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Summary

This report provides an assessment of state and territory performance against the performance benchmarks outlined in the Essential Vaccines Schedule of the Federation Funding Agreement – Health (EVS), for the seventh year of the agreement, covering the assessment period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. For the first time in this report, the assessments for benchmarks 1, 2, 3 and 4 account for statistical uncertainties and data variability, determining whether a jurisdiction meets the national target or baseline by comparing vaccination coverage rates with 95% variability bands. Since the assessment method differs from those used in previous reports, the data presented in this report are not directly comparable to earlier results.

The EVS is an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the states and territories, which aims to “support the cost-effective and efficient delivery of the National Immunisation Program to protect the Australian public from the spread of vaccine preventable diseases”.

The performance benchmarks assessed in this report are:

1. maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63-month-olds relative to the baseline;
2. maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in at least two of the following three age cohorts: 12–<15 months; 24–<27 months; and 60–<63 months, relative to the baseline;
3. an increase in the vaccination coverage rate for both adolescent boys and adolescent girls for HPV, relative to the baseline;
4. an increase in vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63-month-olds in four of the ten lowest vaccination coverage SA3 geographical areas in each jurisdiction, relative to the baseline; and
5. an annual decrease in the wastage and leakage rate for agreed vaccines, relative to the baseline.

A performance milestone of “provision of seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan” is also specified in the Agreement. For the seventh year of the agreement, all states and territories achieved this milestone.

Three jurisdictions (South Australia, Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory) met 5 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this report. Four jurisdictions (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia) met 4 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this report.

Table S1: Achievement against EVS benchmarks assessed for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, by state and territory

State/territory	PB1	PB2	PB3	PB4	PB5	Number of benchmarks fully met
NSW	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
Vic.	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
Qld	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
WA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	4
SA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5
Tas.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5
NT	✗	✓	✓	PARTLY (3 of 4)	✓	3
ACT	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5

Note: A list of the EVS benchmarks and their detailed specifications is in Appendix A.

1 Introduction

This report assesses the performance of state and territory governments against the benchmarks set out in the Essential Vaccines Schedule of the Federation Funding Agreement – Health (EVS; the Agreement).

The Essential Vaccines Schedule

The EVS is an agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the states and territories. The objective of the Agreement is to “support the cost-effective and efficient delivery of the National Immunisation Program (NIP) to protect the Australian public from the spread of vaccine preventable diseases”¹.

The NIP is a joint initiative of the Commonwealth and the states and territories, making free vaccines for several key diseases available to eligible individuals through a range of vaccination providers in accordance with the National Immunisation Schedule (available at www.health.gov.au/immunisation).

The EVS is intended to facilitate achievement of 6 key outcomes, namely to:

- a) minimise the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in the eligible Australian population for diseases with vaccines listed under the NIP;
- b) minimise the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for diseases with vaccines listed under the NIP;
- c) minimise the incidence of human papillomavirus (HPV) in the eligible Australian population;
- d) ensure that state-based seasonal influenza vaccination rollout information is provided to the Commonwealth annually;
- e) minimise the incidence of vaccine preventable diseases in the eligible Australian population in geographic areas of low coverage; and
- f) ensure that vaccines listed under the NIP are managed in a way that minimises wastage and leakage, with a target rate of wastage and leakage of 5% or lower.

A set of 5 performance benchmarks and one milestone are specified in the Agreement to inform the assessment of progress contributing to the above outcomes. The Commonwealth makes a financial contribution to states and territories based on the cost of vaccine purchases by each state and territory following annual assessments against whether these benchmarks and milestone have been met.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has been tasked with providing an independent assessment as to whether the benchmarks have been met for the seventh year of the agreement. That assessment is contained in this report.

Note that the benchmarks specified in the EVS were first established in 2017 and re-established in 2021 and 2023. They do not include vaccines for COVID-19. A list of the vaccines included in the coverage assessments in this report is provided in Table 1.

¹ Australian Government (2023) *Essential Vaccines, Federation Funding Agreement - Health*. Accessed 2 December 2024, <<https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/sites/federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/files/2024-07/EVS%20variation%20to%20June%202024%20-%20Signed%20by%20all%20jurisdictions.pdf>>

Exceptional Circumstances assessment

Under the EVS 2023-24, if a state or territory fails to meet the performance benchmark due to exceptional circumstances beyond its control, it can present evidence to the designated delegate. Such circumstances may include unforeseen events like natural disasters. If the evidence shows these circumstances directly impacted the state or territory, it will be deemed to have met the benchmark for payment. For national impacts like pandemics or vaccine shortages, the Commonwealth will review the evidence and ensure a fair performance assessment.

Jurisdictions have raised concerns about data limitations with the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), impacting their ability to meet benchmarks during this reporting period. These concerns include issues such as duplicate records, which can affect data accuracy. While the AIR is a comprehensive record of immunisations, the assessment process currently lacks a margin of error. In response, the Department of Health and Aged Care, in consultation with the AIHW, decided to incorporate statistical measures of uncertainty (95% confidence intervals/variability bands) into the 2023-24 assessment under the Exceptional Circumstances clause.

This approach ensures the accuracy of coverage estimates and accounts for uncertainties inherent in data collection and handling. More detailed information is provided in the subsection titled “Assessing performance”.

The performance benchmarks

The 5 performance benchmarks specified in the EVS are:

1. maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63 month olds relative to the baseline;
2. maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in at least two of the following three cohorts: 12–<15 months; 24–<27 months; and 60–<63 months, relative to the baseline;
3. an increase in the vaccination coverage rate for both adolescent boys and adolescent girls aged 15 years for HPV, relative to the baseline;
4. an increase in vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63 month olds in four of the ten lowest vaccination coverage SA3 geographical areas, relative to the baseline; and
5. an annual decrease in the wastage and leakage rate for agreed vaccines, relative to the baseline.

More detailed specifications for each benchmark are provided at Appendix A.

A performance milestone of “provision of seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan” by a specified date is also specified in the Agreement. For the 2023–24 assessment, assessment of whether the states and territories achieved this milestone was undertaken by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care. Information on this milestone is also included in this report.

Assessing performance

Table 4 of the EVS specifies how each performance benchmark is to be measured and assessed. Details are in Appendix A and summarised below.

Note that coverage rates measured for these benchmarks are based on the proportion of children who are 'fully immunised' for their age, as defined by the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). This definition may change over time along with changes to the NIP Schedule. For the reference period of the benchmarks assessed in this report (1 January to 31 December 2023 for benchmark 3, and 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 for all other benchmarks) the definitions used were those specified in Table 1.

The assessments for benchmarks 1, 2, 3 and 4 consider statistical uncertainties and random variation resulting from data quality issues in the AIR. For these benchmarks, a jurisdiction is considered to have met the national target if the upper bound of the 95% variability band² (VBs) for the coverage rate in the assessment year includes or exceeds the national target. A jurisdiction is deemed to have maintained or exceeded the baseline if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment year is not statistically significantly below the baseline at the 0.05 significance level. The 95% VBs for baselines and results are determined using binomial Wilson Score confidence intervals, while the 95% VBs for changes (or risk differences) between the assessment year and the baseline are calculated using the Miettinen-Nurminen (MN) score method. All calculations are performed in SAS 8.3.

Benchmark 1: Maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds

- Measured as percentage of children aged 60–<63 months reported as fully immunised, compared with the baseline.
- The baseline for each assessment period is the average coverage rate of the previous 3 years for that jurisdiction.
- Where a jurisdiction achieves a coverage rate for the reference period of 95% or higher, it will be deemed to have met the benchmark.

Benchmark 2: Maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Measured as percentage of children aged 12–<15, 24–<27 and 60–<63 months reported as fully immunised, compared with the baseline for each cohort.
- The baseline for each assessment period is the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years for that jurisdiction, for each cohort.
- Where a jurisdiction achieves a coverage rate for the assessment period of 95 per cent or higher for a particular cohort, it will be deemed to have met the target for that cohort.
- This benchmark is deemed to have been met if a maintained or increased coverage rate (or a 95% coverage rate) is achieved in at least 2 of the 3 cohorts.

Benchmark 3: An increase in vaccination coverage for HPV

- Measured as percentage of adolescents meeting a full-dose HPV (1-dose) immunisation by age 15, compared with the baseline.

