
AGREEMENT ON THE CONSERVATION OF ALBATROSSES AND PETRELS

Resolution 8.7

Agreement Budget 2026 - 2028

Adopted by the Eighth Session of the Meeting of the Parties, Dunedin, New Zealand,
19 - 23 May 2025

Recalling that Article VIII(8) of the Agreement requires the Meeting of the Parties, at each of its ordinary Sessions, to adopt a budget for the next financial period;

Recalling also that Article VII(2)(a) of the Agreement requires decisions relating to the budget and any scale of contributions to be adopted by the Meeting of the Parties by consensus, having regard to the differing resources of the Parties;

Noting that Resolution 1.3 adopted at the first Session of the Meeting of the Parties agreed to give consideration to amending the Scale of Contributions;

Further recalling that Resolution 7.5 adopted at the Seventh Session of the Meeting of the Parties adopted a scale of contributions formula and Budget for 2023 - 2025;

Bearing in mind Resolution 8.2, Secretariat Work Programme 2026 - 2028, and Resolution 8.4, Advisory Committee Work Programme 2026 - 2028;

The Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels

Decides:

1. to adopt the 2026 - 2028 Budget set out in Appendix A;
2. to adopt the scale of contributions formula set out in Appendix B to calculate the contributions for existing Parties;
3. that in the financial years 2026, 2027 and 2028, the core budget shall be based on fixed annual payments from the Parties, as set out in Appendix C;
4. that the accession of any Party to the Agreement during an intersessional period will not result in the recalculation of the fixed annual payments for any other Party prior to the next Session of the Meeting of the Parties;
5. that the budget is to be allocated on a functional basis into four appropriations as follows:

Appropriation 1 – Operation of the Secretariat

Appropriation 2 – Meetings of the Parties

Appropriation 3 – Meetings of the Advisory Committee

Appropriation 4 – Advisory Committee Work Programme;

6. that Parties should pay any outstanding contributions as soon as possible;
7. that all contributions shall be paid in Australian dollars (AUD);
8. that a working capital shall be maintained at a constant level of AUD 100,000;
9. that the Advisory Committee shall keep the status of the General Fund and other funds drawn up in accordance with the Agreement under regular review;
10. that additional funds which become available should other States accede to the Agreement during the 2026 - 2028 triennium will be allocated toward the Special Fund, consistent with Financial Regulation 5.4.

Urges:

all Parties consider making voluntary contributions to the Special Fund to support the activities of the Agreement.

Invites:

non-Party Range States, governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental organisations and other agencies to consider contributing to the Special Fund or to specific activities.

Requests:

the Secretariat to make best endeavours to seek external funding and to identify innovative mechanisms to reduce costs.

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Agreement Budget 2026 – 2028

Ref. No	Description	2026	2027	2028
1. INCOME				
	Contributions from Parties	926,230	940,123	954,225
	Interest on funds	20,000	20,300	20,605
	Tax refunds	15,889	16,127	16,369
	MoU - Tasmanian Government	28,659	29,089	29,525
	Total Income	990,778	1,005,639	1,020,724

2. EXPENDITURE

APPROPRIATION 1 - SECRETARIAT

Employee salaries

1.1.1	Salaries – Executive Secretary	173,328	175,928	178,567
1.1.2	Superannuation	20,799	21,111	21,428
1.1.3	Recruitment Costs	0	0	0
1.1.4	Salaries - Science Officer	125,246	127,125	129,032
1.1.5	Superannuation	15,030	15,255	15,484
1.1.6	Workers Compensation	4,500	4,568	4,637
	Total Salaries	338,903	343,987	349,148

Employee expenses

1.2.1	Accommodation	14,408	14,624	14,843
1.2.2	Airfares	36,021	36,561	37,109
1.2.3	Travel Allowances	15,358	15,588	15,822
1.2.4	Travel Insurance	1,405	1,426	1,447
1.2.5	Consultants	50,000	50,000	50,000
1.2.6	Relocation expense (staff)	0	0	0
1.2.8	General insurance	2,033	2,063	2,094
1.2.9	Representation expenses	1,903	1,903	1,903
1.2.10	Other travel costs - visas	1,189	1,207	1,225
	Total Employee expenses	122,317	123,372	124,443

