

## Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template explanatory note

The National Science Challenges Contract will form the basis of the contract for Food Safety Centre funding. Amendments to that contract are needed to reflect the unique nature of the Food Safety Centre investment. It is expected that the successful Collaboration will have its own unique contract.

The Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template provided is the National Science Challenges Contract with amendments which it is envisaged will apply to the funding. These amendments are shaded in yellow and include the changes to the Science Investment Contract template that have been made in the National Science Challenges Contract template.

Upon receipt of proposals, the Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template will be adapted to ensure the responsibility of the Collaboration for delivering the Objective and the outcomes as set out in the Gazette notice and the Request for Proposal.

The Challenge Programme Agreement in the National Science Challenges Contract will be called a Centre Programme Agreement (“CPA”) and the resulting terminology changes are made throughout the Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template. Where an amendment is purely a terminology change it hasn’t been shaded. Only the substantive changes are shaded. The CPA will include the 5 year detailed research plan as set out in your proposal.

Please note some other terminology has changed. As with the National Science Challenges Contract, Critical Performance Indicators will be Key Performance Indicators. Critical steps, milestones, outcomes and impact statements are used in their natural meaning and not as defined terms as in the Science Investment Contract.

As part of your proposal you may identify any of the shaded amendments which you believe aren’t applicable to your proposal and give reasons for that view. The Science Board will consider your views when it sets the terms and conditions of any funding it grants for the Food Safety Centre.

Your unique governance structure as outlined in your proposal will need to be added to this Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template when the Science Board makes its funding decisions. In the Food Safety Centre Investment Contract template there are italicised placeholders identifying where the contract will need customising to reflect a proposal that is approved for funding. These specific amendments will be based on the proposal and will be considered by MBIE on instructions from the Science Board, who set the terms and conditions of funding. The placeholder clauses are clauses such as clause 2 Conditions Precedent, clause 7 Governance of Contractor, clause 8 Compliance with Collaboration Agreement, and Schedule 1.