² Results derived from administrative data counts are not subject to sampling error but might be subject to administrative error and random variation, especially for small counts. Variability bands are similar to sampling confidence intervals, in that they provide a specified range for an estimate which is very likely (95 times out of 100) to contain the 'true' unknown value.

- The baseline for each assessment period is the average coverage rate of the previous 3 years for that jurisdiction, based on 2-dose vaccination coverage.
- This benchmark is deemed to have been met if a maintained or increased coverage rate (or a 95% coverage rate) is achieved for both boys and girls.

Benchmark 4: An increase in vaccination coverage in low coverage areas

- Measured as percentage of children aged 60–<63 months in each nominated SA3 reported as fully immunised, compared with the baseline.
- The baseline for each assessment period is the previous year's coverage rate for the specified SA3.
- For the purposes of this benchmark, a geographical area of low coverage is included if it is in the 10 lowest areas in the jurisdiction with coverage below 95%. SA3 areas with fewer than 100 children aged 60–<63 months are excluded. States and territories will notify the Commonwealth by 1 September each year of the 4 nominated areas to be targeted that year.
- If all SA3 areas in a jurisdiction have coverage above 95%, this benchmark is deemed to have been met.

Benchmark 5: Decreasing wastage and leakage

- Measured as the percentage of NIP vaccines lost to wastage and leakage, compared with the baseline.
- The baseline for each assessment period is the previous year's wastage and leakage rate for that jurisdiction.
- For newly introduced vaccines, a baseline of 10% will be applied.
- All vaccines on the NIP provided to children are included. Those provided to other at-risk groups are excluded.
- The calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the Australian Immunisation Register.
- The calculation discounts vaccines lost to uncontrollable events such as natural disasters, power outages or refrigeration failures, as specified in reports by the relevant jurisdiction.
- Where a state or territory achieves a wastage and leakage rate of 5% or lower, it will be deemed to have met the benchmark.
- A decrease in the wastage and leakage rate (or a result of less than 5%) must be achieved for both the previously assessed and newly introduced vaccine categories for this benchmark to be met.
- During the 2023–24 assessment period, Prevenar 13 (pneumococcal vaccine), ActHIB (*Haemophilus influenzae* type B vaccine), Nimenrix (MenACWY), MMR II (MMR), Priorix (MMR), ProQuad (MMRV) and Priorix-Tetra (MMRV) were also provided on the NIP to other (non-child) at-risk groups. As benchmark 5 relates solely to vaccines provided to children, the assessment for this benchmark for Year 7 was therefore calculated excluding data for these vaccines. Vaxelis (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib) was introduced part way into the 2023–24 assessment period and for this reason, the Year 7 assessment for this benchmark also excluded data for this vaccine.

Table 1: Definition of ‘fully immunised’ by age cohort, as at 1 April 2024

Age cohort	Vaccine
12 to <15 month age cohort	
DTP	Diphtheria dose 3 + Tetanus dose 3 + Pertussis dose 3
Polio	Polio dose 3
HIB	Haemophilus type B dose 3
HepB	Hepatitis B dose 3
MMR	Not assessed
Pneumo [†]	Pneumococcal dose 2
Fully Vaccinated	DTP + Polio + HIB + HepB + Pneumococcal (All previous doses are presumed as given)
Coverage at 12 to <15 months observes vaccines administered at the 2, 4 and 6 month old schedule points (excluding rotavirus). Coverage factors in individuals that may have had these vaccines up to 12 months of age.	
24 to <27 month age cohort	
DTP	Diphtheria dose 4 + Tetanus dose 4 + Pertussis dose 4
Polio	Polio dose 3
HIB	Haemophilus type B dose 4
HepB	Hepatitis B dose 3
MMR	Measles dose 2 + Mumps dose 2 + Rubella dose 2
Varicella	Varicella dose 1
Pneumo [†]	Pneumococcal dose 3
MenC	Meningococcal ACWY dose 1
Fully Vaccinated	DTP + Polio + HIB + HepB + MMR+ Varicella + MenC (All previous doses are presumed as given)
Coverage at 24 to <27 months observes vaccines administered at the 2, 4, 6, 12 and 18 month old schedule points. Coverage factors in individuals that may have had these vaccines up to 24 months of age.	
60 to <63 month age cohort	
DTP	Diphtheria dose 4 or 5 + Tetanus dose 4 or 5 + Pertussis dose 4 or 5
Polio	Polio dose 4
HIB	Not assessed
Hep B	Not assessed
MMR*	Not assessed
Fully Vaccinated	DTP + Polio (All previous doses are presumed as given)
Coverage at 60 to <63 months observes vaccines administered at the 4 year old schedule point. Coverage factors in individuals that may have had these vaccines up to 60 months of age.	

* From 31 December 2017, the definition of fully immunised changed for the 60-<63 month age cohort, with MMR no longer being assessed from this date.

† From 30 September 2018, pneumococcal changed from dose 3 to dose 2 in the definition of fully immunised for the 12-<15 month cohort and pneumococcal dose 3 was included in the definition of fully immunised for the 24-<27 month cohort.

Note: Vaccines for influenza and those recommended only for at-risk groups at the specified schedule points are excluded from the coverage calculations.

Source: Australian Immunisation Register.

2 Assessment against the benchmarks

This chapter presents the assessment of each state and territory's performance against the EVS benchmarks included in this period (being benchmarks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5), and achievement of the milestone requirement. Summary tables containing data for each benchmark for all 8 jurisdictions are provided at Appendix B.

New South Wales

New South Wales met 4 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was not met, with statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline (Table 2.1.1).

Table 2.1.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1—maintained or increased vaccination coverage (%) for 60–<63 month olds, New South Wales, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	94.58 (94.50 to 94.66)	94.02 (93.87 to 94.17)	-0.56* (-0.73 to -0.39)	x	x	NO

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please refer to the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline. (Table 2.1.2).

Table 2.1.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, New South Wales, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	12–<15m	93.03 (92.45 to 93.56)	92.38 (91.77 to 92.96)	-0.64 (-1.46 to 0.17)	✓	✗	YES
	24–<27m	91.24 (90.58 to 91.86)	90.74 (90.09 to 91.35)	-0.50 (-1.40 to 0.40)	✓	✗	
	60–<63m	96.67 (96.22 to 97.07)	96.50 (96.04 to 96.91)	-0.17 (-0.78 to 0.44)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.1.3).

Table 2.1.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, New South Wales, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	Boys	75.40 (75.18 to 75.61)	84.33 (84.02 to 84.64)	8.93* (8.55 to 9.31)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	78.41 (78.20 to 78.62)	87.58 (87.29 to 87.86)	9.17* (8.81 to 9.53)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as the coverage rates for all 4 of the nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.1.4).

Table 2.1.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, New South Wales, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	Eastern Suburbs	90.64	91.10	0.46	✓	*	YES
	South	(88.97 to 92.08)	(89.47 to 92.50)	(-1.71 to 2.65)			
		91.56	91.13	-0.43	✓	*	
	Manly	(88.76 to 93.72)	(88.15 to 93.42)	(-4.12 to 3.20)			
	Auburn	91.48	91.73	0.26	✓	*	
	Kempsey- Nambucca	(89.78 to 92.92)	(90.01 to 93.17)	(-1.99 to 2.49)			
		91.05	89.93	-1.13	✓	*	
		(88.43 to 93.13)	(87.12 to 92.18)	(-4.63 to 2.34)			

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- When assessing coverage of geographic areas with low numbers of children, small changes in the number of children being counted can impact coverage rates.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.1.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.1.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, New South Wales, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
NSW	Previously assessed	4.13	3.73	-0.40	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

Notes

- This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for both vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
- Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus) and Tripacel (DTPa) antigens.
- Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
- The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: NSW achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Victoria

Victoria met 4 of the 5 of the benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline.
Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline (Table 2.2.1).

Table 2.2.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Victoria, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VBs)	Result (95% VBs)	Change (95% VBs)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Vic.	95.56 (95.48 to 95.64)	94.84 (94.68 to 94.99)	-0.72* (-0.89 to -0.54)	x	x	NO

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, with the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months, and 60–<63 months maintaining or exceeding the baseline (Table 2.2.2).

