

Report on Financial Contributions & Voting Status

A Secretariat Report

1. Background

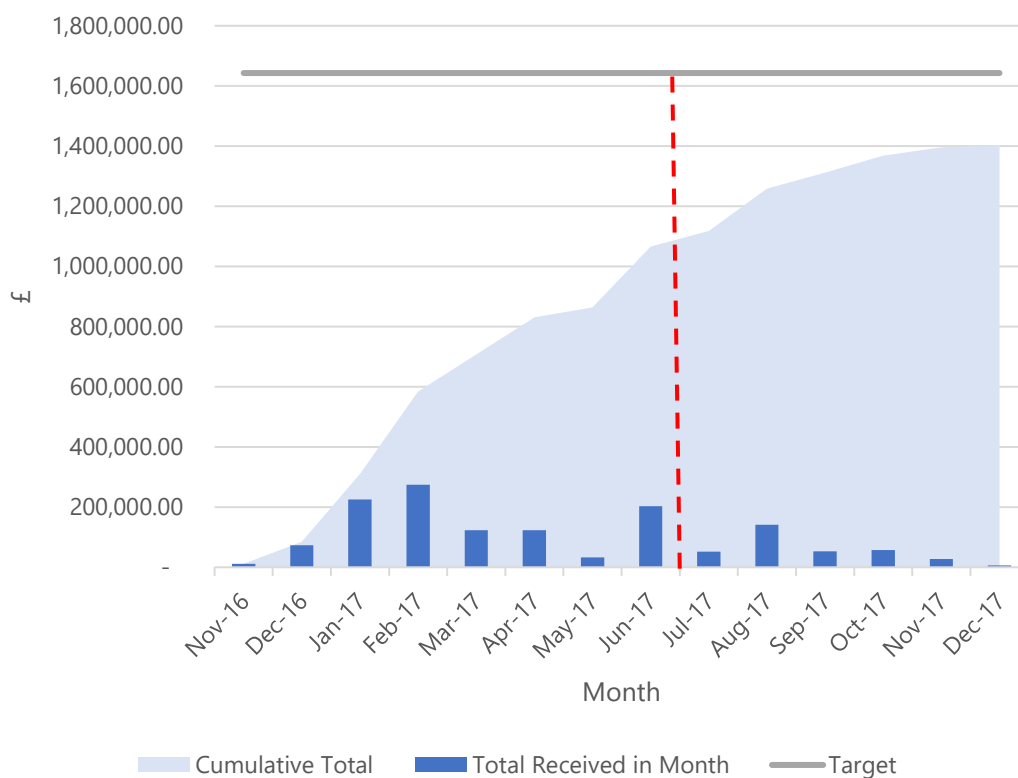
1.1. Financial Regulation E.4. requires the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission the position regarding the collection of annual payments. This report fulfils that requirement.

