

Apiary Industry Fund

Primary Industry Funding Schemes (Apiary Industry Fund) Regulations 2016

Management Plan 2018-19 to 2022-23



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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 funds within their sector so they can favourably position themselves in the national and international marketplace.

Section 4 of the Act allows the Governor to make regulations to establish a fund for a particular sector of primary industry. All existing funds are administered by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development (the Minister). Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) is the Minister's agent for the administration of these funds.

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 Primary Industries and Regions SA at the time of registration.

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

Payments are made from the fund for purposes defined in regulation 6.

In accordance with section 9 of the Act, this management plan has been developed in consultation with the apiary industry. It covers a five-year period and must be updated annually, but may be updated at any time.

This management plan guides the operation of the fund and helps contributors understand how their contributions are to be used.

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

Estimate of Contributions to the Fund

The contribution rate for this fund is outlined in regulation 5 as \$1.00 for each hive kept by the person at the prescribed date.

The estimated contribution income for the coming five financial years is provided in Table 1.

Industry contribution estimates have been derived based on the number of registered hives in SA belonging to persons keeping 5 or more hives at the time of registration.

Table 1 Estimated Contribution Income to the Apiary Industry Fund (2018-2019 to 2022-2023)

Financial year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Contribution rate \$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive	\$1.00/ hive
Estimated No. hives kept by apiarists with ≥ 5 hives	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
Estimated income	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000	\$68,000

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 held in a separate interest bearing account at the Department of Treasury and Finance. Interest is paid quarterly on monies held, and is treated as income to the fund in accordance with regulation 4(3)(d).

Application of the fund

Payments from the fund must be made in accordance with regulation 6:

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.

Funding guidelines

Application process

Applications may be made directly to the Minister.

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

Application specifications

Applications must:

1. Include a covering letter to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development seeking funding and attaching the application.
2. Provide the following details for each activity proposed for funding;
 - a. name of the activity
 - b. a brief description of the activity
 - c. alignment to a purpose (as defined by regulation 6)
 - d. budgeted cost.

Application approval

The funding application is approved by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, in consideration of advice provided by the AASA.

Apiary Industry Fund Five Year Budget

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

	2018-19 <i>Budget</i>	2019-20 <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	2020-21 <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	2021-22 <i>Fwd Estimates</i>	2022-23 <i>Fwd Estimates</i>
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)
Opening Balance <i>(estimated)</i>	\$318,821	\$327,521	\$335,913	\$343,991	\$351,745
Income					
Contributions	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
Interest	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Income	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
Expenditure					
Projects					
Bee Biosecurity Officer	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Total Project Expenditure	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Administration					
Fund Administration *	6,800	6,970	7,144	7,323	7,506
Fund Audit Fees *	5,500	5,638	5,778	5,923	6,071
Hive Contribution Refund Allowance	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Total Administrative Expenditure	23,300	23,608	23,923	24,246	24,577
Total Expenditure	63,300	63,608	63,923	64,246	64,577
Closing Balance	\$327,521	\$335,913	\$343,991	\$351,745	\$359,168

* Forward estimates indexed at 2.5%