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It plays a significant role in ensuring the right incentives are in place to influence compliance with tax laws. The efficiency and effectiveness of tax administration rules and processes is critical to maintaining fairness in the tax system. The work to review and modernise these settings focuses on the core dimensions of the Tax Administration Act, namely the roles of the Commissioner, taxpayers and intermediaries such as tax agents, as well as the rules around information collection, use and disclosure. Through the development of Making Tax Simpler – Towards a new Tax Administration Act it became clear that the issues were wide-ranging and complex, and would require further detailed discussion. This would also provide the opportunity to take public submissions into account when developing detailed proposals. Following the proposals set out in the second discussion document, the proposed legislative changes in this Bill are grouped into four key areas: Collection, use and disclosure of information – in particular, modernising the rules around confidentiality and information-sharing. Permitting a wider group of intermediaries to have access to new services provided by Business Transformation. Subject to clear safeguards in keeping with the rule of law, allowing the Commissioner some flexibility under care and management responsibilities to respond to obvious legislative anomalies. Following the receipt of submissions, further consultation was carried out with representatives from key stakeholder groups Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the New Zealand Law Society and the Corporate Taxpayers Group. This further consultation, together with the submissions received on both discussion documents, informed the final policy recommendations for the proposed amendments. The merits of the proposed changes are analysed in the regulatory impact assessments, available at [Page 1](http://Proposals for modernising the Tax Administration Act – collection, use and disclosure of information; Making Tax Simpler: Proposals for modernising the Tax Administration Act – rulings, amendments and tax intermediaries; and Making Tax Simpler: Proposals for modernising the Tax Administration Act – flexibility for dealing with legislative anomalies. Each area is covered in more detail in the following sections of this commentary. Much of that information is provided by taxpayers. This may be information about themselves such as in an individual or business income tax return or about other taxpayers such as in an employer monthly schedule. Inland Revenue can enforce the provision of information that is not received through regular channels, and has significant powers to do so, but the use of these powers is the exception rather than the rule. This gives an assurance that Inland Revenue will only use its powers to obtain information that is needed. This Bill proposes to rewrite the information collection provisions in order to make them clearer and more navigable, however, there are no proposed changes of substance with the exception of two areas: The introduction of a regulation-making power to govern the repeat collection of third-party datasets. This will provide a more efficient and transparent process for this type of collection, as distinct from the current ad hoc collection of such information using existing powers. For taxpayers to be comfortable providing their information, they need to feel the information requested is reasonable and is treated appropriately by Inland Revenue. Rules about the confidentiality of tax and taxpayer information are common across revenue agencies internationally. For most public sector agencies the primary rules governing collection, use and disclosure of information are set out in the Privacy Act and the Official Information Act. The confidentiality of tax information is important for three key reasons: Revenue agencies are generally granted wide information-gathering powers so they can ensure that taxpayers are meeting their obligations. Confidentiality has traditionally been considered necessary to promote compliance – taxpayers will be more willing to provide information to Inland Revenue if they are assured it will go no further. Taxpayer privacy has also more recently been referred to by the Courts – and the right of taxpayers to have their affairs kept confidential is also recognised in section 6 of the Tax Administration Act in defining the integrity of the tax</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

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system. However, the current rules can lead to tensions, particularly between: Inland Revenue already shares considerable amounts of information with other agencies. The aim of the proposed amendments is to modernise and clarify the rules, to better provide for confidentiality and sharing in the future, and more clearly balance the trade-offs inherent in decision about whether information should be shared. The key proposed amendments relating to confidentiality comprise: Narrowing the confidentiality rule from its current coverage of all matters relating to the Inland Revenue Acts, to more clearly target information about taxpayers. Providing a clearer exceptions framework, grouping the exceptions into categories and improving the navigability of the legislation. Introducing a more flexible regulatory framework for information sharing to assist with the provision of public service building on existing rules. Allowing Inland Revenue to enter into agreements for information-sharing without need for regulations where the sharing will be done with customer consent. Again this is linked to information-sharing for public service provision. The next six commentary items Information collection, Information use, Confidentiality, Confidentiality exceptions framework, Information sharing, Penalties for misuse for information improve the framework by which Inland Revenue can collect, use and disclose information. These amendments do not represent a policy change with the exception of one aspect, detailed further below. A transitional provision is included to make clear there is no policy change intended by the rewrite of these provisions. One policy change is included in the proposed amendments – introducing a new regulation-making power for repeat collection of certain data. This builds on the existing power to collect information on an ad hoc basis by providing for regulations to be made where bulk data is considered necessary or relevant on a regular basis, providing greater clarity and transparency in these situations. Application date The proposed amendments will come into force on the date of enactment. Key features As part of the modernisation of the Tax Administration Act , provisions governing the collection use and disclosure of information are proposed to be brought together in a new subpart 3A and rewritten in a more modern, navigable style. Overarching purpose and principle sections have also been added to improve navigability and clarity. These new purpose and principle sections do not represent any policy change, rather they draw together the purpose and principles already contained in the existing provisions. One new provision is included within the proposed changes – introducing a regulation-making power where information is to be sought on a regular, repeating basis, as distinct from using