

## KEY QUESTIONS

### the big six



#### How much ODA does Australia provide?

##### **Australia is the 12th-largest donor; ODA is at its lowest level since 2009**

According to OECD data, Australia's net ODA was US\$3 billion in 2017 (current prices), making it the 12th-largest DAC donor. Net ODA decreased by 14% compared to 2016, driven by cuts to multilateral ODA. The ODA budget has been declining consistently since 2012. ODA as a share of GNI declined from 0.27% in 2016 to 0.23% in 2017. According to the latest two budgets, ODA for FY2017/18 was estimated to drop to 0.22% of GNI and remain there for FY2018/19. In overall terms, net ODA will have decreased by 25% between 2012 and 2019, according to the latest budget for FY2018/19.

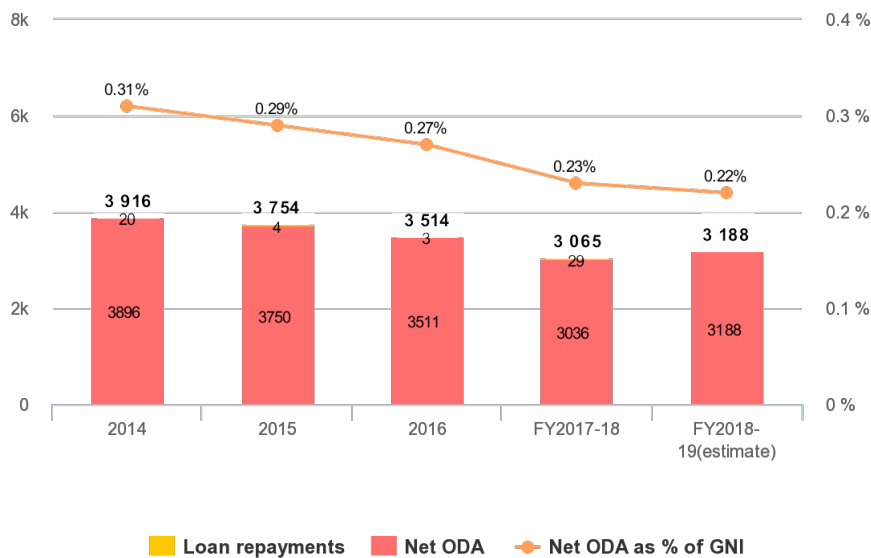
The Liberal National Coalition has been in government since 2013 and has enacted multiple cuts to the ODA budget. The largest single cut in Australia's development budget history came between FY2014/15 and FY2015/16, when it decreased from A\$5 billion (US\$3.8 billion) to A\$4 billion (US\$3.1 billion).

The Australian Treasurer delivered the FY2018/19 (for July 2018 to June 2019) budget in May 2018. The ODA budget was set at A\$4.2 billion (US\$3.2 billion). The increase over the budget for FY2017/18 (A\$3.9 billion, US\$3 billion) was due to a one-off payment to the AIIB of A\$161 million (US\$123 million). Otherwise the ODA budget has been capped at A\$4 billion (US\$3.1 billion) since FY2017/18. From 2019 to 2021, the government plans to freeze ODA increases in line with inflation that would otherwise maintain the real value of the ODA budget.

According to OECD data, ODA has decreased from 0.36% of GNI in 2012 to 0.23% in 2017. It is expected to drop further after FY2019/20 if the inflation freeze is upheld. This share of net ODA in 2017 ranks Australia the 17th-largest donor relative to its GNI. A federal election is due by May 18, 2019. If it forms government, the opposition Australian Labor Party has committed to a targeted ODA/GNI ratio of 0.5%, but without a specific timescale.

