

Web appendix 3: Estimated additional costs due to AVERT team births

Cost items	Units	Number of birth episodes ^a	Number of sites affected	Units per Site ^b	Total additional time	Unit cost (AUD) ^c	Total cost (AUD)
Recruitment time							
- Additional recruitment time	months	116		2	232	2616.6 ^d	607,051
- Additional training time	hours	116		2.5	290	60	17,400
Site closures							
- Administration time associated with closure of sites	hours		6	3	18	45	810
- Project management time associated with closure of sites	hours		6	7	42	60	2,520
Site openings							
- Administration time associated with opening of new sites	hours		6	12	72	45	3,240
- Project management time	hours		6	32	192	60	11,520
- Additional administration time associated with training	hours		6	16	96	45	4,320
- Additional onsite staff time in training new staff	hours		6	30	180	36	6,480
- Travel and face-face visits	visit		6			500	3,000
- Ethics submissions	submission		6			1,500	9,000
Total costs							AUD665,341
Average costs per birth episode							AUD5,736

^a Takes into account multiple births

^b Number of units sourced from AVERT Central (Australia) records

^c Unit costs estimated from AVERT records

^d Obtained by dividing the total project cost by the total number of observed recruitment months (2376)