



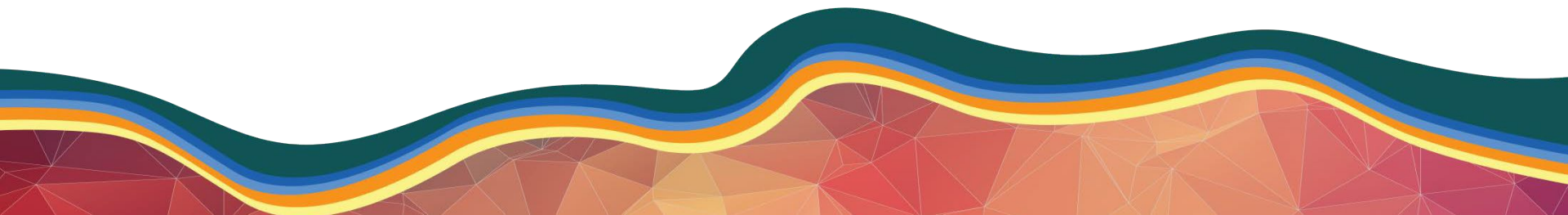
Anglican Church of Australia

General Synod

Treasurer's Report to General Synod

Eighteenth Session of General Synod

May 2022



GSO Staff - FTE

Staff Details	2017	2022
Head Count(1)	10	9
-full time	6	7
- Part time	4	2
FTE (2)	6.95	7.70
Funded FTE		
- LSLF	(1.60)	(1.40)
- ARNRSL	-	(0.65)
FTE – Statutory Assessment	5.35	5.65

(1) 2017 Head count includes

- The Episcopal Standard Director, FTE of 0.05. From October 2021 this position has been outsourced.
- The Royal Commission Officer, FTE of 0.2. This position was a contract position that ended in Dec 2017

(2) 2022 includes Safe Ministry and Redress Manager, a new position appointed in 2018, an FTE of 1.0



General Synod Accounts

1. The Trust Fund
2. The Statutory Assessment Account
3. The Special Assessment Account
4. The Reserve Fund
5. The General Synod Endowment Fund
6. The Business Account



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Trust Fund

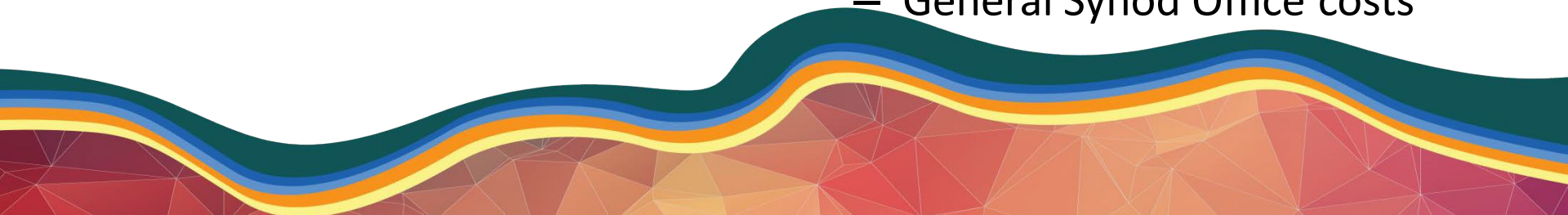
- The Trust Fund was settled to establish the trust upon which the General Synod operates
- The Trust Fund is not an operating fund



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Statutory Assessment Account