Table 2.2.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Victoria, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Vic.	12–<15m	92.16 (90.87 to 93.28)	91.84 (90.49 to 93.01)	-0.32 (-2.08 to 1.42)	✓	x	
	24–<27m	88.97 (87.40 to 90.36)	89.52 (88.07 to 90.81)	0.55 (-1.46 to 2.58)	✓	x	YES
	60–<63m	95.57 (94.44 to 96.48)	95.27 (94.18 to 96.16)	-0.30 (-1.73 to 1.13)	✓	✓	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.2.3).

Table 2.2.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Victoria, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Vic.	Boys	77.26 (77.02 to 77.50)	84.64 (84.29 to 84.98)	7.38* (6.96 to 7.80)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	81.17 (80.94 to 81.40)	86.82 (86.48 to 87.15)	5.65* (5.24 to 6.05)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as all 4 of the nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.2.4).

Table 2.2.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Victoria, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Vic.	Boroondara	92.19 (90.72 to 93.43)	93.87 (92.52 to 94.99)	1.68 (-0.15 to 3.53)	✓	✗	YES
	Manningham – West	93.41 (91.73 to 94.77)	94.37 (92.71 to 95.67)	0.96 (-1.18 to 3.09)	✓	✓	
	Monash	93.62 (92.41 to 94.66)	93.96 (92.72 to 95.00)	0.33 (-1.28 to 1.94)	✓	✓	
	Whitehorse – West	92.80 (91.06 to 94.21)	95.88 (94.42 to 96.97)	3.09 (1.06 to 5.15)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- When assessing coverage of geographic areas with low numbers of children, small changes in the number of children being counted can impact coverage rates.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.2.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.2.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Victoria, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
Vic.	Previously assessed	3.28	1.43	-1.85	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus) and Tripacel (DTPa) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: Victoria achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Queensland

Queensland met 4 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline (Table 2.3.1).

Table 2.3.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Queensland, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Qld	94.11 (94.00 to 94.21)	92.75 (92.55 to 92.95)	-1.36* (-1.58 to -1.13)	×	×	NO

Notes

- Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.3.2).

Table 2.3.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Queensland, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Qld	12–<15m	90.00 (89.26 to 90.69)	90.12 (89.38 to 90.81)	0.12 (-0.89 to 1.13)	✓	×	
	24–<27m	88.99 (88.21 to 89.73)	89.30 (88.55 to 90.00)	0.30 (-0.75 to 1.36)	✓	×	YES
	60–<63m	95.60 (95.06 to 96.09)	95.30 (94.74 to 95.79)	-0.31 (-1.04 to 0.43)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.3.3).

Table 2.3.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Queensland, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Qld	Boys	74.58 (74.32 to 74.84)	80.89 (80.48 to 81.28)	6.30* (5.82 to 6.78)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	77.68 (77.42 to 77.93)	83.21 (82.81 to 83.59)	5.53* (5.06 to 6.00)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as the coverage rates in all 3 of the assessed low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.3.4).

Table 2.3.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Queensland, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Qld	Coolangatta	89.23 (86.46 to 91.49)	86.43 (83.56 to 88.86)	-2.80 (-6.47 to 0.88)	✓	✗	YES
	Broadbeach – Burleigh	90.33 (87.90 to 92.31)	89.10 (86.53 to 91.23)	-1.23 (-4.48 to 2.00)	✓	✗	
	Buderim	90.15 (87.62 to 92.21)	90.22 (87.68 to 92.28)	0.06 (-3.21 to 3.33)	✓	✗	
	Nambour- Pomona	..	..	..	..	..	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- The SA3 Nambour-Pomona was not assessed due to changes between the 2011 and 2016/2021 ASGS standards and the use of different standards for quarters within the reference period.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.3.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.3.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Queensland, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
Qld	Previously assessed	4.16	-3.92*	-8.09	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

* The assessment results were less than zero when applying the methodology for calculation of performance against this Benchmark. Negative wastage and leakage results suggest that:

(a) more vaccines were administered in the reference period than were sent to vaccination providers in the reference period (i.e. existing doses in vaccination provider fridges at the start of the period may have contributed to the number of vaccines administered in the period in addition to doses sent to vaccination providers in the period); and/or

(b) the 3% adjustment factor applied in the methodology for calculation may overestimate the level of under-reporting of vaccinations to the AIR.

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus), Tripacel (DTPa) and Vaqta Paediatric (HepA) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: Queensland achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Western Australia

Western Australia met 4 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline (Table 2.4.1).

Table 2.4.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Western Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
WA	93.70 (93.56 to 93.85)	92.87 (92.59 to 93.13)	-0.84* (-1.15 to -0.53)	x	x	NO

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.4.2).

Table 2.4.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Western Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
WA	12–<15m	86.48 (85.11 to 87.73)	84.94 (83.49 to 86.27)	-1.54 (-3.46 to 0.37)	✓	x	YES
	24–<27m	81.06 (79.52 to 82.51)	81.89 (80.39 to 83.30)	0.83 (-1.26 to 2.92)	✓	x	
	60–<63m	93.82 (92.82 to 94.70)	93.83 (92.82 to 94.70)	0.00 (-1.33 to 1.34)	✓	x	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.4.3).

Table 2.4.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Western Australia, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
WA	Boys	73.21 (72.83 to 73.58)	83.99 (83.45 to 84.51)	10.78* (10.13 to 11.42)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	74.80 (74.42 to 75.18)	84.87 (84.34 to 85.39)	10.07* (9.41 to 10.71)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for all 3 of the assessed low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.4.4).

Table 2.4.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Western Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
WA	Albany	90.82 (88.53 to 92.70)	91.97 (89.65 to 93.81)	1.15 (-1.84 to 4.10)	✓	✗	YES
	Stirling	92.01 (90.90 to 92.99)	93.02 (91.93 to 93.97)	1.01 (-0.46 to 2.48)	✓	✗	
	Mundaring	90.42 (87.59 to 92.66)	89.77 (86.86 to 92.09)	-0.65 (-4.33 to 3.01)	✓	✗	
	Gascoyne	..	..	..	..	..	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- The SA3 Gascoyne was not assessed due to changes between the 2011 and 2016/2021 ASGS standards and the use of different standards for quarters within the reference period.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.4.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.4.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Western Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
WA	Previously assessed	2.32	-0.31*	-2.63	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

* The assessment results were less than zero when applying the methodology for calculation of performance against this Benchmark. Negative wastage and leakage results suggest that:

(a) more vaccines were administered in the reference period than were sent to vaccination providers in the reference period (i.e. existing doses in vaccination provider fridges at the start of the period may have contributed to the number of vaccines administered in the period in addition to doses sent to vaccination providers in the period); and/or

(b) the 3% adjustment factor applied in the methodology for calculation may overestimate the level of under-reporting of vaccinations to the AIR.

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus), Tripacel (DTPa) and Vaqta Paediatric (HepA) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: WA achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

South Australia

South Australia met all of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was met, as the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds met the national target (Table 2.5.1).

Table 2.5.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, South Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
SA	95.67 (95.50 to 95.83)	95.04 (94.73 to 95.34)	-0.63* (-0.98 to -0.29)	✗	✓	YES

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.5.2).

Table 2.5.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, South Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
SA	12–<15m	91.11 (89.33 to 92.61)	88.97 (86.97 to 90.70)	-2.13 (-4.65 to 0.34)	✓	✗	YES
	24–<27m	88.97 (86.92 to 90.74)	88.34 (86.38 to 90.05)	-0.63 (-3.28 to 2.04)	✓	✗	
	60–<63m	95.76 (94.35 to 96.82)	95.60 (94.22 to 96.67)	-0.16 (-1.91 to 1.61)	✓	✓	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.5.3).

Table 2.5.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, South Australia, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
SA	Boys	68.37 (67.85 to 68.88)	82.14 (81.41 to 82.85)	13.77* (12.89 to 14.65)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	71.99 (71.48 to 72.49)	84.55 (83.85 to 85.23)	12.56* (11.70 to 13.41)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, with all 4 of the nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas having maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.5.4).

