	Nil	Total of 12 x months of consultant input through to June 2010. Totalling no more than AUD400,000	Strengthened capacity within transport sector agencies to develop, implement, monitor and report on Gender and HIV and AIDS as cross-cutting policy priorities.	Nil	Gender consultancy agreed in principle by AusAID Nov 08 (TAIA) subject to approval of the TSSP Gender Strategy HIV and AIDS consultancy agreed by AusAID Nov 08 (TAIA)

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TSSP SoS	Clause 8 identifies core personnel and specifies the engagement of a public sector specialist for 36 person months.	Reduced input duration from a total of 36 to 30 person months through to June 2010.	While full-time input was essential during the first 18-months of the Program, a review had found that the aims, role and responsibilities can readily be achieved with a marginally reduced input, noting that the reduction will have even less impact given that there are no recreation leave entitlements attached to short term inputs	Nil	Financial saving of around AUD79,000	Nil	Minor and associated only with the role that the PSMS plays as member of the Senior Management Team	Agreed with AusAID November 2008
TSSP SoS	Clause 8 identifies core personnel and specifies the engagement of a monitoring and evaluation specialist for a total of 8 months each year (total input 24 person months) through to June 2010.	Extending input duration from a total of 24 to 30 person months from January 2009 to June 2010	The increasing importance of M&E to all Program stakeholders, and the support required (for the TSCMIC and within agencies in linking and monitoring business, corporate and strategic plans outcomes) has necessitated a full-time presence.	Nil	Increase total financial cost of AUD221,500	Full time presence will better support the Program, the TSCMIC and agency planning, monitoring, assessment, evaluation and impact	Nil	Contract Variation required

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TSSP SoS	Clause 8 identifies core personnel and specifies the engagement of a monitoring and evaluation specialist for a total of 8 months each year (total input 24 person months) through to June 2010.	Introducing job-sharing to the role of the M&ES.	Further, the current incumbent has found it necessary to reduce input durations from 2009 onwards. Given the insightful M&E platform that has been established for TSSP during this input, it is proposed to retain his serves for three months each year to maintain strategic oversight, and engage a second M&E consultant to progress agreed activities under his stewardship.	Nil	Nil	Retention of current incumbent and the networks and relationships already developed; oversight of the model and agreed approaches	Job-sharing will rely on sound handover, shared understandings, positive relationship building, and collaboration. Routine handover and regular conferencing between incumbents will assist communication planning and reporting	Agreed with AusAID Dec 08