

**Bill No 14**

**Mover: Sir Selwyn Parata KNZM / Seconder: Mr John Whitehead**

**THE FINANCE STATUTE, 2026**

**The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:**

- 1. Title.** The title of this Statute is "*The Finance Statute 2026*".
- 2. Purpose**
  - 2.1 The purpose of this Statute is to make financial provision for the common life activities of this Three Tikanga Church, being
    - (a) an adjusted provision for the calendar year 2026, and
    - (b) new provisions for each of the calendar years 2027 and 2028.
  - 2.2 The items provided by General Synod are identified in three Tables,
    - (i) the Table for Part A draws on funds made available from certain trusts, and is limited to a number of Commissions and Committees which have been created by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and have a direct responsibility to it.
    - (ii) the Table for Part B draws mainly on funds contributed by the Diocese of Polynesia, Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, and the Dioceses in New Zealand, and is also available for more general purposes.
    - (iii) the Table for Part C draws on funds made available from certain trusts, and on funds contributed by the Diocese of Polynesia, Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, and the Dioceses in New Zealand, and also from cost recoveries if any.
- 3. Expenditure authorised**
  - 3.1 The General Secretary may, in each of the calendar years 2026, 2027 and 2028 respectively; make payments for the purposes identified in the column headed "Item" in the Tables.
  - 3.2 Such payments must not exceed, in each of those years, the corresponding amounts shown in the columns headed "2026", "2027" and "2028" respectively (the "maximum amounts").
  - 3.3 The purposes and maximum amounts may be altered by reallocations made under section 6.

4. **Changes Confirmed.** Where in the Tables the purposes and maximum and minimum amounts relating to the year 2026, differ from those provided in the Finance Statute 2024, the changes are confirmed.<sup>1</sup>
5. **Funds carried forward.** The Standing Committee of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui may carry forward unallocated funds (including unspent and surplus funds) in each of the years 2026, 2027 and 2028, in order to meet any item of the expenditure in the corresponding Part in the following or any subsequent year.
6. **Reallocations.** The Standing Committee, in consultation with the Distribution Advisory Committee, may make such further re-allocation of funds as may be necessary during 2026, 2027 and 2028.

#### **PART A: INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS**

7. **Trustee Distributions.** Under The General Church Trust Statute 1928, one purpose of the Trust is to defray the costs of meetings of Synods, like the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, and of visitations of Bishops, like the Archbishops. The Trustees of the General Church Trust Board are therefore directed to pay the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui the sum of \$1,491,000, for the 2026 General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui Meeting; plus a one off \$100,000 toward 2026 General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui Meeting; \$1,312,740 in 2027; and \$1,500,420 in 2028, in equal monthly payments for each year<sup>2</sup>
8. **Sources of revenue.** The General Secretary may draw on the following sources to meet the provisions made in the Table for this Part:
  - (a) the trustee distributions referred to in section 7;
  - (b) interest received from the investment of funds received for expenditure under Part A;
  - (c) income from the C W Wakefield Primacy Endowment;
  - (d) Part A funds carried forward under section 5;
  - (e) income from any other trust or source.

The total expected amount of revenue for the two years 2027 and 2028 (excluding funds carried forward) is \$2,974,042.

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<sup>1</sup> **Explanatory note.** Standing Committee was empowered to make reallocations by the Finance Statute 2024.

<sup>2</sup> **Reference.** General Synod makes this direction pursuant to Title F, Canon V, clause 4

<b>PART A - EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>Episcopal &amp; Primateal</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
1.1	Archbishop Māori	99,200	99,200	99,200
1.2	Archbishop Polynesia	74,400	74,400	74,400
1.3	Archbishop Pākehā	74,400	74,400	74,400
1.4	Primateal Discretionary	11,000	11,000	11,000
1.5	Combined Incidental Expenses	62,000	62,000	62,000
1.6	Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa (Title A Canon IV)	75,000	75,000	75,000
1.7	Bishops' Meetings / Ordinations	11,000	11,000	11,000
1.8	Bishops' Spouses Travel Grant	2,000	2,000	2,000
1.9	Archbishops' Travel	7,000	7,000	7,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>416,000</b>	<b>416,000</b>	<b>416,000</b>

<b>2.</b>	<b>General Synod/Hīnota Whānui Grants</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
2.1	Communications Grant to Part B	77,000	77,000	77,000
2.2	Archives Grant to Part B	1,200	1,200	1,200
2.3	Anglican Consultative Council	150,000	150,000	150,000
2.4	International Anglican Networks	5,000	5,000	5,000
2.5	MSC Grant to Part C	100,000	100,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>333,200</b>	<b>333,200</b>	<b>333,200</b>

<b>3.</b>	<b>General Synod/Hīnota Whānui</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
3.1	Accommodation/venue/break out rooms	110,000	0	60,000
3.2	Travel and parking	110,000	0	60,000
3.3	Deposit/ Venue	10,000	30,000	10,000
3.4	Catering	60,000	0	60,000
3.5	Printing/Admin support/postage/stationery	16,000	0	16,000
3.6	AV, sound system, recording equipment	10,000	0	10,000
3.7	General Conference	30,000	30,000	30,000
3.8	Tikanga Conferences	60,000	60,000	60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>406,000</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>306,000</b>