Table 2.5.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, South Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
SA	Campbelltown	94.67 (92.50 to 96.24)	96.04 (94.07 to 97.37)	1.36 (-1.14 to 3.93)	✓	✓	YES
	Norwood/Payneham/ St Peters	94.34 (91.23 to 96.39)	96.31 (93.66 to 97.88)	1.97 (-1.36 to 5.49)	✓	✓	
	West Torrens	94.34 (92.20 to 95.92)	93.96 (91.71 to 95.62)	-0.39 (-3.14 to 2.33)	✓	✓	
	Marion	94.08 (92.48 to 95.35)	96.55 (95.26 to 97.50)	2.47* (0.67 to 4.34)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- When assessing coverage of geographic areas with low numbers of children, small changes in the number of children being counted can impact coverage rates.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.5.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.5.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, South Australia, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
SA	Previously assessed	3.52	1.47	-2.05	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus), Tripacel (DTPa) and Vaqta Paediatric (HepA) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: SA achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Tasmania

Tasmania met 5 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was met, as the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.6.1).

Table 2.6.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Tasmania, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Tas.	94.59 (94.25 to 94.91)	94.09 (93.45 to 94.67)	-0.50 (-1.21 to 0.17)	✓	✗	YES

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.6.2).

Table 2.6.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Tasmania, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Tas.	12–<15m	94.55 (92.54 to 96.03)	95.28 (93.34 to 96.67)	0.73 (-1.71 to 3.18)	✓	✓	YES
	24–<27m	93.18 (90.81 to 94.97)	93.67 (91.55 to 95.28)	0.48 (-2.29 to 3.35)	✓	✓	
	60–<63m	97.35 (95.60 to 98.41)	95.94 (94.08 to 97.24)	-1.41 (-3.58 to 0.75)	✓	✓	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.6.3).

Table 2.6.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Tasmania, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Tas.	Boys	71.61 (70.72 to 72.48)	80.80 (79.46 to 82.08)	9.19* (7.60 to 10.75)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	76.23 (75.37 to 77.07)	85.02 (83.76 to 86.20)	8.78* (7.27 to 10.25)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for all 4 of nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.6.4).

Table 2.6.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Tasmania, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
Tas.	Huon – Bruny Island	86.86 (81.96 to 90.59)	90.18 (85.58 to 93.42)	3.31 (-2.60 to 9.26)	✓	✗	YES
	West Coast	92.00 (87.02 to 95.17)	95.48 (91.34 to 97.69)	3.48 (-1.69 to 9.01)	✓	✓	
	Hobart – North East	94.48 (92.48 to 95.97)	96.60 (94.91 to 97.75)	2.13 (-0.11 to 4.45)	✓	✓	
	Launceston	93.35 (91.55 to 94.79)	94.65 (93.03 to 95.91)	1.30 (-0.86 to 3.51)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.6.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.6.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Tasmania, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
Tas.	Previously assessed	4.54	0.60	-3.94	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus) and Tripacel (DTPa) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: Tasmania achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Northern Territory

The Northern Territory met 3 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significant decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline.

Benchmark 4 was partly met, with 3 of the 4 nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas maintaining or exceeding the baseline.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was not met, with a statistically significantly decrease in the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds compared with the baseline (Table 2.7.1).

Table 2.7.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Northern Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NT	93.97 (93.48 to 94.43)	91.98 (90.96 to 92.89)	-1.99* (-3.11 to -0.95)	x	x	NO

Notes

- Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.7.2).

Table 2.7.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2—inc maintained or increased reasing vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Northern Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NT	12–<15m	87.67 (85.65 to 89.45)	88.37 (86.36 to 90.11)	0.69 (-1.99 to 3.37)	✓	x	YES
	24–<27m	84.48 (82.23 to 86.50)	85.97 (83.85 to 87.86)	1.49 (-1.44 to 4.44)	✓	x	
	60–<63m	94.77 (93.30 to 95.94)	92.84 (91.17 to 94.22)	-1.93 (-3.98 to 0.08)	✓	x	

Notes

- For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.7.3).

Table 2.7.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Northern Territory, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NT	Boys	68.65 (67.32 to 69.95)	75.74 (73.57 to 77.78)	7.09* (4.57 to 9.53)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	75.47 (74.21 to 76.68)	84.48 (82.57 to 86.21)	9.01* (6.75 to 11.16)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was partly met, as the vaccination coverage rates for 3 of the 4 nominated low coverage areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.7.4).

Table 2.7.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Northern Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NT	Litchfield	93.00 (88.59 to 95.78)	93.68 (89.04 to 96.43)	0.68 (-4.75 to 5.92)	✓	✗	PARTLY
	Alice Springs	93.38 (90.75 to 95.29)	89.40 (86.23 to 91.91)	-3.97* (-7.71 to -0.36)	✗	✗	
	East Arnhem	94.04 (89.06 to 96.83)	93.70 (88.06 to 96.77)	-0.34 (-6.68 to 5.56)	✓	✓	
	Palmerston	94.11 (92.05 to 95.66)	93.71 (91.45 to 95.40)	-0.40 (-3.15 to 2.27)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.7.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.7.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Northern Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
NT	Previously assessed	5.89	1.07	-4.82	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadacel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus), Tripacel (DTPa) and Vaqta Paediatric (HepA) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: NT achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Australian Capital Territory

The Australian Capital Territory met 5 of the 5 benchmarks assessed in this reference period, and achieved the milestone requirement.

Benchmark 1: Benchmark 1 was met, with the vaccination coverage rate for 60–<63 month olds meeting the national target (Table 2.8.1).

Table 2.8.1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, Australian Capital Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
ACT	95.66 (95.35 to 95.95)	95.94 (95.37 to 96.44)	0.27 (-0.36 to 0.87)	✓	✓	YES

Notes

1. Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 2: Benchmark 2 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 12–<15months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.8.2).

Table 2.8.2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2— maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Australian Capital Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
ACT	12–<15m	93.12 (88.96 to 95.79)	91.67 (86.89 to 94.81)	-1.45 (-6.96 to 3.77)	✓	*	YES
	24–<27m	88.30 (82.92 to 92.14)	92.20 (87.87 to 95.07)	3.90 (-1.88 to 10.07)	✓	✓	
	60–<63m	96.02 (92.02 to 98.06)	96.30 (92.55 to 98.19)	0.27 (-4.01 to 4.73)	✓	✓	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 3: Benchmark 3 was met, with increases in the HPV vaccination rate for both boys and girls compared with the baseline (Table 2.8.3).

Table 2.8.3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, Australian Capital Territory, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
ACT	Boys	80.64 (79.76 to 81.50)	88.91 (87.70 to 90.02)	8.27* (6.79 to 9.69)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	84.45 (83.62 to 85.25)	91.60 (90.46 to 92.61)	7.14* (5.76 to 8.46)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please refer to the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 4: Benchmark 4 was met, as the vaccination coverage rates for 4 of the 4 nominated low coverage SA3 geographic areas have maintained or exceeded the baseline (Table 2.8.4).

Table 2.8.4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, Australian Capital Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
ACT	Belconnen	94.87 (93.49 to 95.97)	96.23 (94.97 to 97.18)	1.36 (-0.31 to 3.04)	✓	✓	YES
	South Canberra	92.28 (88.49 to 94.90)	92.69 (88.87 to 95.27)	0.41 (-4.23 to 5.03)	✓	✓	
	Tuggeranong	95.69 (94.37 to 96.72)	96.44 (95.17 to 97.39)	0.75 (-0.88 to 2.38)	✓	✓	
	Woden	93.54 (90.88 to 95.47)	96.76 (94.42 to 98.14)	3.22* (0.23 to 6.26)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- When assessing coverage of geographic areas with low numbers of children, small changes in the number of children being counted can impact coverage rates.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Benchmark 5: Benchmark 5 was met, with a wastage and leakage rate of less than 5% for previously assessed vaccines (Table 2.8.5). No new vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.

Table 2.8.5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, Australian Capital Territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
ACT	Previously assessed	2.52	-4.57*	-7.09	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

* The assessment results were less than zero when applying the methodology for calculation of performance against this Benchmark. Negative wastage and leakage results suggest that:

(a) more vaccines were administered in the reference period than were sent to vaccination providers in the reference period (i.e. existing doses in vaccination provider fridges at the start of the period may have contributed to the number of vaccines administered in the period in addition to doses sent to vaccination providers in the period); and/or

(b) the 3% adjustment factor applied in the methodology for calculation may overestimate the level of under-reporting of vaccinations to the AIR.

