

PIFS Management Plan Release

Apiary Industry Fund

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A copy of the revised management plans will be available on the PIRSA website following this meeting.



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A large number of bees are shown in flight around a white structure, possibly a beehive. In the foreground, a brown gutter is visible, with many bees crawling on it. The background is a blurred green field.

Acknowledgement of Country

Agenda

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1. About the Fund

The Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act permits the collection of contributions from industry to support industry development

Legislation

- Primary Industries Funding Scheme Act 1998
- 14 funds operating under the Act

- Grains x2
- Livestock x2
- Wine x 7
- Pork
- Apiary
- Citrus

- Each fund is established under its own regulations
- Each requires development of a 5-year management plan

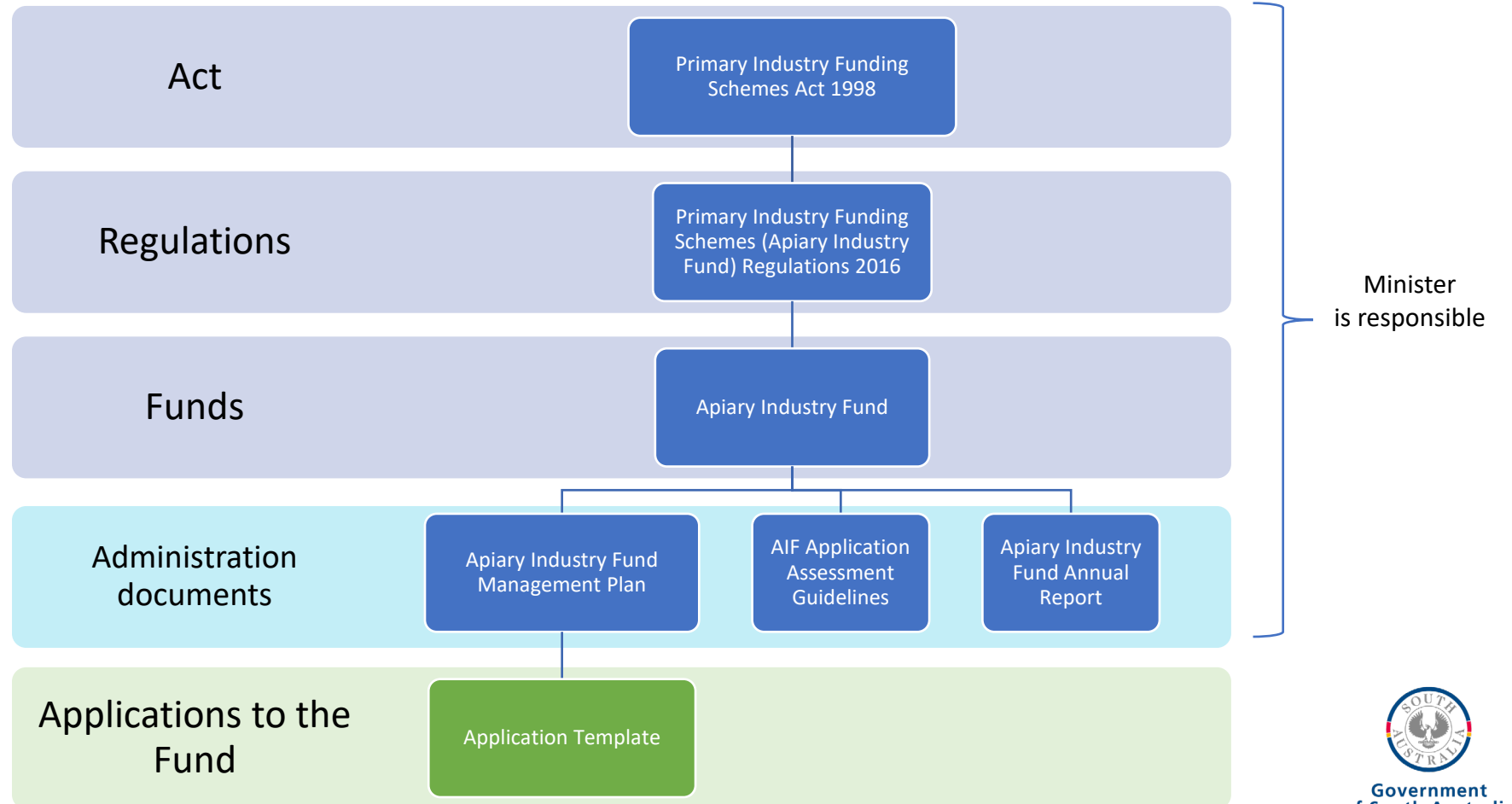


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1. About the Fund

Key documents



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1. About the Fund

Apiary Producer (Contributor)	Refunds (Contributor)	Minister / PIRSA (Administrator)	Consultation Committee & Fund Recipient
Registered beekeepers who keep 5 + hives must pay \$1 per hive to the Fund, when registering or renewing registration.	Applications can be made for a refund of contributions. After a refund, contributors are no longer entitled to any direct service or benefit from the fund for 2 years.	