Annual Report

Apiary Industry Fund

2020-21 Annual Report

Introduction

The *Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998* was established to provide South Australian primary industries with a legislative based ability to raise funds within their sector to fund projects and services for the benefit of their sector.

Section 4 of the Act allows the Governor to make regulations establishing a fund for a particular sector of primary industry. All existing regulations are administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development.

This is the Apiary Industry Fund Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, prepared under section 11 of the Act.

Overview

The Apiary Industry Fund is established by the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016.*

The contribution rate for this fund is outlined in regulation 5 and is as follows:

Contribution rate	\$1.00 per hive, payable by persons keeping 5 or more hives.
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Contributors may seek a refund of their contributions as provided for in regulation 5 (3).

The purposes for which the fund can be applied by the Minister are outlined in regulation 6.



Operation of the fund

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) manages the operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister.

The fund management plan current for the year ended 30 June 2021 was prepared in accordance with section 9 of the Act. This plan was formally endorsed by the Apiaries Alliance SA (AASA)¹ (as per a letter from its Chair dated 17 May 2021). This plan was presented at a public meeting held on 28 June 2021 and the plan was made publicly available on the PIRSA website. It is attached to this report.

The Minister approved funding for two programs under regulation 6(a) as follows:

	Program	Fund recipient
1	Bee Biosecurity Officer	PIRSA (via Plant Health Australia)
2	Kuitpo Forest Reserve Beekeeping Pilot	South Australian Forestry Corporation (Forestry SA)
	Project	

The approved programs met the requirements of the regulations and management plan and were also endorsed by AASA.

Although approved, Bee Biosecurity Officer funding was not expended from the fund in 2020-21 due to delays in recruitment.

Where requested, refunds of contributions were paid in accordance with regulation 5(4).

In accordance with regulation 6(b), the fund was applied to administration expenses.

The fund accounts for the year ended 30 June 2021 have been audited by the Auditor General's Department. The audited financial statements and audit report are attached.

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¹ AASA is a committee comprising of members from South Australia's two peak apiary industry bodies; South Australian Apiarists' Association and the Beekeepers' Society of South Australia.

Apiary Industry Fund Management Plan 2020-21 to 2025-26

Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016



Apiary Industry Fund Management Plan 2020-21 to 2025-26

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Introduction

The *Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998* (the Act) provides South Australian primary industries with a legislative based ability to raise money within their sector to deliver activities and services that support the sector. Section 4 allows the Governor to make regulations to establish a fund for a particular primary industry sector.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister) is the Administrator for all the funds, which ensures appropriate accountability for the application of funds for the benefit of those industries. Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) manages the operations of the funds for the Minister. The Minister is required to report annually to Parliament on the operation of each fund and its accounts.

The Apiary Industry Fund (AIF) is established by the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016* (the regulations).

Contributions are payable at the rate prescribed in the regulations. Beekeepers with more than 5 hives at the time of registration¹ contribute to the fund. Contributions are collected by PIRSA at the time of registration.

Contributors may seek a refund of their contributions. If a refund is paid to a contributor, they are deemed to be 'in default of the regulations' and not entitled to receive benefits or services funded by payments from the fund.

Payments are made from the fund for purposes defined in the regulations.

This management plan has been developed in consultation with the apiary industry. It covers a five-year period and must be revised annually, but may be updated at any time.

¹ Registration as a beekeeper as defined under section 17 of the *Livestock Act* 1997.

Estimate of contributions to the fund

The regulations require registered beekeepers keeping 5 or more hives at the time of registration to contribute to the fund.

The contribution rate is set in regulation 5 and is \$1.00 per hive kept by the person at the prescribed date.

The estimated contribution income for the current and the next five financial years is provided in Table 1. Industry contribution estimates have been derived based on the number of registered hives in South Australia belonging to persons keeping 5 or more hives at the time of registration.

Table 1 – Contribution rates and estimated income							
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
Contribution rate (per hive)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Estimated number of hives kept by beekeepers with greater than 5 hives	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	
Estimated income	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	

Investment of the fund

PIRSA administers the financial operations of the fund on behalf of the Minister in accordance with the regulations and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

Contributions are invested in a separate interest bearing account at the Department of Treasury and Finance. Interest is paid monthly on monies held, and is treated as income to the fund in accordance with the regulations.

Purposes of the fund

Payments from the fund must be made in accordance with the regulations:

6 – Application of Fund

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

- (a) 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;
- (b) payment of the expenses of administering the Fund;
- (c) repayment of contributions to the Fund under regulation 5.