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rate is less than 5%.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus) and Tripacel (DTPa) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Milestone: ACT achieved the milestone requirement, with seasonal influenza vaccination rollout plan for the 2024 influenza season being provided by 11 March 2024.

Appendix A: Detailed benchmark specifications

Table A1: Benchmark 1—Maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63 month olds relative to the baseline

Measure	Change in the vaccination coverage rate for the 60–<63 month old cohort, calculated as the rate for the reference year minus the baseline rate.
Numerator	Number of children enrolled in Medicare aged 60–<63 months in the reference period who are recorded as 'fully vaccinated' on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).
Denominator	Number of children enrolled in Medicare aged 60–<63 months in the reference period who are registered on the AIR.
Calculation of assessment year rate	$100 \times (\text{numerator} \div \text{denominator})$
Calculation of baseline rate	The baseline is the pooled average coverage rate for the previous 3 years.
Reference period	12 months from 1 April to 31 March
Assessment criteria	- The benchmark is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate. - The assessment considers statistical uncertainties and random variation resulting from data quality issues in the AIR. The national target is considered met if the upper bound of the 95% variability band for the coverage rate in the assessment year includes or exceeds the national target. A jurisdiction is deemed to have maintained or exceeded the baseline if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment year is not statistically significantly below the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
Data source and considerations	- Data are sourced from the AIR. - Baseline coverage is calculated using data for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March. - Data used for the coverage assessment are for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March.
Other considerations	- Should the definition of 'fully immunised' change, the baseline may be reset following an independent review by an external body. - As at 1 April 2020, 'fully immunised' at 60 months of age is defined as a child having a record on the AIR of dose 4 or 5 of a diphtheria (D), tetanus (T) and pertussis (P)-containing vaccine; and dose 4 of a polio containing vaccine. Note that from 31 December 2017, the definition of 'fully immunised' at 60–<63 months of age changed, with MMR no longer being assessed. - Where a state or territory does not meet the performance benchmark and considers that this outcome is beyond its control because of exceptional circumstances, then the state or territory may present a case to the designated delegate outlining mitigating circumstances supported by appropriate evidence. Such circumstances may include unforeseen or isolated events (e.g. natural disasters). If it is determined upon consideration of the presented evidence that the exceptional circumstance(s) directly contributed to the state or territory not meeting the performance benchmark, then the state or territory will be deemed to have met the performance benchmark for the purpose of receiving the associated payment. Where exceptional events demonstrably have a national impact (including but not limited to pandemics, national vaccine supply shortages or changes to the National Immunisation Program schedule within a reporting period), the Commonwealth will consider available evidence on behalf of jurisdictions and make a determination to support fair performance assessment.

Table A2: Benchmark 2— Maintained or increased vaccination coverage rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in at least 2 of the following 3 cohorts, relative to the baseline: 12–<15 months; 24–<27 months; and 60–<63 months

Measure	Change in the vaccination coverage rate for each cohort, calculated as the rate for the reference year minus the baseline rate. Age cohorts for this benchmark are 12–<15 months, 24–<27 months and 60–<63 months.
Numerator	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrolled in Medicare in the relevant age cohort in the reference period who are recorded as 'fully vaccinated' on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).
Denominator	Number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrolled in Medicare in the relevant age cohort in the reference period who are registered on the AIR.
Calculation of assessment year rate	100 x (numerator ÷ denominator), for each age cohort
Calculation of baseline rate	For each reference period, the baseline is the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years, for the relevant age cohort.
Reference period	12 months from 1 April to 31 March
Assessment criteria	- The benchmark is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate, for at least 2 of the 3 age cohorts. - The assessment considers statistical uncertainties and random variation resulting from data quality issues in the AIR. The national target is considered met if the upper bound of the 95% variability band for the coverage rate in the assessment year includes or exceeds the national target. A jurisdiction is deemed to have maintained or exceeded the baseline if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment year is not statistically significantly below the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
Data source and considerations	- Data are sourced from the AIR. - Baseline coverage is calculated using data for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March. - Data used for the coverage assessment are for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March.
Other considerations	- Should the definition of 'fully immunised' change, the baseline may be reset following an independent review by an external body. - As at 1 April 2020: 'fully immunised' at 12 months of age is defined as a child having a record on the AIR of dose 3 of a DTP-containing vaccine; dose 3 of polio vaccine; dose 2 or 3 <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib) containing vaccine depending on pathway; dose 3 of hepatitis B (hepB) vaccine; and dose 3 of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (13vPCV). 'fully immunised' at 24 months of age is defined as a child having a record on the AIR of dose 4 of a DTP-containing vaccine; dose 3 of polio vaccine; dose 3 or 4 of Hib containing vaccine depending on pathway; dose 3 of hepatitis B vaccine; dose 2 of a measles, mumps and rubella-containing (MMR) vaccine; dose 1 of meningococcal C (MenC) vaccine; and dose 1 of varicella vaccine. 'fully immunised' at 60 months of age is defined as a child having a record on the AIR of dose 4 or 5 of a DTP-containing vaccine; and dose 4 of a polio containing vaccine. Note that from 31 December 2017, the definition of 'fully immunised' at 60–<63 months of age changed, with MMR no longer being assessed.

	Where a state or territory does not meet the performance benchmark and considers that this outcome is beyond its control because of exceptional circumstances, then the state or territory may present a case to the designated delegate outlining mitigating circumstances supported by appropriate evidence. Such circumstances may include unforeseen or isolated events (e.g. natural disasters). If it is determined upon consideration of the presented evidence that the exceptional circumstance(s) directly contributed to the state or territory not meeting the performance benchmark, then the state or territory will be deemed to have met the performance benchmark for the purpose of receiving the associated payment. Where exceptional events demonstrably have a national impact (including but not limited to pandemics, national vaccine supply shortages or changes to the National Immunisation Program schedule within a reporting period), the Commonwealth will consider available evidence on behalf of jurisdictions and make a determination to support fair performance assessment.
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Table A3: Benchmark 3—An increase in the vaccination coverage rates for both adolescent boys and adolescent girls for HPV, relative to the baseline

Measure	Change in the HPV vaccination coverage rate for adolescent girls and for adolescent boys, calculated as the rate for the reference year minus the baseline rate.
Numerator	For boys and for girls, the number of adolescents aged 15 years in the reference period who are recorded as 'fully vaccinated' for HPV on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) in the reference period.
Denominator	For boys and for girls, the number of adolescents enrolled in Medicare aged 15 years in the reference period who are registered on the AIR.
Calculation of assessment year rate	$100 \times (\text{numerator} \div \text{denominator})$, for boys and for girls.
Calculation of baseline rate	For each reference period, the baseline is the average coverage rate for the previous three years, based on 2-dose HPV vaccination coverage.
Reference period	12 months from 1 January to 31 December
Assessment criteria	• This benchmark will be deemed to have been fully met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate for both boys and girls. • The benchmark will be deemed to have been partly met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate for either boys or girls. • The assessment considers statistical uncertainties and random variation resulting from data quality issues in the AIR. The national target is considered met if the upper bound of the 95% variability band for the coverage rate in the assessment year includes or exceeds the national target. A jurisdiction is deemed to have maintained or exceeded the baseline if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment year is not statistically significantly below the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
Data source and considerations	• Data are sourced from the AIR. • Baseline coverage is calculated using data for the period 1 January to 31 December and processed at 31 December. • Data used for the coverage assessment are for the period 1 January to 31 December and processed at 31 December.
Other considerations	• Should the definition of 'fully immunised' change, the baseline may be reset following an independent review by an external body. • From February 2023, HPV vaccines were administered as a single-dose vaccine rather than a two-dose vaccine.. • Where a state or territory does not meet the performance benchmark and considers that this outcome is beyond its control because of exceptional circumstances, then the state or territory may present a case to the designated delegate outlining mitigating circumstances supported by appropriate evidence. Such circumstances may include unforeseen or isolated events (e.g. natural disasters). If it is determined upon consideration of the presented evidence that the exceptional circumstance(s) directly contributed to the state or territory not meeting the performance benchmark, then the state or territory will be deemed to have met the performance benchmark for the purpose of receiving the associated payment. Where exceptional events demonstrably have a national impact (including but not limited to pandemics, national vaccine supply shortages or changes to the National Immunisation Program schedule within a reporting period), the Commonwealth will consider available evidence on behalf of jurisdictions and make a determination to support fair performance assessment.