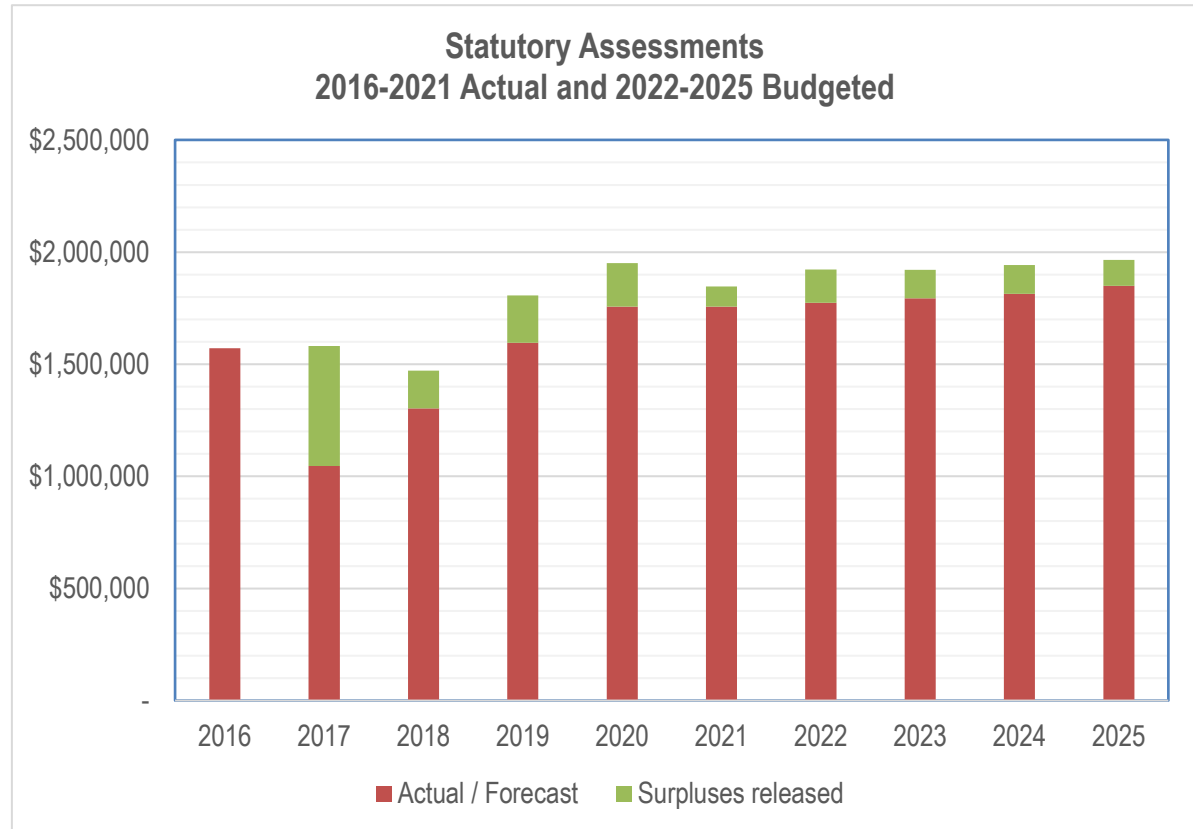
- The authority for most of the activities of General Synod is detailed in section 32 of the constitution
- Receives income from:
 - Statutory Assessments received from the 23 dioceses
 - Distributions from the Business Account
 - Distributions from the Reserve Fund
- Major areas of expenditure:
 - General Synod costs
 - Standing Committee and Tribunal costs
 - Commissions, Working Groups and Task Forces costs
 - Primatial expenses
 - Grants (Defence, NATSIAC, Endowment Fund)
 - General Synod Office costs



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Statutory Assessment Account

- Statutory Assessment Account also receives income from
 - Any surplus from two years ago (e.g 2022 will be credited in 2024)
 - A portion of the unallocated surpluses from previous years
 - Creates a smoothing effect by using unallocated reserves



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Special Assessment Account

- The Special Assessment Account pays certain grants and membership fees on behalf of The General Synod not covered by Section 32 of the Constitution
- Receives income from:
 - Special Assessments
 - All dioceses contribute except:
 - Sydney
 - Armidale
 - Bathurst
 - North West Australia
- Major areas of expenditure:
 - Contributions to the Anglican Consultative Council of the Anglican Communion
 - Domestic grants
 - International grants – Anglican and ecumenical
 - Non-statutory conferences



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Reserve Fund

- The principal investment fund of the General Synod
- In 1996 the Reserve Fund was created from funds derived from Prayer Book royalties
- Receives funds from Business Account
- Distributes 80% of its income to the Statutory Account
- The Fund must maintain at least 1.2 times the previous year's operating costs for all General Synod accounts prior to any distributions being made



Reserve Fund con't

- Allows for the temporary 'borrowing' of funds for special projects, funds must be repaid
- Over time, expected to grow, investment income derived from the Reserve Fund to provide increasing proportion of General Synod funding, thereby lowering Statutory Assessments
- Income from the Business Account reduced significantly from 2018, due to external business deals ending (eg Telstra)



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General Synod Endowment Fund

- Currently includes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Fund and the Defence Force Fund
- It is managed on endowment style principles
 - The operating principles require capital values to be preserved prior to any distributions being made for strategic areas such as the ATSI ministry and Defence Force ministry
- Rules have been approved for use of these funds (revised May 2017)



