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Palestinian recognition – Australia, Canada, UK

Australia recognised Palestine alongside Canada, the UK and France on 21 September 2025.
s 33(a)(iii)

France and the UK proceeded with these elements of recognition, with the Palestinian General Delegation in London upgraded to a full embassy on 5 January 2026.

s 33(a)(iii)

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ATTACHMENT A

What were the Palestinian Authority's reform commitments?

- The PA has re-affirmed it recognises **Israel's right to exist** in peace and security.
- It has called on **Hamas to disarm and have no role** in the future governance of Gaza.
- It has committed to hold **general elections** (November this year).
- It promised reform of **governance**, **financial transparency** and the **education** system, including international oversight to prevent the incitement of violence and hatred.
- It pledged to abolish the '**pay for slay**' payments system for prisoners and martyrs.

s 33(a)(iii)

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ATTACHMENT B

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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ATTACHMENT C

s 33(a)(iii)

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ATTACHMENT D

Current Australian capacity building support in Palestine

We do not provide funding directly to the PA. Our funding is channelled through trusted partners with robust fiduciary systems:

- **Through UNDP's** Transparency, Evidence, Effectiveness and Accountability (TEA3); we have provided $5m (2024-2027) to help build PA capacity to host local elections and improve the transparency and accountability of government services. s 33(a)(iii)
- **Trilateral Cooperation** – Indonesia-Australia-Palestine: at the Australia-Indonesia 2+2 (Aug 2025), FM Wong and FM Sugiono committed to support the PA to meet reform commitments
    - the 16-27 April education dialogue visit to Indonesia; 11 Palestinian delegates, showcasing Australia's cooperation with Indonesia's education system on reform in areas such as: religious moderation and harmony; compassion-based learning and digital learning. A law enforcement dialogue will be scheduled later this year.
- **Australia Awards** in Palestine have been an opportunity to undertake full time study at participating Australian universities and TAFEs. Owing to the conflict and scholars difficulty departing, Palestine Australia awards have been suspended for 2025 and 2026.

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ATTACHMENT E

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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244 – Additional Estimates

Topic: 244 - Palestinian Authority funding

Senator Malcolm Roberts

Question:

Senator ROBERTS: I've got three topics to cover and they're fairly quick, I hope. Does Australia still contribute funds to the Palestinian Authority?
Mr Griffiths: Our funding to Palestine, our program in Palestine, goes to UNRWA, to UNICEF, to the UNFPA, UNDP, the UN Office for Project Services and there are some other programs like Australia Awards and those kinds of funds as well. There's a regional programming, a smaller amount.
Senator ROBERTS: We don't pay money directly to the Palestinian Authority?
Mr Griffiths: No.
Senator ROBERTS: But it can get to the Palestinian Authority through those other agencies?
Mr Griffiths: That's correct. For example, some of our funding to the UNDP under a TEA3 program I think it's called is assisting with electoral development, with the preparations for local elections, for example, which fits in with the Palestinian Authority's commitments to reform. The UN agencies are assisting with those projects.
Senator ROBERTS: Do you have any way of finding out how much they have each paid to the Palestinian Authority?
Mr Griffiths: I would have to take that on notice.
Senator ROBERTS: If you could please and could you tell me how much Australia has paid to the Palestinian Authority indirectly through those other agencies in the last five years?
Mr Griffiths: Certainly.

Answer:
Since 2017, DFAT has not provided ODA funds directly to the Palestinian Authority. Australian ODA funding to Palestine is provided to a range of UN and INGO partners. Funding may flow through these partners to other NGOs, the private sector and civil society organisations.

There may be times where private sector and NGO partners would be required to pay legitimate taxes and fees to the national authority, as is normal in any context. These include including VAT, municipality fees and employee contributions to income tax and pension funds. Per the UN Convention on Privileges and Immunities, UN agencies are exempted from these making these payments.

All Australian Government funding agreements include strict counter-terrorism, anti-fraud and anti-corruption obligations, which are subject to ongoing monitoring and review.