existing powers to collect information on an ad hoc basis. This is a long-established standard and gives the assurance that Inland Revenue will only use its information-gathering powers to obtain information that is needed. The current rules, while currently generally working well, were designed for a time when information was stored and exchanged in paper format. The rules, however, continue to work well in most situations where information is collected on a one-off or ad hoc basis. This applies equally to individual taxpayer data and wider datasets comprising information about many taxpayers. As the digitisation of the economy increases, so too does the availability and usefulness of large datasets. Data matching is becoming increasingly common in both the public and private sector. In the tax context, the use of large datasets for compliance and educative work has been part of the toolkit for revenue agencies around the world for some time. Such data is used for a range of purposes, including education, targeted publicity and support, targeting compliance work to high risk cases, pre-populating returns, and tailoring service approaches. In New Zealand, the existing information-gathering powers in the Tax Administration Act have been recognised by the Courts as enabling the collection of large datasets. However, it is proposed to provide more specific rules for situations when such information is required on a regular, repeating basis. This will provide greater transparency about those situations where data is being routinely and regularly collected. The proposed new provision is a clarification for specific circumstances and therefore does not affect the existing information collection powers set out in the Tax Administration Act Detailed analysis Clause 15 inserts a proposed new subpart 3A into the Tax Administration Act , containing provisions relating to collection, use and disclosure of revenue information. This, combined with clause inserting a proposed new schedule 7, would replace the existing sections 16–21 and Part 4 of the Act. Proposed new section 16 sets out the purpose of the subpart, which is to: Proposed new section 16B then sets out the principles upon which

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the subpart is based, in particular: A number of key terms are set out in proposed new section 16C. Proposed new sections 17A–17K then set out, in rewritten format, the information collection rules currently contained in sections 16A–19 and 21 of the Act. This is a drafting improvement rather than a policy change. Proposed new section F is included to make clear that there is no change of meaning with regard to these sections. New regulation-making power for datasets Proposed new section 17L inserts a new regulation-making power into the Tax Administration Act. This would enable regulations to be made by Order in Council, authorising the collection, on a regular basis, of bulk data, where that collection is necessary or relevant for revenue purposes. A regulation would specify: The proposed provision has a number of safeguards built in. Before recommending regulations the Minister of Revenue must be satisfied that: Consultation would include provision of draft regulations and an explanation of why they are considered necessary and how the proposed use of the information is consistent with the Inland Revenue Acts. The proposed provision also contains a statutory review requirement. This would require the Commissioner to conduct a review of the operation of the proposed provision, in consultation with the Privacy Commissioner. This review would be required to be carried out five years after the proposed provision comes into force. Application date The proposed amendments will come into force on the date of enactment Detailed analysis Inland Revenue has a very broad range of functions. In many cases interactions with a customer may be for a particular purpose, or in relation to a particular product type, for example personal income tax or Working for Families tax credits. The Tax Administration Act charges the Commissioner of Inland Revenue with the care and management of the taxes and with other conferred functions. The care and management responsibility encompasses the requirement that the Commissioner carry out her functions in a way that makes the most efficient use of her resources. This requirement, coupled with the overarching requirement to protect the integrity of the tax system, suggests that the Commissioner should be able to make the most efficient use of information at her disposal in order to fulfil her various functions and responsibilities. It is also proposed to modernise and restructure the confidentiality rules to improve the clarity and navigability of the legislation. Key features Under the proposed amendment the confidentiality rule is reframed from covering all matters relating to revenue legislation, to being clearly focused on information about, or relating to, taxpayers. Background In order to administer the tax system and associated social policy products, Inland Revenue collects and holds information on virtually all New Zealanders, as well as most corporate and other entities, such as trusts and partnerships. This is information that taxpayers are compelled to provide to Inland Revenue, and therefore it must be treated with care. While the Privacy Act provides a framework for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, much of the information held by Inland Revenue is non-personal, and no equivalent legislative framework exists. Given the breadth of the information Inland Revenue holds, and the sensitivity of some of this information, specific rules about confidentiality for Inland Revenue must be retained. A key issue with the current rules about tax information is the difference between Inland Revenue and other government agencies in relation to official information. While the precise limits of the rule are not clear, it is apparent that this rule is not limited to information about taxpayers. The breadth of the current rule means that a wide range of information, including information relating to procurement, analysis and statistics, information technology, finance and planning, policy development and even publicly available information is subject to the tax secrecy rule, unless a subsequent exception applies. Much of this information would not be considered confidential in the hands of any other agency. As set out in the introduction to the information section, there are generally three key reasons given for confidentiality of tax information. Each of these reasons has at their core the protection of information about the taxpayers or entities that provide information to Inland Revenue. Each of the concerns – the impact on voluntary compliance, balancing information collection powers and the protection of privacy – is focused on the harm that would result from the disclosure of taxpayer or entity information. There does not appear therefore, to be a clear reason for the breadth of the current secrecy rule and the inconsistency this creates for Inland Revenue as compared with other agencies. The broad approach is also inconsistent with that taken in other jurisdictions such as Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the

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United States. Detailed analysis Proposed new section 18 sets out the new confidentiality rule.