### AUSTRALIA'S GROSS/NET ODA DISBURSEMENTS

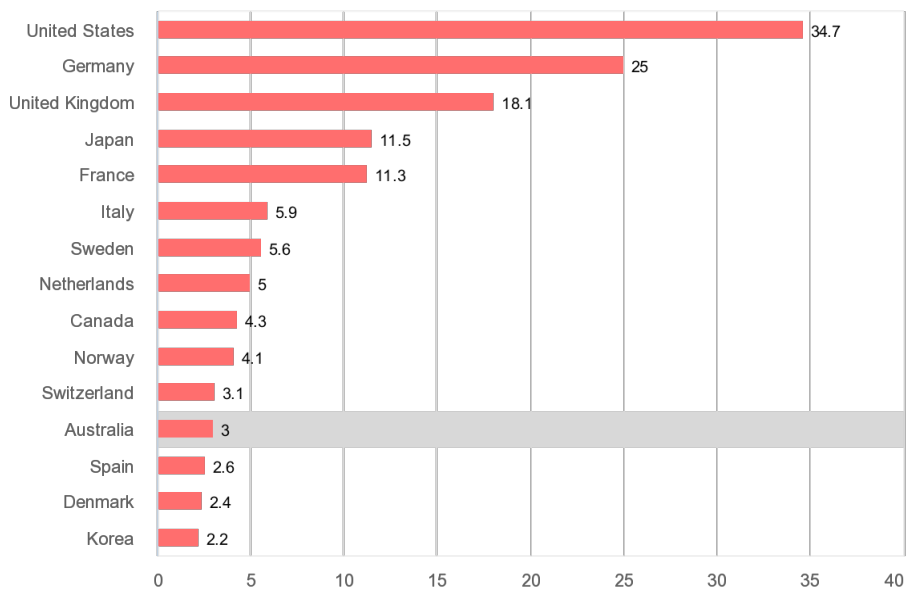
US\$ millions; in 2017 prices



OECD DAC1 table. ODA estimates for 2018 and 2019 are based on government data.

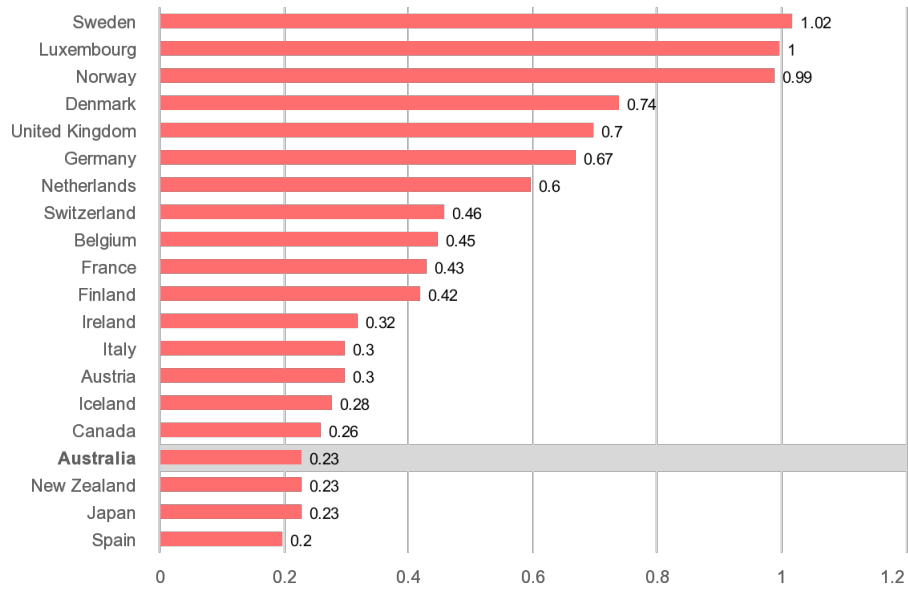
### TOP 15 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2017

Net ODA Disbursements; US\$ billions; in current prices



## TOP 20 DAC DONOR COUNTRIES, 2017

Net ODA as % of GNI

**Further information: 2017 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 2017 prices.