Eligible activities

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

Activities will be assessed against the following criteria:

- benefit to the SA apiary industry
- direct benefit to fund contributors (beekeepers)
- alignment and collaboration with other state and national apiary industry priorities and programs ensuring no duplication of investment
- 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
- for ongoing programs, previous program performance and achievement of outcomes
- the organisation's capability and capacity to undertake the program

Ineligible activities

Activities that will not normally be funded include:

- 1. infrastructure items
- 2. retrospective activities or expenditure
- 3. duplication of research, programs or projects
- 4. purchasing of equipment or activities that could be considered part of normal business operations
- 5. any other activities that are deemed inappropriate under the regulations.

Funding guidelines

Application process

Applicants are encouraged to contact PIRSA early in the development stages of the application to discuss the proposed project. An application form is available on request.

Applications for funding are to be submitted to PIRSA by 30 April each year for projects to commence in the coming financial year.

Please refer to PIRSA contact details on page 2.

Application assessment and approval

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development makes all final decisions regarding how the Apiary Industry Fund is applied and will advise applicants on the outcome of their funding application.

As the administrator of the Fund, the Minister has recognised the Apiaries Alliance SA (AASA)² as the industry body to provide advice on the use of the Fund. Prior to approving applications, the Minister will consult with AASA.

Payment terms

Payment and milestone schedules will be negotiated directly with fund recipients.

Reporting requirements

Reporting requirements will be negotiated directly with fund recipients.

Fund administration

Changing the contribution rate

The contribution rate is established by the regulations.

A change to the contribution rate may be initiated by the Minister or by industry, but can only be made following consultation with the industry. Acceptable evidence of support for a variation to the contribution rate includes results of any contributor survey held for the purpose and any other consultation conducted with industry. The evidence must demonstrate a genuine attempt to engage with the majority of contributors.

Prior to implementation of a new contribution rate, sufficient notice will be provided to beekeepers.

² The Apiaries Alliance SA comprises representation from the South Australian Apiarists Association and Beekeepers Society of South Australia.

Updating the management plan

Section 9 of the Act requires that this management plan is updated annually.

PIRSA will aim to present the management plan at a public meeting in April, enabling applications for funding to be prepared based on the newly revised management plan.

The management plan will be posted on the PIRSA website to meet the requirements of section 9 (7) of the Act, in a manner permitted by section 51 of the <u>Acts Interpretation Act 1915</u>, which provides for 'production of records kept by computer or other process.'

The management plan may also be updated at any time.

Appendix A: Apiary Industry Fund five year budget

This budget has been developed in consultation with the Apiaries Alliance SA. This budget is indicative and subject to review at any time.

	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Fwd Estimates	2022-23 Fwd Estimates	2023-24 Fwd Estimates	2024-25 Fwd Estimates	2025-26 Fwd Estimates
Contribution Rate	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)	\$1/hive (5 or more hives)
Opening Balance (Note 1)	\$342,323	\$344,823	\$351,523	\$356,891	\$360,892	\$363,494
Income						
Contributions	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Interest	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Income	67,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Expenditure						
Projects						
Bee Biosecurity Officer (Note 2)	40,000	41,000	42,025	43,076	44,153	45,256
Kuitpo Forest Beekeeping Pilot Project	7,500	-	-	-	-	-
Total Project Expenditure	47,500	41,000	42,025	43,076	44,153	45,256
Administration						
Fund administration (Note 2)	6,000	6,150	6,304	6,461	6,623	6,788
Audit Fees (Note 2)	6,000	6,150	6,304	6,461	6,623	6,788
Contribution refund allowance (Note 3)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total Administrative Expenditure	17,000	17,300	17,608	17,923	18,246	18,577
Total Expenditure	64,500	58,300	59,633	60,998	62,398	63,833
Assets/Liabilities						
Closing Balance (Note 4)	\$344,823	\$351,523	\$356,891	\$360,892	\$363,494	\$364,661

Note 1: Cash balance plus net receivables/payables

Note 2: Forward estimates indexed at 2.5% (as determined by Department of Treasury and Finance)

Note 3: Contribution refund allowance only expended on receipt and verification of refund requests

Note 4: Estimated cash balance plus net receivables/payables



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To the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – South Australian Apiary Industry Fund

Qualified opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – South Australian Apiary Industry Fund (the Fund) for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the possible matter described in the 'Basis for qualified opinion' section of my report, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – South Australian Apiary Industry Fund as at 30 June 2021, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2021
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2021
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2021
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2021
- notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Chief Executive, Department of Primary Industries and Regions (the Chief Executive), signed for and on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister) and the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Primary Industries and Regions.

