

KEY QUESTIONS

the big six



How much ODA does Australia provide?

Australia is the 13th-largest donor; ODA is at its lowest level since 2010

According to OECD data, Australia’s net ODA was US\$3.3 billion in 2016 (in 2016 prices), making it the thirteenth-largest DAC donor. Net ODA decreased by 5% compared to 2015. Cutting the ODA budget has become one of the biggest sources of savings required to meet austerity measures; ODA has been declining consistently since 2012. ODA as a percentage of GNI is expected to have declined from 0.27% in 2016 to 0.22% in 2017. In overall terms, net ODA will have decreased by 24% between 2012 and 2018, according to the latest budget for FY2017-18.

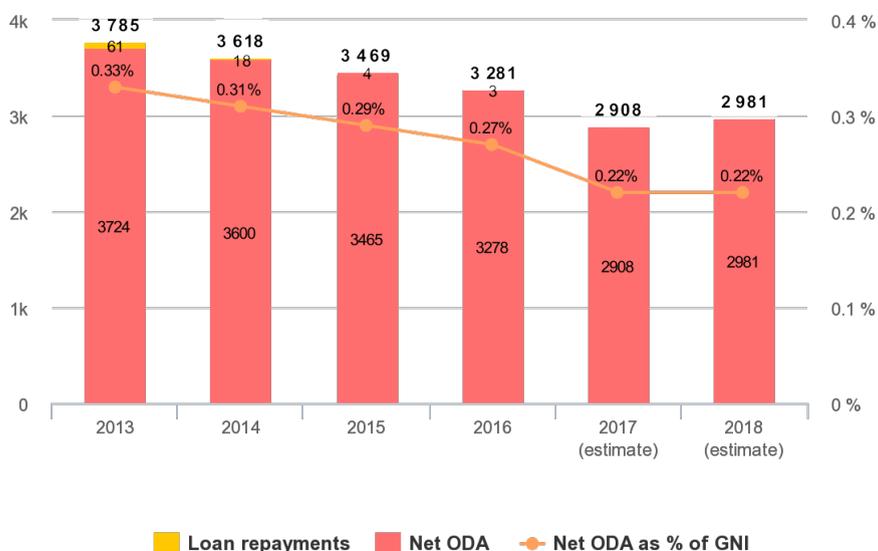
The Liberal National Coalition assumed office in 2013 and has since announced multiple ODA budget cuts. The largest single cut in Australia’s development budget history came between FY 2014-15 and FY2015-16, decreasing from A\$5 billion (US\$3.7 billion) to A\$4 billion (US\$3.0 billion). The FY2016-17 ODA budget saw a further decrease to A\$3.8 billion (US\$2.8 billion).

In July 2016, the Liberal National Coalition won the federal election, narrowly defeating the Labor Party to maintain majority control. The Australian Treasurer delivered the FY2017-18 budget in May 2017. This budget maintains a cap on ODA at A\$3.9 billion (US\$2.9 billion), allowing an increase only for inflation. From 2019 to 2021, however, the government is also freezing increases in line with inflation that would maintain the real value of ODA. This will result in an additional projected cut of about A\$303 million (US\$225 million). ODA has decreased from 0.36% of GNI in 2012 to 0.27% in 2016 and is expected to drop further in the coming years. This share of net ODA in 2016 ranks Australia the 17th-largest donor relative to its GNI.

Loan repayments, which make up the difference between net and gross ODA, and include offsetting entries for debt relief, accounted for less than 1% of the gross ODA budget between 2014 and 2016.

AUSTRALIA'S GROSS/NET ODA DISBURSEMENTS

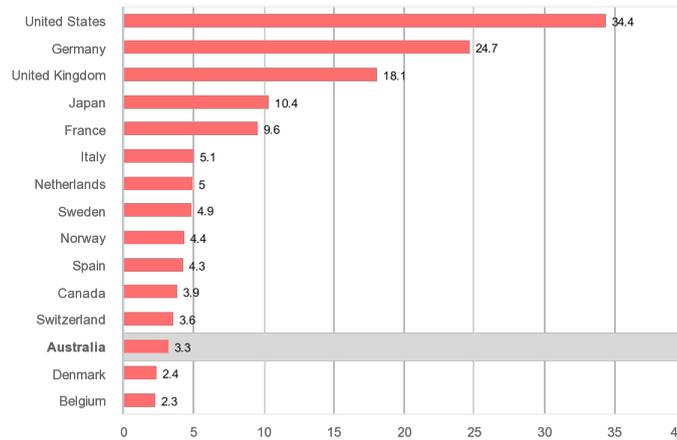
US\$ millions; in 2016 prices



OECD DAC. ODA estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on government data.

TOP 15 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2016

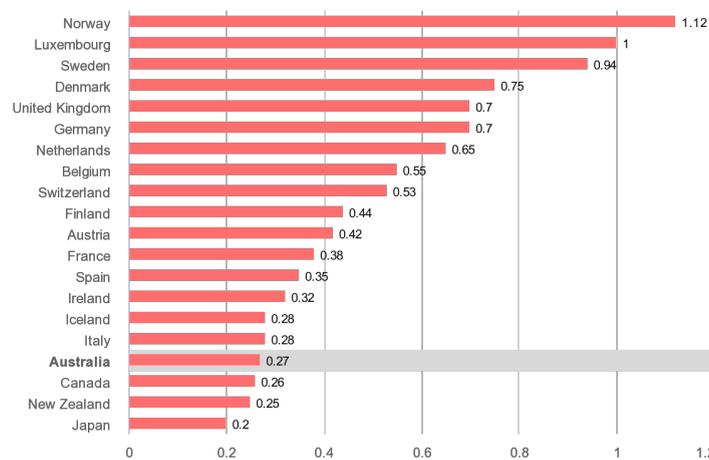
Net ODA disbursements; US\$ billions; 2016 prices



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TOP 20 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2016

Net ODA as % of GNI



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Further information: 2016 prices

To compare ODA levels in any given year with ODA levels provided in other years, figures need to be adjusted to account for inflation and exchange rate fluctuations. The OECD provides data that accounts for these fluctuations. In this profile, and unless indicated otherwise, figures are stated using 2016 prices.