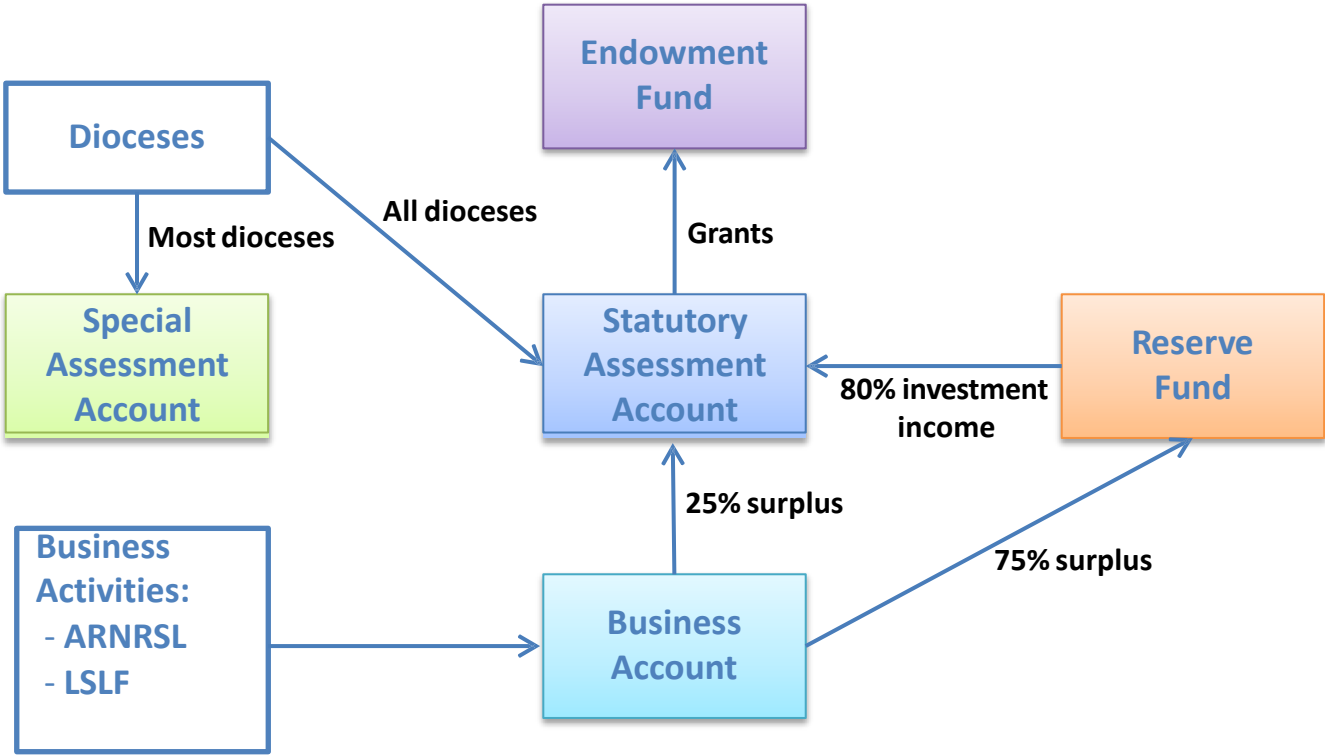
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Business Account