Processes contributions Processes requests for refunds Facilitates applications to the fund Makes payments from the fund Manages legislative and administrative requirements	Committee Consults with Industry on priorities for coming year Provides recommendations on applications for consideration to the Minister Fund Recipient Reporting schedule are negotiated with fund recipient Final reports on the project are reported to the Minister or delegate



2. Management Plan

- Management Plans are public documents.
- Provide the Funds Administrator (Minister) with directions on how the fund contributors want their funds managed.
- Must provide minimum details as required in the Primary Industry Funding Scheme Act 2008.
- Can cover other issues as required.
- These plans were drafted, consulted on with SAAA and BSSA and have been approved by Minister.



2a. Est. Contributions

- Estimated contribution income for the current year and the subsequent five financial years is outlined in Table 1.
- Forecasts are based on the number of registered hives in South Australia held by beekeepers with five or more hives at the time of registration

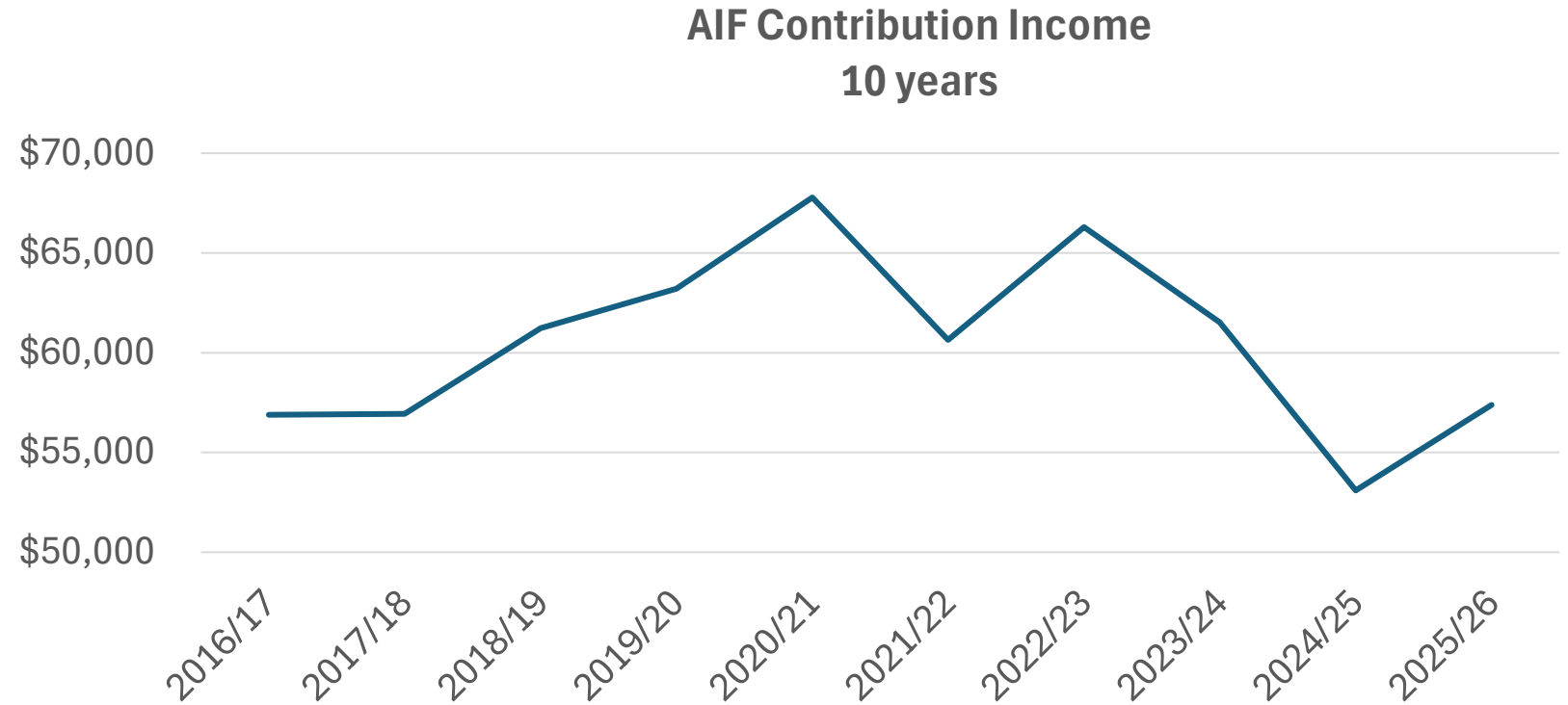
Table 1 – Contribution Rates and Estimated Contribution Income

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
Contribution rate (per hive)	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Est No of apiarists 5+ hives	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Estimated income	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000



2a. Est. Contributions

Historical income



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2b Investment of the Funds

- PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister
- Contributions are invested in an interest-bearing account in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- Interest paid on monies held is treated as income to the fund consistent with the regulations.