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List of all questions for readers from this chapter The diagram below shows the key elements of the modernisation programme. These elements are discussed in greater detail in the appendices attached to this Green paper, but the following provides a brief summary. If not, what would be a better focus for future consideration in relation to PAYE processes? Have we considered all likely issues in relation to streamlining the collection of PAYE and related information? Taxes deducted from salary and wage earners by their employers form a very important part of our tax administration, so streamlining the collection of PAYE, GST and related information, and integrating tax obligations into business processes, is crucial for modernising the tax system. This process is a crucial part of the administration so the Government wants it to operate as smoothly as possible with minimum compliance costs for employers. Integrating the collection of this information into normal business processes would be an important first step to reduce the compliance costs for businesses. In doing so, providing PAYE information then becomes part of a wider process rather than an additional step required by the tax system. Crucially, comprehensive collection of accurate PAYE information is also a pre-requisite to enable Inland Revenue to provide accurate tax information for individuals on an online income statement see page 32 for more information on this. In its current form, the EMS has many positive attributes, but it is still largely paper based. This results in businesses spending extra time inputting data and increases the risk of errors. Potential benefits from improving the way the EMS operates for employers, intermediaries and Inland Revenue include: Focussing on the transfer of data, rather than on the current prescriptive filing of EMS returns, means information can potentially be provided and corrected at any time during a period, rather than just at the end of a prescribed period. It should also provide additional flexibility for taxpayers. In order to improve and streamline the collection of PAYE information, the following issues will need to be carefully considered. Should the current EMS form be replaced with automatic digital data transfers? How should Inland Revenue ideally obtain additional relevant information? When will the information be considered accurate? Should some employee information be private and not shared with an employer for example, should child support information be treated differently as it is a matter between the employee and Inland Revenue? Innovation by software developers and payroll providers will be an important ingredient in ensuring that any PAYE changes are successful. Such changes will not just be confined to the provision of PAYE information – the same issues and principles will also apply to other requirements. A review of these rules will focus on removing undue complexity and providing more clarity in their application. The rules have not been fundamentally reviewed since their introduction in This review of tax administration provides the opportunity to investigate whether improvements can be made to ensure the rules reflect modern employment practices. A review of the PAYE rules should focus on removing complexity to ensure employers can apply the rules with the least amount of effort resulting in a reduction in compliance costs. There are a number of factors influencing the accuracy of the amount of PAYE deducted. These include use of the correct tax code, assistance by Inland Revenue in helping to identify incorrect tax codes and calculation accuracy for both payroll packages and manual calculations , and other changes in employee information. A review of the existing PAYE rules will focus on: Rationalisation of how employment remuneration is taxed and whether all forms of remuneration can be included under PAYE. For example, can some or all of fringe benefits, employer superannuation contributions and employee share schemes income be incorporated into the PAYE rules? Whether one-off payments can be included in the PAYE rules to avoid taxpayers becoming provisional taxpayers. How the PAYE rules apply to cross-border employment relationships. Wage protection for example, ensuring employees receive a sufficient minimum net payment when exploring whether the PAYE system should be used to recover outstanding liabilities. Extra pays, due to the complexity of the current calculation. Clarifying the taxation of holiday pay. Simplifying the application of secondary tax codes due to

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better income information being received during the year. Opportunities for common definitions of salary and wages to be used for a range of taxes and social policy products, thereby simplifying the rules and reducing complexity. Questions for readers Are we considering all the relevant issues with the application of the current PAYE rules? Are there any other concerns facing employers that would improve how the PAYE rules work? Such a system requires third parties for example, employers, financial institutions etc. The existing PAYE model works well for the withholding of employment income where the traditional employer-employee relationship exists. For those who earn their income outside of a true employer-employee relationship, such as the self-employed or independent contractors, the picture is less straightforward. The current rules only require the payer to withhold tax for payments made to contractors who are in a listed set of industries. For contractors involved in those industries not listed, however, withholding does not currently take place. The current contractor withholding rules were introduced in , at the same time as PAYE. The labour market has changed since The rules have only ever been extended in an ad hoc way, for example, adding or removing specific industries. A review is needed to develop a more comprehensive and consistent withholding regime to keep up with modern work practices. A review would consider whether withholding at source could be used in a wider range of situations, including independent contractors, and possibly for particular industries. Enhancing the withholding regime also provides for the ability to improve compliance from