4. Standing Committee		2026	2027	2028
4.1	Travel, accommodation and catering	95,000	95,000	95,000
4.2	Distribution Advisory Committee	6,000	6,000	6,000
4.3	Judicial Committee	500	500	500
4.4	Chancellors & Legal Advisor's Committee	3,000	3,000	3,000
4.5	Statutes and Canons Committee	500	500	500
4.6	Standing Committee Small Working Groups	5,000	5,000	5,000
4.7	Contingency/Other groups/Teleconferences	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>

5. General Synod Administration	365,000	365,000	365,000
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6. Commissions / Councils / Committees		2026	2027	2028
6.1	Doctrine and Theological Questions	2,500	2,500	2,500
6.2	Common Life Liturgical Commission	11,500	11,500	11,500
6.3	Council for Ecumenism	15,000	15,000	15,000
6.4	Treaty and Partnership Commission	0	0	0
6.5	Treaty, Church and Nation	0	0	0
6.6	Three Tikanga Youth	0	0	0
6.7	Archives Committee	5,000	5,000	5,000
6.8	Common Life Conferences	3,000	3,000	3,000
6.9	3T Bishops EA/PA Conference	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>

7. Reserves	4,000	4,000	4,000
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	2026	2027	2028
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	1,679,200	1,393,200	1,579,200
<b>Income (including Interest)</b>	1,655,335	1,393,181	1,580,861
<b>Surplus (Deficit) for year</b>	(23,865)	(19)	1,661
<b>Previous year brought forward</b>	1,062,075	1,033,210	1,038,191
<b>Balance</b>	1,038,210	1,038,191	1,039,852

## **PART B: INCOME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS**

9. **Contributions.** The sum of \$331,795 for 2026 and \$331,795 for 2027 and 2028 from the several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia, and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, is payable by monthly instalments not later than the last day of each month.
10. **Allocation.** The amounts payable by each Diocese and Te Pihopatanga for each of those years is shown in the columns headed “2026”, “2027” and “2028” respectively in the Table for this Part.

**Table for PART B**

<b>PART B - INCOME</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Diocese of Auckland	66,855	66,855	66,855
Diocese of Christchurch	71,400	72,828	72,828
Diocese of Dunedin	25,000	25,000	25,000
Diocese of Nelson	19,950	19,950	19,950
Diocese of Waipapu	44,590	44,590	44,590
Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki	22,750	22,750	22,750
Diocese of Wellington	42,000	42,000	42,000
Diocese of Polynesia	15,750	15,750	15,750
Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa	23,500	23,500	23,500
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>331,795</b>	<b>333,223</b>	<b>333,223</b>

11. **Sources of revenue.** The General Secretary may draw on the following sources to meet the disbursements referred to in the Table to this Part:
- the contributions referred to in section 9;
  - interest received from the investment of funds received for expenditure under Part B;
  - funds shown as transferred from Part A to Part B in the Tables;
  - Part B funds carried forward under section 5;
  - any additional funds received by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui not designated for the expenditure approved under Part A.
12. **Return of contributions.** If there are unexpended funds, or there is otherwise a surplus of funds at the end of 2026, the Standing Committee may, instead of carrying the surplus forward, return any surplus funds held the end of 2026 to the respective contributors on a rateable basis.

**13. Shortfall in revenue.** The General Secretary may make payments only when sufficient money is available from the sources referred to in section 11. If in the opinion of the General Secretary sufficient money is not available, then payments will be reduced or not made at

**14. Precautionary measures.**

14.1 The Standing Committee must keep under review the expenditure of each budgetary item in Part B and is authorised to order the cessation of work in respect of that item if the provision of the statute for that item is likely to be overspent.

14.2 The Standing Committee allocates to each commission, committee and conference funded under Part B a portion of the allocation in this Statute within which it must operate. No commission, committee or conference shall exceed that limit without the prior authorisation of Standing Committee.

<b>Transfer from Part A to Part B</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
	Estimated Interest	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Communications/ Taonga/ Media	77,000	77,000	77,000
	Archives	1,200	1,200	1,200
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>82,200</b>	<b>82,200</b>	<b>82,200</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>413,995</b>	<b>415,423</b>	<b>415,423</b>

**15.** The General Secretary following the receipt of the contributions listed in Clause 9, together with any 2026 carryover and any additional income, including interest, may make payments specified as follows:

<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
15.1	Communications Commission	8,500	8,500	8,500
15.2	Media Office	125,000	125,000	125,000
15.3	Anglican Taonga	105,000	105,000	105,000
15.4	Archives	30,000	30,000	30,000
	<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>268,500</b>	<b>268,500</b>	<b>268,500</b>