Table A4: Benchmark 4—An increase in vaccination coverage rates for 60–<63 month olds in 4 of the 10 lowest vaccination coverage SA3 geographical areas, relative to the baseline

Measure	- Change in the vaccination coverage rate for the 60–<63 month old cohort in each selected SA3 geographic area, calculated as the rate for the reference year minus the baseline rate. - Jurisdictions will notify the Commonwealth by 1 September of each reference year of the 4 nominated SA3 geographic areas to be targeted.
Numerator	For each SA3 geographic area, the number of resident children aged 60–<63 months in the reference period who are recorded as 'fully vaccinated' on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) in the reference period.
Denominator	For each geographic area, the number of resident children aged 60–<63 months in the reference period who are registered on the AIR.
Calculation of assessment year rate	100 x (numerator ÷ denominator), for each geographic area.
Calculation of baseline rate	For each reference period, the baseline is the coverage rate for the previous 12 month period.
Reference period	12 months from 1 April to 31 March
Assessment criteria	- This benchmark will be deemed to have been fully met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate for all of the selected SA3 geographic areas. - The benchmark will be deemed to have been partly met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline rate for some of the selected SA3 geographic areas. - The assessment considers statistical uncertainties and random variation resulting from data quality issues in the AIR. The national target is considered met if the upper bound of the 95% variability band for the coverage rate in the assessment year includes or exceeds the national target. A jurisdiction is deemed to have maintained or exceeded the baseline if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment year is not statistically significantly below the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
Data source and considerations	- Data are sourced from the AIR. - Baseline coverage is calculated using data for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March. - Data used for the coverage assessment are for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March.
Other considerations	- For the purposes of this benchmark, a geographic area of low coverage is included if it is in the 10 lowest SA3 geographic areas with coverage below 95% in the relevant jurisdiction. - Should the definition of 'fully immunised' change, the baseline may be reset following an independent review by an external body. - As at 1 April 2020, 'fully immunised' at 60 months of age is defined as a child having a record on the AIR of dose 4 or 5 of a DTP-containing vaccine; and dose 4 of a polio containing vaccine. Note that from 31 December 2017, the definition of 'fully immunised' at 60–<63 months of age changed, with MMR no longer being assessed.

	Where a state or territory does not meet the performance benchmark and considers that this outcome is beyond its control because of exceptional circumstances, then the state or territory may present a case to the designated delegate outlining mitigating circumstances supported by appropriate evidence. Such circumstances may include unforeseen or isolated events (e.g. natural disasters). If it is determined upon consideration of the presented evidence that the exceptional circumstance(s) directly contributed to the state or territory not meeting the performance benchmark, then the state or territory will be deemed to have met the performance benchmark for the purpose of receiving the associated payment. Where exceptional events demonstrably have a national impact (including but not limited to pandemics, national vaccine supply shortages or changes to the National Immunisation Program schedule within a reporting period), the Commonwealth will consider available evidence on behalf of jurisdictions and make a determination to support fair performance assessment.
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Table A5: Benchmark 5—An annual decrease in the wastage and leakage rate for agreed vaccines, relative to the baseline

Measure	Change in the wastage and leakage rate for NIP vaccines provided to children, calculated as the rate for the reference year minus the baseline rate.
Numerator	Number of NIP vaccines lost to wastage and leakage in the reference period, calculated as $A - (B \times 1.03) - C$ where: A = number of vaccines distributed to providers in the reference period B = number of vaccines reported as given to children under 10 years of age during the reference period C = number of vaccines reported as wasted due to unavoidable circumstances during the reference period
Denominator	Number of vaccines distributed to providers in the reference period.
Calculation of assessment year rate	$100 \times (\text{numerator} \div \text{denominator})$
Calculation of baseline rate	For each reference period, the baseline is the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12 month period, or 5%, whichever is greater. For newly introduced vaccines, a baseline of 10% will be applied.
Reference period	12 months from 1 April to 31 March
Assessment criteria	• This benchmark will be deemed to have been met if there is a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate compared with the baseline. • Where a state or territory has achieved a wastage and leakage rate of 5% or lower, this benchmark will be deemed to have been met.
Data source and considerations	Data are sourced from States and Territories and from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). • Baseline coverage is calculated using data for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March. • Data used for the coverage assessment are for the period 1 April to 31 March and processed at 31 March.
Other considerations	• The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. • The wastage and leakage calculation discounts vaccines lost due to uncontrollable events such as natural disasters, power outages or refrigeration failures. States must provide reports that outline any known wastage that has occurred due to such events. • Where a new vaccine is added to the NIP for children only, a baseline of 10% wastage and leakage will be applied. • Analysis by State/Territory is based on postcode of residence of the child as recorded on the AIR. As children may receive vaccinations in locations other than where they live, this data does not necessarily reflect the location in which services were received. • The following vaccines are in scope of the seventh year of assessment: ○ Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib) – previously assessed ○ Infanrix (DTPa) – previously assessed ○ Tripacel (DTPa) – previously assessed ○ Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV) – previously assessed ○ Quadracel (DTPa-IPV) – previously assessed ○ Rotarix (Rotavirus) – previously assessed ○ Vaxta Paediatric (HepA) – previously assessed (NT, Qld, SA, WA only) • Note that data on ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix and Priorix-Tetra were excluded from the year 7 assessment as these antigens are available under the NIP for people aged 10 years and over. Data on Vaxelis were also excluded from the year 7 assessment.

	Where a state or territory does not meet the performance benchmark and considers that this outcome is beyond its control because of exceptional circumstances, then the state or territory may present a case to the designated delegate outlining mitigating circumstances supported by appropriate evidence. Such circumstances may include unforeseen or isolated events (e.g. natural disasters). If it is determined upon consideration of the presented evidence that the exceptional circumstance(s) directly contributed to the state or territory not meeting the performance benchmark, then the state or territory will be deemed to have met the performance benchmark for the purpose of receiving the associated payment. Where exceptional events demonstrably have a national impact (including but not limited to pandemics, national vaccine supply shortages or changes to the National Immunisation Program schedule within a reporting period), the Commonwealth will consider available evidence on behalf of jurisdictions and make a determination to support fair performance assessment.
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Appendix B: Summary of performance assessment data, by benchmark

Table B1: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 1—maintained or increased vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds, by state and territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VBs)	Baseline Met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	94.58 (94.50 to 94.66)	94.02 (93.87 to 94.17)	-0.56* (-0.73 to -0.39)	✗	✗	NO
Vic.	95.56 (95.48 to 95.64)	94.84 (94.68 to 94.99)	-0.72* (-0.89 to -0.54)	✗	✗	NO
Qld	94.11 (94.00 to 94.21)	92.75 (92.55 to 92.95)	-1.36* (-1.58 to -1.13)	✗	✗	NO
WA	93.70 (93.56 to 93.85)	92.87 (92.59 to 93.13)	-0.84* (-1.15 to -0.53)	✗	✗	NO
SA	95.67 (95.50 to 95.83)	95.04 (94.73 to 95.34)	-0.63* (-0.98 to -0.29)	✗	✓	YES
Tas.	94.59 (94.25 to 94.91)	94.09 (93.45 to 94.67)	-0.50 (-1.21 to 0.17)	✓	✗	YES
NT	93.97 (93.48 to 94.43)	91.98 (90.96 to 92.89)	-1.99* (-3.11 to -0.95)	✗	✗	NO
ACT	95.66 (95.35 to 95.95)	95.94 (95.37 to 96.44)	0.27 (-0.36 to 0.87)	✓	✓	YES

