

Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998

(Reprinted under the Interpretation Ordinance 1985.)

The Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 as amended by the Synod Estimates and Parochial Cost Recoveries (Alignment of Strategy) Ordinance 2008, the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2011, the Synod Estimates and Parochial Cost Recoveries (Transition) Ordinance 2012, the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2015, the Synod Funding Arrangements Amendment Ordinance 2020, the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2022, and the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Further Amendment Ordinance 2022.

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Long Title

An Ordinance to provide for the preparation of Synod estimates.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998.

2. Definition

In this Ordinance “financial year” means a period of 12 calendar months commencing on 1 January.

3. Estimates to be Prepared for the Synod

(1) The Standing Committee must prepare for the first ordinary session of each Synod a statement of funding principles and priorities to guide the estimates referred to in subclause (3).

(2) The statement of funding principles and priorities is to be accompanied by a motion moved by request of the Standing Committee by which the Synod may approve the Statement.

(3) The Standing Committee must prepare for the second ordinary session of each Synod a proposed ordinance which contains estimates for each of the following 3 financial years of –

- (a) the amount required for meeting the cost of sittings of the Synod, the maintenance of the diocesan offices and the expenses of such other diocesan activities and commitments as, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be supported;
- (b) the amount which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be granted to organisations under the control of Synod or to other organisations; and
- (c) the amount available for distribution from endowments or other trusts for meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, may prudently be applied towards meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) in the relevant financial year.

(4) A proposed ordinance prepared under subclause (3) for consideration at the second ordinary session of each Synod is, as far as practicable, to reflect –

- (a) the statement of funding principles and priorities approved by the Synod at the first ordinary session of that Synod, or
 - (b) any other determination made by the Synod in relation to such Statement.
- (5) This clause applies subject to clause 4.

4. Special Arrangements for the 52nd Synod

Notwithstanding the requirements in clause 3, the following special arrangements apply in place thereof in respect to the 52nd Synod –

- (a) the Standing Committee must pass an ordinance during 2021 which contains estimates for the 2022 financial year of –
 - (i) the amount required for meeting the cost of the sitting or sittings of the Synod, the maintenance of the diocesan offices and the expenses of such other diocesan activities and commitments as, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be supported;
 - (ii) the amount which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be granted to organisations under the control of Synod or to other organisations; and
 - (iii) the amount available for distribution from endowments or other trusts for meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, may prudently be applied towards meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii); and
- (b) the Standing Committee must prepare for the 2022 session of Synod a proposed ordinance which contains estimates for the 2023 financial year of –
 - (i) the amount required for meeting the cost of sittings of the Synod, the maintenance of the diocesan offices and the expenses of such other diocesan activities and commitments as, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be supported;
 - (ii) the amount which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, should be granted to organisations under the control of Synod or to other organisations; and
 - (iii) the amount available for distribution from endowments or other trusts for meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) which, in the opinion of the Standing Committee, may prudently be applied towards meeting the amounts referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) in the relevant financial year; and
- (c) a proposed ordinance prepared under subclause 4(b) for consideration at the 2022 session of Synod is, as far as practicable, to reflect –
 - (i) the most recent statement of funding principles and priorities approved by the Synod, or
 - (ii) any other determination made by the Synod in relation to such Statement.

5. Distribution of Ordinance and statement of funding principles and priorities

The Standing Committee must distribute a copy of each proposed ordinance and statement of funding principles and priorities referred to in clauses 3 and 4 (but not subclause 4(a)) to all members of the Synod not less than 14 days before the first day of the session at which the proposed ordinance or statement of funding principles and priorities is to be considered.

Table of Amendments

Clause 3	Amended by Ordinances Nos 19, 2008; 21, 2011; 8, 2012; 4, 2015 and 39, 2020.
Clause 4	Deleted by Ordinance No 19, 2008. New clause inserted by Ordinance No 39, 2020. Amended by Ordinance Nos 14, 2022 and 22, 2022
Clause 5	Original clause deleted and new clause inserted by Ordinance No 19, 2008. Amended by Ordinances Nos 21, 2011; 4, 2015; 39, 2020; 22, 2022.

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