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Schedule 3.3

Cabinet Direction

- That there be further discussions to develop formal collaboration between MSHR and the University, such that full financial, workforce development and research benefits are realised in the Territory's best interests.

Issues

Consequent upon the Cabinet direction, the key issues to be addressed are:

- The nature of the relationship, academically, structurally and financially;
- How far academic autonomy initiative can be underwritten in the legislation;
- The advantages and disadvantages of workforce integration;
- How to ensure that the NT becomes eligible for infrastructure research training and other Commonwealth research funding through MSHR’s relationship with the University; and
- Means of ensuring that research outcomes from MSHR are translated into undergraduate and postgraduate courses within the University.
- How to make an the MSHR/NTU relationship perform more effectively

Strategies

The parties agree the strategies they will employ are:

- Give all possible assistance to the working party established by the Board of Governors of MSHR on 2nd April 2003, insisting that the timetable be adhered to;
- Establish clear and productive lines of communication;
- Express the core relationship in the legislation for Charles Darwin University;
- Design input mechanisms to enrich undergraduate programs such as ‘traineeships using an apprenticeship model for outstanding students in biomedical science; /, membership on course advisory panels and seminars; and
- Develop an environment where the staff of the two existing institutions can collaborate productively.
Performance Indicators (national and regional indicators to be developed through negotiation)

The parties agree the indicators to be used are:

- Advice to Cabinet on the outcomes of the 2nd working party established by MSHR Board of Governors is submitted according to the agreed timeframe.
- Staff from the University and MSHR are aware of relevant mutual issues, activities and outcomes.
- The nature of the relationship between MSHR and the University is expressed in the Charles Darwin University Act.
- The MSHR reaches a target of 1:4 leverage on a maintained NTG investment within a three-year period. (If this is not achieved the reasons need to be elucidated)
- At MSHR, the number of:
  - Research staff employed,
  - New staff attracted,
  - PhD and MPH students hosted, and CDU undergraduates entering the Biomedical program