Operational costs

1.3.1	Office equipment /furniture	5,000	5,075	5,151
1.3.2	Office equipment maintenance	995	1,010	1,025
1.3.3	Office requisites - stationery	2,000	2,030	2,060
1.3.4	Publications /books	289	293	297
1.3.6	Printing and copying (PR material)	2,442	2,479	2,516
1.3.7	Telephones - telecommunications	3,108	3,155	3,202

Ref. No	Description	2026	2027	2028
1.3.8	Translations - correspondence	13,755	13,961	14,170
1.3.9	Postage	200	203	206
1.3.10	Freight/couriers	200	203	206
1.3.11	Light and power	3,336	3,386	3,437
1.3.12	Insurance property	1,865	1,893	1,921
1.3.14	Vehicle running costs	4,351	4,416	4,483
1.3.15	Cab charge - taxis	647	657	667
1.3.16	Parking	7,474	7,586	7,700
1.3.18	Staff training	2,041	2,072	2,103
1.3.19	Staff conferences / seminars	1,500	1,523	1,546
1.3.20	Bank charges	362	367	373
1.3.21	Bad and doubtful debts	395	401	407
1.3.22	Software purchase	3,232	3,280	3,329
1.3.23	Server lease	800	812	824
1.3.24	Outsourced IT services	2,509	2,547	2,585
1.3.25	Modifications to database	25,000	25,375	25,756
1.3.26	WAN Wireless network	1,467	1,489	1,511
1.3.27	Rent - ACAP office	37,855	38,423	38,999
1.3.28	Rates and water	0	0	0
1.3.29	Preventative maintenance	0	0	0
1.3.30	Office cleaning	300	305	310
	Total Office operational costs	121,123	122,941	124,783
TOTAL APPROPRIATION 1 - SECRETARIAT		582,343	590,300	598,374

APPROPRIATION 2 - MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES

Interpretation / Translation Costs

2.1.1	Simultaneous interpretation	0	0	57,024
2.1.2	Hire of interpretation equipment	0	0	41,479
2.1.3	Translation of documents	0	0	46,990
	Total Interpretation/Translation	0	0	145,493

Meeting support costs

2.2.1	Hire of venue (including catering)	0	0	20,737
2.2.2	Hire/purchase of equipment	0	0	13,824
2.2.3	Support staff	0	0	39,946
2.2.4	Printing of documents/report	0	0	9,504
	Total Meeting support costs	0	0	84,011

Sponsorship

2.3.1	Sponsorship - experts	0	0	31,628
	Total Sponsorship costs	0	0	31,628

Ref. No	Description	2026	2027	2028
TOTAL APPROPRIATION 2 - MOP		0	0	261,132
APPROPRIATION 3 - ADVISORY COMMITTEE				
Interpretation / Translation Costs				
3.1.1	Simultaneous interpretation	59,705	60,601	0
3.1.2	Hire of interpretation equipment	53,300	49,440	0
3.1.3	Translation of meeting documents	33,385	33,886	0
	Total Interpretation	146,390	143,927	0
Venue and meeting support costs				
3.2.1	Hire of venue (including catering)	31,601	32,075	0
3.2.2	Hire/purchase of equipment	2,872	2,915	0
3.2.3	Support staff	31,104	31,570	0
	Total Venue and meeting costs	65,577	66,560	0
Sponsorship				
3.3.1	Sponsorship of experts	22,390	22,726	0
	Sponsorship non-Party Range States	0	0	0
	Total sponsorship	22,390	22,726	0
Support for Advisory Committee Officials				
3.4.1	Support for AC Officials	34,050	34,561	0
	Total support	34,050	34,561	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION 3 - AC		268,407	267,775	0
APPROPRIATION 4 - AC WORK PROGRAMME				
	Support for Secondments	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Advisory Committee Work Programme	120,028	127,564	141,218
TOTAL APPROPRIATION 4 - AC WP		140,028	147,564	161,218
TOTAL AGREEMENT BUDGET		990,778	1,005,639	1,020,724