Notes

- Benchmark 1 is considered met if the vaccination coverage rate in the assessment period has met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Table B2: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 2—maintained or increased vaccination coverage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, by state and territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Cohort	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	12m–<15m	93.03 (92.45 to 93.56)	92.38 (91.77 to 92.96)	-0.64 (-1.46 to 0.17)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	91.24 (90.58 to 91.86)	90.74 (90.09 to 91.35)	-0.50 (-1.40 to 0.40)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	96.67 (96.22 to 97.07)	96.50 (96.04 to 96.91)	-0.17 (-0.78 to 0.44)	✓	✓	
Vic.	12m–<15m	92.16 (90.87 to 93.28)	91.84 (90.49 to 93.01)	-0.32 (-2.08 to 1.42)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	88.97 (87.40 to 90.36)	89.52 (88.07 to 90.81)	0.55 (-1.46 to 2.58)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	95.57 (94.44 to 96.48)	95.27 (94.18 to 96.16)	-0.30 (-1.73 to 1.13)	✓	✓	
Qld	12m–<15m	90.00 (89.26 to 90.69)	90.12 (89.38 to 90.81)	0.12 (-0.89 to 1.13)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	88.99 (88.21 to 89.73)	89.30 (88.55 to 90.00)	0.30 (-0.75 to 1.36)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	95.60 (95.06 to 96.09)	95.30 (94.74 to 95.79)	-0.31 (-1.04 to 0.43)	✓	✓	
WA	12m–<15m	86.48 (85.11 to 87.73)	84.94 (83.49 to 86.27)	-1.54 (-3.46 to 0.37)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	81.06 (79.52 to 82.51)	81.89 (80.39 to 83.30)	0.83 (-1.26 to 2.92)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	93.82 (92.82 to 94.70)	93.83 (92.82 to 94.70)	0.00 (-1.33 to 1.34)	✓	✗	
SA	12m–<15m	91.11 (89.33 to 92.61)	88.97 (86.97 to 90.70)	-2.13 (-4.65 to 0.34)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	88.97 (86.92 to 90.74)	88.34 (86.38 to 90.05)	-0.63 (-3.28 to 2.04)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	95.76 (94.35 to 96.82)	95.60 (94.22 to 96.67)	-0.16 (-1.91 to 1.61)	✓	✓	
Tas.	12m–<15m	94.55 (92.54 to 96.03)	95.28 (93.34 to 96.67)	0.73 (-1.71 to 3.18)	✓	✓	YES
	24m–<27m	93.18 (90.81 to 94.97)	93.67 (91.55 to 95.28)	0.48 (-2.29 to 3.35)	✓	✓	
	60m–<63m	97.35 (95.60 to 98.41)	95.94 (94.08 to 97.24)	-1.41 (-3.58 to 0.75)	✓	✓	
NT	12m–<15m	87.67 (85.65 to 89.45)	88.37 (86.36 to 90.11)	0.69 (-1.99 to 3.37)	✓	✗	YES
	24m–<27m	84.48 (82.23 to 86.50)	85.97 (83.85 to 87.86)	1.49 (-1.44 to 4.44)	✓	✗	
	60m–<63m	94.77 (93.30 to 95.94)	92.84 (91.17 to 94.22)	-1.93 (-3.98 to 0.08)	✓	✗	

Table B2 (continued)

ACT	12m–<15m	93.12 (88.96 to 95.79)	91.67 (86.89 to 94.81)	-1.45 (-6.96 to 3.77)	✓	*	YES
	24m–<27m	88.30 (82.92 to 92.14)	92.20 (87.87 to 95.07)	3.90 (-1.88 to 10.07)	✓	✓	
	60m–<63m	96.02 (92.02 to 98.06)	96.30 (92.55 to 98.19)	0.27 (-4.01 to 4.73)	✓	✓	

Notes

1. For each age cohort, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the lowest coverage rate from the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 2 is considered met if two or more age cohorts meet the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
2. * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
3. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
4. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Table B3: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 3—increasing HPV vaccination coverage for adolescent boys and girls, by state and territory, 2023

Jurisdiction	Sex	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	Boys	75.40 (75.18 to 75.61)	84.33 (84.02 to 84.64)	8.93* (8.55 to 9.31)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	78.41 (78.20 to 78.62)	87.58 (87.29 to 87.86)	9.17* (8.81 to 9.53)	✓	✗	
Vic.	Boys	77.26 (77.02 to 77.50)	84.64 (84.29 to 84.98)	7.38* (6.96 to 7.80)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	81.17 (80.94 to 81.40)	86.82 (86.48 to 87.15)	5.65* (5.24 to 6.05)	✓	✗	
Qld	Boys	74.58 (74.32 to 74.84)	80.89 (80.48 to 81.28)	6.30* (5.82 to 6.78)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	77.68 (77.42 to 77.93)	83.21 (82.81 to 83.59)	5.53* (5.06 to 6.00)	✓	✗	
WA	Boys	73.21 (72.83 to 73.58)	83.99 (83.45 to 84.51)	10.78* (10.13 to 11.42)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	74.80 (74.42 to 75.18)	84.87 (84.34 to 85.39)	10.07* (9.41 to 10.71)	✓	✗	
SA	Boys	68.37 (67.85 to 68.88)	82.14 (81.41 to 82.85)	13.77* (12.89 to 14.65)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	71.99 (71.48 to 72.49)	84.55 (83.85 to 85.23)	12.56* (11.70 to 13.41)	✓	✗	
Tas.	Boys	71.61 (70.72 to 72.48)	80.80 (79.46 to 82.08)	9.19* (7.60 to 10.75)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	76.23 (75.37 to 77.07)	85.02 (83.76 to 86.20)	8.78* (7.27 to 10.25)	✓	✗	
NT	Boys	68.65 (67.32 to 69.95)	75.74 (73.57 to 77.78)	7.09* (4.57 to 9.53)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	75.47 (74.21 to 76.68)	84.48 (82.57 to 86.21)	9.01* (6.75 to 11.16)	✓	✗	
ACT	Boys	80.64 (79.76 to 81.50)	88.91 (87.70 to 90.02)	8.27* (6.79 to 9.69)	✓	✗	YES
	Girls	84.45 (83.62 to 85.25)	91.60 (90.46 to 92.61)	7.14* (5.76 to 8.46)	✓	✗	

Notes

- For boys or girls, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of pooled average coverage rate over the previous 3 years. Please see the "Assessing performance" section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 3 is deemed met if both boys and girls have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Table B4: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 4—increasing vaccination coverage for 60–<63 month olds in low coverage areas, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	SA3	Baseline (95% VB)	Result (95% VB)	Change (95% VB)	Baseline met	National target met	Benchmark met
NSW	Eastern Suburbs South	90.64 (88.97 to 92.08)	91.10 (89.47 to 92.50)	0.46 (-1.71 to 2.65)	✓	✗	YES
	Manly	91.56 (88.76 to 93.72)	91.13 (88.15 to 93.42)	-0.43 (-4.12 to 3.20)	✓	✗	
	Auburn	91.48 (89.78 to 92.92)	91.73 (90.01 to 93.17)	0.26 (-1.99 to 2.49)	✓	✗	
	Kempsey-Nambucca	91.05 (88.43 to 93.13)	89.93 (87.12 to 92.18)	-1.13 (-4.63 to 2.34)	✓	✗	
Vic.	Boroondara	92.19 (90.72 to 93.43)	93.87 (92.52 to 94.99)	1.68 (-0.15 to 3.53)	✓	✗	YES
	Manningham – West	93.41 (91.73 to 94.77)	94.37 (92.71 to 95.67)	0.96 (-1.18 to 3.09)	✓	✓	
	Monash	93.62 (92.41 to 94.66)	93.96 (92.72 to 95.00)	0.33 (-1.28 to 1.94)	✓	✓	
	Whitehorse – West	92.80 (91.06 to 94.21)	95.88 (94.42 to 96.97)	3.09 (1.06 to 5.15)	✓	✓	
Qld	Coolangatta	89.23 (86.46 to 91.49)	86.43 (83.56 to 88.86)	-2.80 (-6.47 to 0.88)	✓	✗	YES
	Broadbeach – Burleigh	90.33 (87.90 to 92.31)	89.10 (86.53 to 91.23)	-1.23 (-4.48 to 2.00)	✓	✗	
	Buderim	90.15 (87.62 to 92.21)	90.22 (87.68 to 92.28)	0.06 (-3.21 to 3.33)	✓	✗	
	Nambour-Pomona	..	..	..	..	..	
WA	Albany	90.82 (88.53 to 92.70)	91.97 (89.65 to 93.81)	1.15 (-1.84 to 4.10)	✓	✗	YES
	Stirling	92.01 (90.90 to 92.99)	93.02 (91.93 to 93.97)	1.01 (-0.46 to 2.48)	✓	✗	
	Mundaring	90.42 (87.59 to 92.66)	89.77 (86.86 to 92.09)	-0.65 (-4.33 to 3.01)	✓	✗	
	Gascoyne	..	..	..	..	..	
SA	Campbelltown	94.67 (92.50 to 96.24)	96.04 (94.07 to 97.37)	1.36 (-1.14 to 3.93)	✓	✓	YES
	Norwood/Payneham/St Peters	94.34 (91.23 to 96.39)	96.31 (93.66 to 97.88)	1.97 (-1.36 to 5.49)	✓	✓	
	West Torrens	94.34 (92.20 to 95.92)	93.96 (91.71 to 95.62)	-0.39 (-3.14 to 2.33)	✓	✓	
	Marion	94.08 (92.48 to 95.35)	96.55 (95.26 to 97.50)	2.47* (0.67 to 4.34)	✓	✓	