2. Collection Rate of Contributions 2017 & 2018 to date

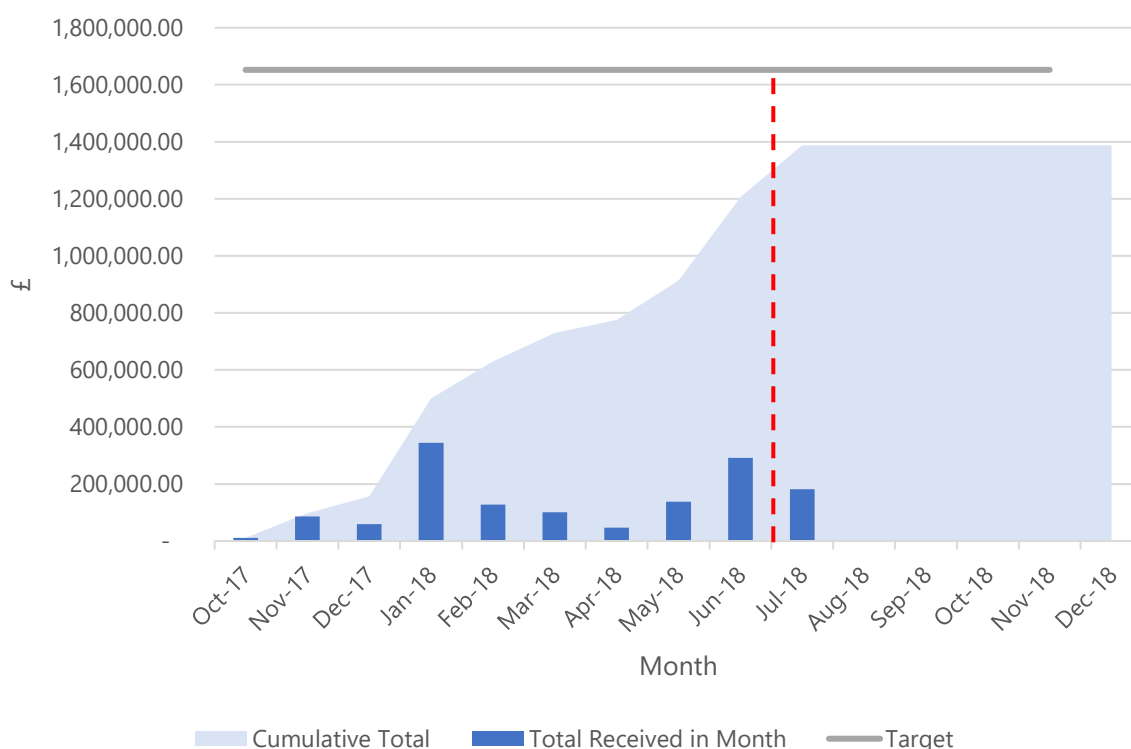
2.1. Graphs 1 and 2 below detail the pattern of contribution receipts for the 2017 financial year and 2018 financial year (to 31 July 2018).

2.2. Each graph shows the total amounts received in each month and the cumulative total of receipts for the year. The grey line indicates the total amount of contributions due from contracting members and the red line indicates the due date for contributions.

Graph 1: Spread of Financial Contribution income 2017



Graph 2: Spread of Financial Contribution income to 31st July 2018



2.3. The table below provides some further comparative statistics:

	2017 financial year	2018 financial year (correct at 31 July 2018)
Number of Contracting Governments	87	88
Number of Contracting Governments subject to Financial Regulation F5 ¹	9	8
% of contributions received before the 30 th June deadline.	64.9%	72.9%
Number of Contracting Governments sending payment before the deadline	41	46

3. Vote Suspensions

- 3.1. Annex 1 of this report lists the Contracting Governments who are currently in arrears of contributions, correct to 31st July 2018.
- 3.2. In accordance with Rule of Procedure E.2a and Financial Regulation F.2, if these Governments remain in arrears the day before the plenary session commences (9th September 2018) their vote will be suspended. Vote suspensions will be confirmed via Circular communication on this date. The Annex to this report will be revised daily as necessary during the Plenary week of IWC 67.

¹ Financial regulation F.5 applies to Contracting Governments in arrears of 3+ years of contributions.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. The Finance & Administration Committee is requested to note the status of contributions and voting status.

ANNEX 1 Rev3 – Contracting Governments with arrears of Contributions

This list is correct as at **10am, 10th September 2018.**

CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS IN ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

	Contracting Government	Amount Outstanding	Subject to Financial Regulation F.5.
1	Belize	16,285	Y
2	Cameroon	11,964	N
3	Congo, Rep	22,189	Y
4	Dominica	19,696	Y
5	Eritrea	6,661	N
6	Gambia, The	29,520	Y
7	Ghana	23,799	Y
8	Guinea-Bissau	26,667	Y
9	Mali	19,146	Y
10	Oman	16,764	N
11	Palau	610	N
12	Romania	27,725	Y
13	Senegal	11,761	N
14	Togo	6,476	Y
	TOTAL	239,263	