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Introduction

- Under Financial Regulation 5.2 (b) the distribution of the budget of the Commission among members is to be based partly on “a 20 per cent national wealth component based upon an equal weighting of proportional gross national income (calculated on a three-year average) per capita and proportional gross national income (calculated on a three-year average).” For some members, data from the World Bank is not available. For members where Gross National Index (GNI) data is available, the data may not be updated every year. Where the World Bank does not have the GNI data, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) data is substituted. Where neither UNDP nor World Bank data is available, individual members have been consulted and other sources of data are used.
- In addition, GNI is not available for some members, specifically those members that are more economically developed. In those instances, GDP is used.

Current Practice

- Table 1 shows the data source and the years used for calculating the 20 percent national wealth component of the budget. Where data is not provided annually, the last known year’s data is used to compute the three year average set out in Financial Regulation 5.2 (b).

Table 1

Member	Data Source	Years used for 2012 Calculations
Australia	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Canada	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
China	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Cook Islands	SPC	2008, 2009, 2009
European Community	EuroStat	2008, 2009, 2010
Federated States of Micronesia	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Fiji	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
France	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Japan	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Kiribati	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Korea	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010

Marshall Islands	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Nauru	UNPD	2008, 2008, 2008
New Zealand	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Niue	SPC	2008, 2009, 2009
Palau	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2009
Papua New Guinea	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Philippines	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Samoa	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Solomon Islands	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Chinese Taipei	National Statistics	2007, 2008, 2009
Tonga	World Bank	2008, 2008, 2008
Tuvalu	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
United States of America	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010
Vanuatu	World Bank	2008, 2009, 2010

Recommendations

4. The Committee is invited to note the basis of calculating the 20% national wealth for the distribution of the Commission's budget.