Table B4 (continued)

Tas.	Huon – Bruny Island	86.86 (81.96 to 90.59)	90.18 (85.58 to 93.42)	3.31 (-2.60 to 9.26)	✓	✗	YES
	West Coast	92.00 (87.02 to 95.17)	95.48 (91.34 to 97.69)	3.48 (-1.69 to 9.01)	✓	✓	
	Hobart – North East	94.48 (92.48 to 95.97)	96.60 (94.91 to 97.75)	2.13 (-0.11 to 4.45)	✓	✓	
	Launceston	93.35 (91.55 to 94.79)	94.65 (93.03 to 95.91)	1.30 (-0.86 to 3.51)	✓	✓	
NT	Litchfield	93.00 (88.59 to 95.78)	93.68 (89.04 to 96.43)	0.68 (-4.75 to 5.92)	✓	✗	PARTLY
	Alice Springs	93.38 (90.75 to 95.29)	89.40 (86.23 to 91.91)	-3.97* (-7.71 to -0.36)	✗	✗	
	East Arnhem	94.04 (89.06 to 96.83)	93.70 (88.06 to 96.77)	-0.34 (-6.68 to 5.56)	✓	✓	
	Palmerston	94.11 (92.05 to 95.66)	93.71 (91.45 to 95.40)	-0.40 (-3.15 to 2.27)	✓	✓	
ACT	Belconnen	94.87 (93.49 to 95.97)	96.23 (94.97 to 97.18)	1.36 (-0.31 to 3.04)	✓	✓	YES
	South Canberra	92.28 (88.49 to 94.90)	92.69 (88.87 to 95.27)	0.41 (-4.23 to 5.03)	✓	✓	
	Tuggeranong	95.69 (94.37 to 96.72)	96.44 (95.17 to 97.39)	0.75 (-0.88 to 2.38)	✓	✓	
	Woden	93.54 (90.88 to 95.47)	96.76 (94.42 to 98.14)	3.22* (0.23 to 6.26)	✓	✓	

Notes

- For each SA3 area, this benchmark is considered met if vaccination coverage rates in the assessment period have met the national target of 95%, or if the vaccination coverage rate has maintained or exceeded the baseline of the coverage rate from the previous year. Please see the “Assessing performance” section for more information on assessment methodology. Overall, benchmark 4 is considered fully met if all 4 selected SA3s have met the benchmark. Please note that the assessment method used in this report is different to the method used for previous reports and therefore the data are not comparable.
- * indicates statistically significant change from the baseline at the 0.05 significance level.
- The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- The SA3s Nambour-Pomona and Gascoyne were not assessed due to changes between the 2011 and 2016/2021 ASGS standards and the use of different standards for quarters within the reference period.
- Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.

Source: AIHW analysis of AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Table B5: Assessment against EVS Benchmark 5—decreasing wastage and leakage rates, by state and territory, 2023–24

Jurisdiction	Vaccine status	Baseline (%)	Result (%)	Change (percentage points)	2023–24 result less than 5%	Decrease achieved	Benchmark met
NSW	Previously assessed	4.13	3.73	-0.40	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
Vic.	Previously assessed	3.28	1.43	-1.85	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
Qld	Previously assessed	4.16	-3.92*	-8.09	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
WA	Previously assessed	2.32	-0.31*	-2.63	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
SA	Previously assessed	3.52	1.47	-2.05	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
Tas.	Previously assessed	4.54	0.60	-3.94	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
NT	Previously assessed	5.89	1.07	-4.82	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	
ACT	Previously assessed	2.52	-4.57*	-7.09	✓	✓	YES
	Newly assessed	10.00	..	..	..	..	

* The assessment results were less than zero when applying the methodology for calculation of performance against this Benchmark. Negative wastage and leakage results suggest that:

(a) more vaccines were administered in the reference period than were sent to vaccination providers in the reference period (i.e. existing doses in vaccination provider fridges at the start of the period may have contributed to the number of vaccines administered in the period in addition to doses sent to vaccination providers in the period); and/or

(b) the 3% adjustment factor applied in the methodology for calculation may overestimate the level of under-reporting of vaccinations to the AIR.

Notes

1. This benchmark is deemed to have been met if, for *both* vaccine status categories, a decrease in the wastage and leakage rate is achieved, compared with the baseline of the wastage and leakage rate for the previous 12-month period (or 10% for newly assessed vaccines), or if the wastage and leakage rates is less than 5%. No newly assessed vaccines were included in the assessment for the 2023–24 reference period.
2. The reference period for this benchmark is 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
3. Change shown may not exactly equal difference between result and baseline due to rounding.
4. Both baseline and year 7 results include data for the Infanrix (DTPa), Infanrix Hexa (DTPa-hepB-IPV-Hib), Infanrix IPV (DTPa-IPV), Quadracel (DTPa-IPV), Rotarix (Rotavirus), Tripacel (DTPa) and Vaxta Paediatric (HepA) (NT, QLD, SA, WA only) antigens.
5. Both baseline and year 7 results exclude data for the ActHIB, Prevenar 13, Nimenrix, MMR II, ProQuad, Priorix, Priorix-Tetra and Vaxelis antigens.
6. The wastage and leakage calculation includes an adjustment factor of 3% to account for potential under-reporting of immunisations to the AIR. Refer to Appendix Table A5 for details.

Source: AIHW analysis of wastage and leakage data supplied by the states and territories, and AIR data supplied by the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Abbreviations

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AIR	Australian Immunisation Register
DTP	diphtheria—tetanus—pertussis
EVS	Essential Vaccines Schedule, Federation Funding Agreement – Health
HepB	hepatitis B
HIB	<i>haemophilus influenzae</i> type b
HPV	human papillomavirus
MenC	meningococcal serogroup C
MMR	measles—mumps—rubella
NIP	National Immunisation Program
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
PB	performance benchmark
Pneumo	pneumococcal
Qld	Queensland
SA	South Australia
SA3	Statistical Area 3 as per Australian Statistical Geography Standard 2016
Tas.	Tasmania
VB	variability band
Vic.	Victoria
WA	Western Australia

Symbols

Symbol Definition

..	no data/insufficient data
– (minus)	negative or minus values
–<	to less than

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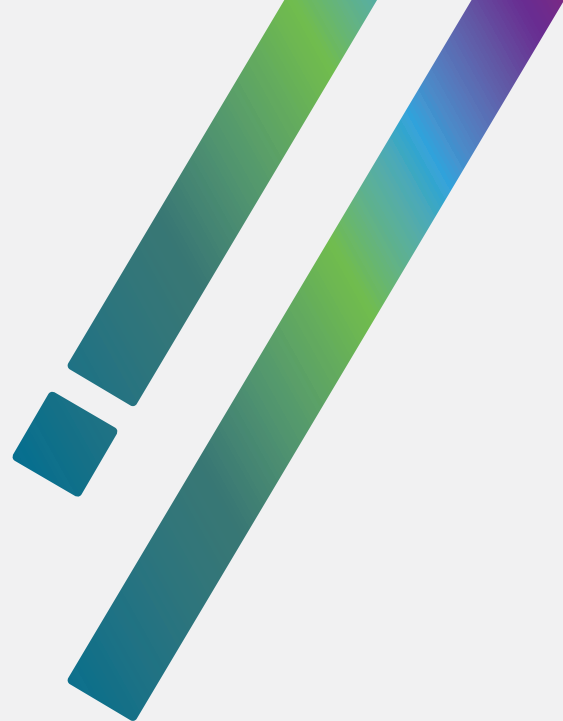
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