<b>Ecumenism</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
15.5	WCC – membership	16,000	18,000	18,000
15.6	WCC – Travel share	2,500	2,500	2,500
15.7	Christian Conference of Asia membership	14,000	16,000	16,000
15.8	Ecumenical Group (ex CCANZ)	2,000	2,000	2,000
15.9	Uniting Congregations ANZ	24,000	24,000	24,000
15.10	Tikanga Ecumenical Groups	6,000	6,000	6,000
15.11	Polynesia Ecumenical – Memberships	20,000	20,000	20,000
15.12	ARCCNZ	6,000	6,000	6,000
15.13	International Anglican Conferences	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>95,500</b>	<b>99,500</b>	<b>99,500</b>

<b>Common Life</b>		<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
15.15	Churches Education Commission - contribution	30,000	30,000	30,000
15.16	CEC Meeting	0	0	0
15.17	Interchurch Bioethics Council	6,000	6,000	6,000
15.18	Anglican Tax Unit	2,000	2,000	2,000
15.19	Interchurch Council Tertiary Chaplaincy	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,000</b>

		<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
	<b>Transfer to Reserves</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>
	<b>Total Operating Expenditure</b>	<b>411,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>	<b>415,000</b>
	<b>Income including Contributions</b>	<b>413,995</b>	<b>415,423</b>	<b>415,423</b>
	<b>Surplus (Deficit) for year</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>423</b>
	<b>Previous year brought forward</b>	<b>732,765</b>	<b>735,760</b>	<b>736,183</b>
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>735,760</b>	<b>736,183</b>	<b>736,606</b>

**16.** The Standing Committee in consultation with the Distribution Advisory Committee may make any further re-allocation of funds as may be necessary or desirable in 2026, 2027 and 2028 in Part B:

16.1 The Standing Committee is authorised to carry forward any unexpended sums from 2026, 2027 and 2028 or alternatively to return any unexpended funds to the contributor at the end of 2026.

**PART C: INCOME FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES (Ministry Standards Office)**

17. WHEREAS proposals were agreed by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2020 to establish an office for Ministry Standards. It is therefore desirable to make financial provision for the implementation of such a decision.
18. **Trustee Distributions.** Under The General Church Trust Statute 1928, one purpose of the Trust is to support the Bishops in their various roles, including their Licensing role. The Trustees of the General Church Trust are directed above to pay the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui the sums under Part A 2 above for the 2026, 2027, and 2028 years.
19. **Contributions.** The several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa may make voluntary contributions toward supporting this part of the Statute if called upon by the Standing Committee to do so. Such contributions shall be payable by monthly instalments not later than the last day of each month. The 2026 contribution, if any, shall commence in September 2026, or such other time as maybe determined by the Standing Committee.
20. **Quotas/Levies.** The Standing Committee is hereby authorised to fix a charge upon each of the several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa to cover the costs of the Ministry Standards Office should the grants from Trusts and contributions from the said Dioceses and Te Pihopatanga be insufficient to cover the costs of the Office.
- 20.1 The basis of any such Quota/levy shall be a fixed sum for each Licence and Permissions to Officiate issued to persons ministering and living in Aotearoa New Zealand.
21. **Cost Recovery.** With the concurrence of Standing Committee, The Ministry Standards Office is authorised to recover its costs from any parties to any inquiry or proceedings that the Office becomes involved in.
22. **Allocation.** The amounts payable by each contributor for each of those years is shown in the columns headed "2026", "2027", "2028" respectively in the Table for this Part.

<b>PART C – INCOME</b>			
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
General Church Trust	0	0	0
Transfer from Part A	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Transfer from Reserve	0	0	0
Diocese of Auckland			
Diocese of Christchurch			
Diocese of Dunedin			
Diocese of Nelson			
Diocese of Waiapu			
Diocese of Waikato & Taranaki			
Diocese of Wellington			
Diocese of Polynesia			
Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa			
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>

**23. Sources of Revenue.** The General Secretary may draw on the following sources to meet the provision made in the Table for this Part:

- (a) the trustee distributions for the purposes of this Part
- (b) interest received from the investment of funds received for expenditure under Part C
- (c) contributions from the several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa.
- (d) Quotas/levies authorised by the General Synod or its Standing Committee from the several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa.
- (e) Costs of the Office recovered from
  - (i) the several Dioceses in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Diocese of Polynesia and Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa.
  - (ii) other parties to any proceedings or inquiries
- (f) Part C funds carried forward under section 5

**24. Shortfall in Revenue.**

24.1 The General Secretary may make payments only when sufficient money is available from the sources referred to in section 22. If in the opinion of the General Secretary sufficient money is not available, then payments will be reduced or not made at all. Nothing in section 3 contradicts this section.

24.2 The Standing Committee must keep under review the expenditure of Part C and is authorised to order the cessation of work if the provision of the statute for Part C is likely to be overspent.

**25.** The General Secretary following the receipt of the contributions listed in clause 18, together with any 2026 carryover and any additional income may make payments specified as follows:

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
Office costs	100,000	100,000	100,000

**26.** The Standing Committee in consultation with the Distribution Advisory Committee may make any further reallocation of funds as may be necessary or desirable in 2026, 2027 and 2028 in Part C.

26.1 The Standing Committee is authorised to carry forward any unexpended sums from 2026, 2027 and 2028.

**27. Commencement:** This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.