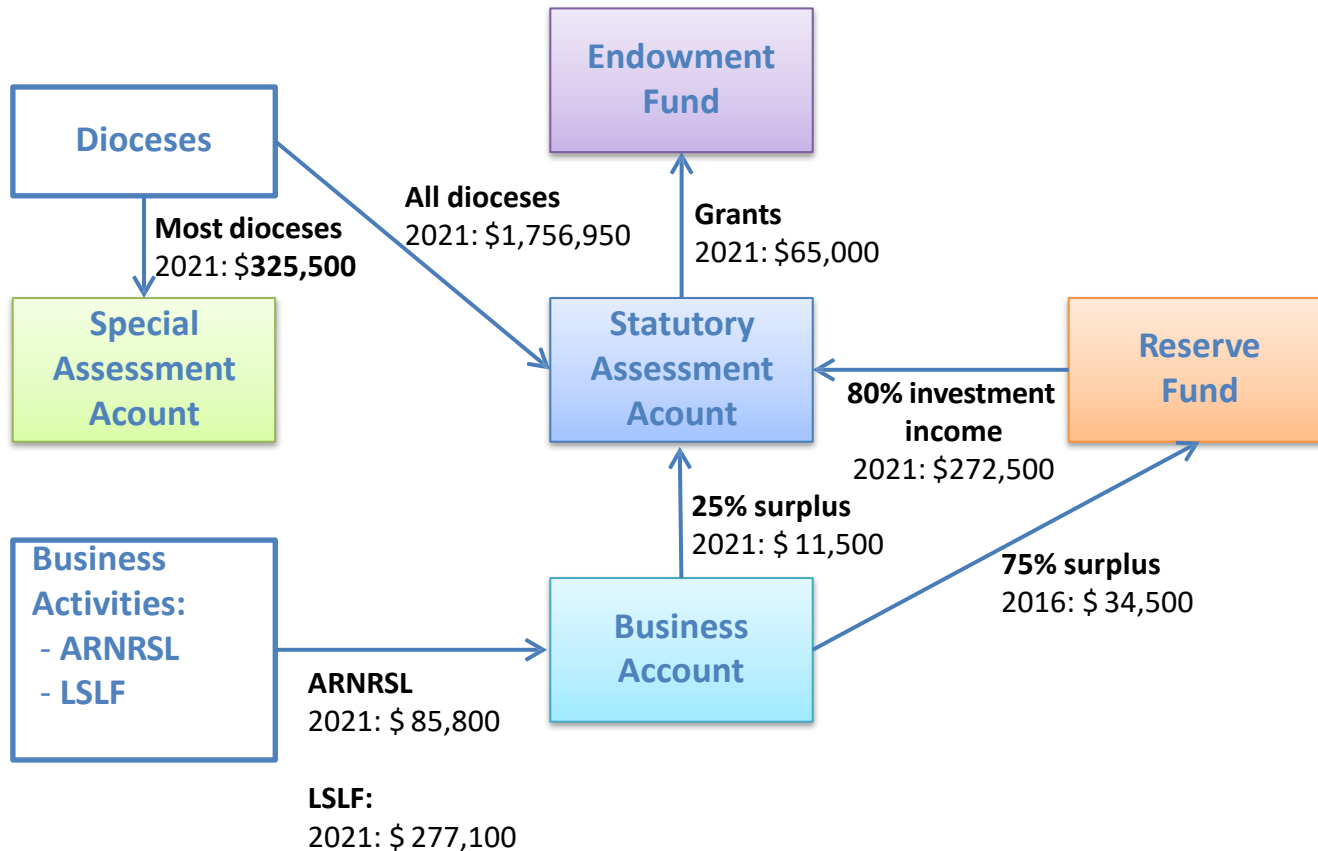
- Created in 2010 to house the business activities of the General Synod Office and keep them separate from its constitutional responsibilities
- Receives administration/service fees from:
 - Long Service Leave Fund
 - Anglican Representative (National Redress Scheme) Limited



General Synod Accounts Distribution Policy



General Synod Accounts Distribution Policy – Example for 2021



Unallocated Surpluses

- Surpluses in the various accounts/funds have been built up over time. These surpluses may have been allocated for specific purposes in the past, but are no longer required
- Unallocated surpluses in the Reserve Fund are held as a buffer for unexpected short-term cash flow fluctuations, and to fund special projects or one-off statutory items
- The May 2017 Standing Committee endorsed the release of the unallocated surpluses in the Statutory Assessment Account, the Special Assessment Account, and the Business Account over the 2018, 2019 and 2020



General Synod Investments

Ethical Investment Policy

- The Investment Committee has responsibility for the management of the Funds and reports on its activities and receives approval for recommendations from the General Synod Standing Committee
- All funds are currently invested with Anglican Funds South Australia. AFSA is required to confirm funds meet the approved investment strategy
- When determining which investments qualify as ethical investments, consideration is given to investing in securities or funds that **enhance or improve the sustainability** of the environment or community



General Synod Investments Managed Funds at 31 December 2021

\$'000s	Total Managed Funds
Statutory Assessment Fund	777
Reserve Fund	3,502
Endowment Fund	1,101
Total	5,380

Annual Fund Returns	1 year	3 years % pa	5 years % pa	10 Years %pa
Actual	12.7	10.0	7.2	9.1
Target	8.5	7.1	7.0	7.0
Excess Return	4.2	2.9	0.2	2.1



Re-consideration of Motions

- The Budget for 2023 and Forecasts for 2024 and 2025 are based on present day assumptions and decisions already taken
- Potential costs associated with proposed bills and motions have **not** been incorporated, for example:
 - resourcing the Families and Culture Commission