In addition, **\$306,842** from savings will be drawn on to support the budget as follows:

One-off allocations from savings in General Fund	2026 - 2028
1.3.25 Database migration/rebuild	75,000
Secretariat vehicle	35,000
Advisory Committee Work Programme	196,842

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Scale of Contributions Formulae

1. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget (currently [Resolution A/RES/79/249](#), issued on 31 December 2024) is less than or equal to 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated on the UN Scale of Assessment.

$$Contribution1 = \frac{UN\%}{\sum UN\%ACAP} * ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 1)

where: UN % is the calculated UN Scale of Assessment for a Party outlined in the United Nations Scale of Assessment for payment of annual contributions to the UN Budget (currently Resolution 79/249, 31 December 2024).

$\sum UN\%ACAP$ is the sum of the UN Scale of Assessment for all ACAP Parties outlined in UN Resolution 79/249; and

$ACAPBudget$ is the annual budget approved by the Meeting of the Parties.

2. For Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget (Resolution 79/249, 31 December 2024) is greater than 0.15%, annual contributions shall be calculated based on 50% GNI, and 50% GNI per capita, with no party paying more than 20% of the total ACAP Budget. It is calculated using the following equations:

$$Contribution2 = \left[\sum \left(\frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\%ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left(\frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\%ACAP} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right] \cdot (1 - \sum \%Contribution1) * ACAP Budget$$

(Equation 2)

where: GNI % is the Gross National Income for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

$\sum GNI\%ACAP$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

GNIpc% is the Gross National Income per capita for a Party that has a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%.

$\sum GNI\% ACAP$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have a Scale of Assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment that is greater than 0.15%; and

$\sum \%Contribution1$ is the total assessed contributions for Parties whose scale of assessment under the United Nations Scale of Assessment for the UN Budget is less than or equal to 0.15%: it is expressed as a percentage of the ACAP budget.

3. If the calculated percentage contribution for one or more parties resulting from Equation 2 exceeds 20%, the contribution for the Party/Parties is set at 20% of the annual budget, and the contribution for the residual Parties recalculated in one or more subsequent iterations of the following formula:

$$Contribution = \left[\sum \left(\frac{GNI\%}{\sum GNI\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right), \left(\frac{GNIpc\%}{\sum GNIpc\% ACAP < 20\%} \cdot 0.5 \right) \right]$$

$$\bullet \left(1 - [(0.20 \bullet Parties > 20\%) + (\sum \%Contribution1)] \right) \bullet ACAPBudget$$

(Equation 3)

where: $\sum GNI\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2.

$\sum GNIpc\% ACAP Parties < 20\%$ is the sum of the Gross National Incomes per capita for all ACAP Parties that have an assessed annual ACAP contribution < 20% in Equation 2.

$Parties > 20\%$ is the number of Parties that have an assessed contribution from Equation 2 or subsequent iterations of this equation that is >20% of the ACAP Budget.

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Parties' Assessed Contributions 2026 - 2028

Party	2026 Contributions (AUD)	2027 Contributions (AUD)	2028 Contributions (AUD)
Argentina	57,332	58,192	59,065
Australia	102,825	104,367	105,933
Brazil	115,571	117,304	119,064
Chile	42,580	43,219	43,867
Ecuador	3,871	3,929	3,988
France	144,977	147,152	149,359
New Zealand	54,080	54,891	55,714
Norway	111,087	112,753	114,444
Peru	8,635	8,764	8,896
South Africa	35,088	35,615	36,149
Spain	106,049	107,639	109,254
United Kingdom	139,432	141,524	143,646
Uruguay	4,704	4,775	4,847
TOTALS	926,230	940,123	954,225