2c Purpose of the Funds

The Fund may be applied by the Minister for any of the following purposes:

- The undertaking of programs relating to the apiary industry or apiary products or any other aspect of the apiary industry that the Minister considers will benefit the apiary industry;
- Payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;
- Repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 5.



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2d Application of the Funds

Eligible activities must comply with the Regulations and this management plan.

Activities currently being considered for funding under this management plan include, but are not limited to;

- Funds to support the development of an Apiary Industry Strategic Plan (Blueprint)
- Funds to support the industry associations (SAAA/BSSA) in preparing for and/or responding to an exotic pest/disease biosecurity incursion within South Australia impacting the apiary industry.

Eligible activities will be assessed against the following criteria:

- benefit to the SA apiary industry
- direct benefit to fund contributors (beekeepers >5 hives)
- support from industry stakeholders
- value for money (cost of the program compared to the outcomes it will deliver)
- leverage of the fund
- innovation in program delivery
- the organisation's capability and capacity to undertake the program



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2e Payment of the Funds

- **Minister assesses and approves** applications in accordance with the Regulations and Management Plan.
- An **Assessment Committee** comprising representatives from **SAAA** and **BSSA** will review applications and provide recommendations to the Minister.
- **Funding agreements** will be executed with successful applicants.
- Approved projects will be **publicly announced** on the PIRSA Apiary Industry Fund webpage and, where appropriate, on the recipient organisation's website.



2e Payment of the Funds

Application Timeline

- Applications can be prepared at any time; however, applications will only be assessed once applications open.
- The following flow chart outlines the key dates within the application and project process.

Table 2 – Approximate timeframes for applications to fund

Timing (estimate)	Activity
1 March	Applications Open
30 March	Applications Close
15 April	Applications Assessed and advice provided to Minister
1 June	Applications approved and successful applicants notified
1 July	Projects commence and are managed as per funding agreement



3. Reporting

Success of the PIFS Funds relies on the transparency of how funds are spent.

1. Fund Annual Report to Parliament 2024-25

2. Industry report on Expenditure of Funds

- **Progress Report/s:** Report on progress of activities/projects aligned with agreed funding progress milestones.
- **Final Report:** provide a report within six weeks of the end of the funded project, which shows the activities carried out and/or outcomes achieved (against project objectives) with monies from the fund and include a statement of acquittal showing how funds were spent and identifying any unspent funds.



3. Reporting

2025/26 Expenditure

		2026	2025
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Contributions from industry	3.1	57 383	53 098
Interest	3.2	18 720	21 387
Total income		76 103	74 485
Expenses			
Refund of contributions		2 115	10 485
Supplies and services	4.1	80 982	6 578
Auditor's remuneration		5 000	6 000
Total expenses		88 097	23 063
Net result		(11 994)	51 422
Total comprehensive result		(11 994)	51 422

Fund Balance @ 30/06/2026 = \$539,346



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3. Reporting - Projects

Year	AIF Funded Projects
2025/26	Bee Biosecurity Officer \$63,260.69 Apiary Industry Blueprint ~\$5k/\$50,000 • + \$30,000 from PIRSA
2026/27	Apiary Industry Blueprint \$45k/\$50,000
Projects pending assessment*	Bee Biosecurity Officer (5-year proposal)



4. Next Steps

Management Plans

- Five-year Management Plan covering 2026-27 (to 2030-31).
- Published on the PIRSA website following the public meeting
- Reviewed and updated annually
- Next review (Dec 2026) and stakeholder consultation (Jan 2027)



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4. Next Steps

Regulations

- AIF regulations due to expire 1 September 2027
- Opportunity to review if there is a need for any amendments. Eg
 - Contributors
 - Contribution rate
 - Eligible applicants.



Questions and Discussion



A close-up photograph of a honeycomb with several bees. The honeycomb is made of golden-yellow hexagonal cells. Some cells are filled with honey, while others contain small pieces of red and green food. Bees with black and yellow stripes and translucent wings are scattered across the honeycomb. The text "Thank You Meeting Closed" is centered in white.

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