Basis for qualified opinion

As referred to in note 2.1 to the financial statements, pursuant to regulation 5 of the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016*, under the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998*, contributions are required to be paid into the fund based on the number of hives kept. While there are adequate internal controls over contributions actually received, there are insufficient controls in place to ensure the contributions received represent all hives kept. Consequently, I am unable to express an opinion on whether income recognised as contributions from industry of \$67 781 (\$63 206) is complete.

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the Minister and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions which administers the Fund on the Minister's behalf. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* have been met.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of the Minister and the Chief Executive for the financial report

The Chief Executive is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Chief Executive determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Chief Executive is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, taking into account any policy decisions the government has made which affect the continued existence of the entity. The Chief Executive is also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the assessment indicates that it is not appropriate.

The Minister is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, I have audited the financial report of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – South Australian Apiary Industry Fund for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could

reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Chief Executive
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Chief Executive's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause an entity to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the entity on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Chief Executive about, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.

Andrew Richardson Auditor-General 10 December 2021

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

South Australian Apiary Industry Fund

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2021

We certify that the:

- financial Statements of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development South Australian Apiary Industry Fund:
 - are in accordance with the accounts and records of the South Australian Apiary Industry Fund;
 - comply with relevant Treasurer's Instructions;
 - comply with relevant accounting standards; and
 - present a true and fair view of the financial position of the South Australian Apiary Industry Fund at the end of the financial year and the result of its operation and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls employed by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development South Australian Apiary Industry Fund for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of financial statements have been effective.

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Michelle Edge Chief Executive

Department of Primary Industries and Regions For and on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development Per authorisation dated 28 June 2021 7 December 2021

Will Kent Chief Financial Officer

Department of Primary Industries and Regions

7 December 2021

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development - South Australian Apiary Industry Fund Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Income			
Contributions from industry	2.1	67 781	63 206
Interest	이는 물을 물 것이 많을 못 ?	120	1 670
Total income	_	67 901	64 876
Expenses			
Projects	4.1	4 500	40 000
Refund of contributions		18	1 059
Supplies and services	4.2	5 949	5 119
Auditor's remuneration		5 400	5 300
Total expenses		15 867	51 478
Net result		52 034	13 398
Total comprehensive result		52 034	13 398

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

The net result and total comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development - South Australian Apiary Industry Fund Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	405 608	348 148
Receivables	5.2	-	26
Total current assets	_	405 608	348 174
Total assets		405 608	348 174
Current liabilities			
Payables	6.1	11 250	5 850
Total current liabilities	-	11 250	5 850
Total liabilities	_	11 250	5 850
Net assets	_	394 358	342 324
Equity			
Retained earnings		394 358	342 324
Total equity		394 358	342 324

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development - South Australian Apiary Industry Fund Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Retained earnings	Total equity
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	328 926	328 926
Net result for 2019-20	13 398	13 398
Total comprehensive result for 2019-20	13 398	13 398
Balance at 30 June 2020	342 324	342 324
Net result for 2020-21	52 034	52 034
Total comprehensive result for 2020-21	52 034	52 034
Balance at 30 June 2021	394 358	394 358

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development - South Australian Apiary Industry Fund Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash inflows		
Contributions from industry	67 781	63 206
Interest received	146	2 007
Cash generated from operating activities	67 927	65 213
Cash outflows		
Payments for projects	(4 500)	(40 000)
Refund of contributions	(18)	(1 059)
Payments for supplies and services	(5 949)	(5 109)
Auditor's remuneration	-	(5 200)
Cash used in operating activities	(10 467)	(51 368)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	57 460	13 845
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	57 460	13 845
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	348 148	334 303
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	405 608	348 148

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

1. About the South Australian Apiary Industry Fund

The South Australian Apiary Industry Fund (the Fund) is established pursuant to the *Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016* (Regulations), administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and is controlled by the Crown. The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) provides administrative support services to the Fund.

1.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in compliance with:

- section 23 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987;
- Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements issued by the Treasurer under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*; and
- relevant Australian Accounting Standards with reduced disclosure requirements.

