

THE DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT STATUTE 1991-2020

Be it enacted by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Bunbury in Synod assembled:

1. This Statute shall be known and cited as "The Diocesan Assessment Statute 1991-2020".
2. The Diocesan Assessment Statute 1956-1978 is hereby repealed.

3. Method of Assessing

- (a) The Bishop-in-Council shall each year assess the amount to be paid by each Ecclesiastical District of the Diocese (as defined by the Parochial Statute) for the year. The year shall commence on the first day of July.
- (b) The assessment for each year shall be calculated by the Bishop-in-Council using a formula determined by the Bishop-in-Council
- (c) The formula used by Bishop-in-Council must be:
 - (i) made available to all parishes prior to the assessment being calculated; and
 - (ii) equitable, taking into account the ability of the Parishes to pay the assessment amount and the financial needs of the Diocese.

4. Synod

The assessments, together with the Budget paper, shall be laid on the table on the first day of each Session of Synod.

5. Use of Assessments

- (a) The assessments shall be paid into the funds of the Diocese (The Diocesan Management Account, the See Account and the Foundation for Ministry Account) and to such purposes as Bishop-in-Council shall from time to time determine.
- (b) Assessments shall be payable monthly.

6. Notice of Assessment

The Diocesan Secretary shall notify the Parish or District Priest and the Parish or District Council of the proposed assessment by 15 May each year.

7. Appeals

- (a) Within one calendar month from the receipt of notification a Parish Council may appeal in writing to Bishop-in-Council if dissatisfied with the amount of assessment.
- (b) If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the decision of Bishop-in-Council concerning the appeal, with the consent of the Bishop, it may appeal to Synod. A decision of Synod shall be final.

- (c) Bishop-in-Council may suspend the payment of the whole or any part of any money due by any Parish under this Statute for such time and upon such conditions as Bishop-in-Council shall seem just.