The financial statements are prepared based on a 12 month reporting period and presented in Australian currency. The historical cost convention is used unless a different measurement basis is specifically disclosed in the note associated with the item measured.

Assets and liabilities that are to be sold, consumed or realised as part of the normal operating cycle have been classified as current assets or current liabilities. All other assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

The Fund has applied Australian Accounting Standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities, as the Fund is a not-for-profit entity.

The Fund is not subject to Income Tax. The Fund is liable for Goods and Services Tax (GST). GST collections and payments are carried out by PIRSA on behalf of the Fund. GST in relation to the Fund is reported in the PIRSA Controlled Financial Statements.

1.2. Objectives of the Fund

The Fund was established by Regulations under the Primary Industry Funding Schemes Act 1998.

The primary purposes of the Fund are to:

• undertake programs relating to the apiary industry or apiary products or any other aspect of the apiary industry.

1.3. COVID-19 pandemic impact on the Fund

The COVID-19 pandemic has not had a material impact on the operations of the Fund in 2020-21.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development – South Australian Apiary Industry Fund Notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

2. Income

2.1. Contributions from industry

Contributions payable to the Minister for payment into the Fund are made pursuant to Regulation 5.

Contributions are recognised as revenue under AASB 1058 when the Fund obtains control of the contributions or obtains the right to receive the contributions (that is, when information becomes available to the Fund regarding contributions due for the prescribed period).

3. Board, committees and employees

3.1. Key management personnel

Key management personnel of the Fund includes the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development who has responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Fund.

The Minister's remuneration and allowances are set by the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* and the Remuneration Tribunal of SA respectively and are payable from the Consolidated Account (via Department of Treasury and Finance) under section 6 of the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990*.

Transactions with key management personnel and other related parties

There were no transactions with key management personnel and other related parties entered into by the Fund.

4. Expenses

4.1. Projects

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
SA Bee Biosecurity Officer		40 000
Beekeeping Pilot Project	4 500	-
Total projects	4 500	40 000

Regulations provide that the Fund may be applied for a number of specific purposes. The amounts transferred enable projects and activities that the Minister considers beneficial to the apiary industry.

For transfers payable, the payments will be recognised as a liability and expense when the Fund has a present obligation to pay the transfer and the expense recognition criteria are met.

All payments from the Fund are made in accordance with the Fund's Regulations and the management plan developed in consultation with the industry.

4.2. Supplies and services

2021	2020
\$	\$
5 949	5 119
5 949	5 119
	\$ 5 949

⁽¹⁾ Includes fees for administration and preparation of the financial statements.

5. Financial assets

5.1. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash in the Statement of Financial Position comprises deposits at call with the Department of Treasury and Finance.

5.2. Receivables

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Accrued interest - Department of Treasury and Finance	-	26
Total receivables	-	26

6. Liabilities

6.1. Payables

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Audit fee payable to the Auditor-General's Department	10 700	5 300
Other payables	550	550
Total payables	11 250	5 850

Goods and services provided and unpaid at the end of the reporting period are recognised as other payables.

All payables are measured at their nominal amount, are unsecured and are normally settled within 30 days from the date of the invoice or date the invoice is first received.

7. Outlook

7.1. Contingent liabilities

Refunds of contributions

Under Regulations 5(3) a person may, by notice in writing to the Minister, within the 12 months following a registration period in respect of which the person has paid contributions, make a claim for a refund in respect of those contributions.

At the reporting date the possible emergence of valid refund requests within the 12 months following the prescribed registration period is present. However, as uncertainty exists as to the number of refund requests that will be received, and their timing and amount, these potential obligations cannot be reliably estimated and therefore represent a contingent liability for the Fund.

Once a valid refund request has been received from a past contributor and it is approved by the Minister or delegate, a present obligation to pay the refund arises. The refund amount is then recognised as a liability and expense of the Fund.

7.2. COVID-19 pandemic outlook for the Fund

The COVID-19 pandemic is not expected to have a material impact on the operations of the Fund in 2021-22.

7.3. Events after the reporting period

No events have occurred after balance date that are expected to materially affect the Fund in subsequent years.

8. Measurement and risk

8.1. Financial instruments

Liquidity risk

The Fund's revenue comes from contributions received from industry members at rates prescribed in the Regulations for the Fund. All payments from the Fund are made in accordance with the Fund's Regulations and the management plan developed in consultation with the industry.

The continued existence of the Fund in its present form, and with its present programs, is dependent on State Government policy and the industry's on-going support for the Fund.