particular participants in the labour market, for example, from migrant workers. The main objective is the provision of timely information and tax payments from business which are accurate, comprehensive and error free. Information should also be able to be shared with other government agencies where it is appropriate to do so. Solutions in this area would ideally reduce compliance and administration costs for businesses and Government as a whole, while at the same time increasing compliance levels from all customers. Ideally there would be other benefits as well, such as reducing the possibility of customers falling into debt. In practice there are likely to be trade-offs. An important consideration is to ensure that any change does not just merely shift the cost of compliance from Inland Revenue to business. The Government may, where it has concerns with voluntary compliance, look to address the scope of the PAYE and the schedular payment rules. If you would like to read more about possible changes to the withholding regime go to Appendix 2. Questions for readers What factors should Government be particularly conscious of when considering changes to the withholding tax regime in order to cover more employment-like situations? Questions for readers What are the key tax administration issues currently facing businesses? Are there any particular areas that present concrete ways of increasing speed and certainty? How important is improving the provisional tax rules in reducing compliance costs for business? Are there other more important issues the Government should be focusing on instead, or as well? The Government seeks feedback on more effective and simple methods of calculating and paying provisional tax and, in particular, how provisional tax could be better aligned to other business processes. The tax system needs to focus on speed, accuracy, certainty, predictability and low business risk in business taxation matters. Businesses have stated that speed and certainty, and issues with provisional tax are important concerns. Businesses want access to the right people at the right time at Inland Revenue to ensure they are doing the right thing. But are there aspects of running a business that present specific issues “ such as the impact of taking on more staff? The tax system should be easy for businesses to comply with, ensuring they spend more time on running their businesses and less time on tax. If it is easy to do the right thing, overall levels of compliance will increase. As mentioned above, the provisional tax rules are an important consideration for businesses as they are the mechanism by which most businesses pay tax during the year. The following discussion provides some initial high-level ideas to improve the calculation and payment of provisional tax. Provisional tax Businesses are required to pay income tax on their profits. The exact amount of tax that a business is required to pay for each year can only be determined after that year has finished. The current provisional tax rules, however, are designed to ensure that tax is paid during the year, rather than at the end of the year. The calculation and payment of provisional and terminal tax currently presents some problems for businesses of various sizes, including: This also has flow-on effects for Inland Revenue in its enforcement activities. Any design

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improvements to the provisional tax rules would need to consider the following: This has the potential to simplify the calculation of provisional tax and create more certainty for taxpayers and reflect cashflow. Any review of the provisional tax rules would also have to consider changes to the standard uplift method of calculating provisional tax, together with the current safe harbour limits and use of money interest rules. If you would like to read more about the future for business tax go to Appendix 3. Small businesses A particular focus of modernising the tax administration system is to ensure it becomes easier for small businesses to comply with their tax obligations, thereby reducing their compliance costs and improving overall levels of compliance. Many small businesses have difficulty in meeting their tax obligations. Compliance costs are also higher for smaller businesses compared with larger businesses which tend to have better tax understanding, better financial systems and better business processes. Therefore, it is important that Inland Revenue is more proactive and sophisticated in its approach to providing assistance to these businesses. Taxes should not be a minefield for small businesses – complying should be easy. Other forms of assistance could involve ensuring that the right support is available at key events that may result in tax obligations, such as taking on new staff for the first time. Ensuring that businesses get it right first time and maintaining that will be a real focus. This is likely to be a more productive use of both business and Inland Revenue staff time than lower-value activities, such as keying in data from paper forms. Software would have the ability to help users correctly classify transactions to ensure tax obligations are correctly met right from the start. Taxpayers who use the software would benefit from greater certainty as errors and misclassification would be reduced. A move in this direction could be supported by changes to the penalties regime. The current penalties regime is based on associated shortfalls arising from individual transactions. Where appropriate, the penalties regime could be adjusted to instead focus more on recognising that the taxpayer is attempting to comply. Inland Revenue could provide the support necessary to encourage taxpayers to remedy systems faults which give rise to tax shortfalls. Adopting business systems and accounting software that meets specific standards would be a key component of this. Tax breaks for a particular group or industry are likely to create distortions by encouraging resources to flow into less productive activities, solely to get the tax break. This is inconsistent with the BBLR framework discussed in chapter 1. However, it may be possible to make some changes that result in tax simplification for small businesses that reduce compliance costs and make it easy to comply without a substantial fiscal impact.

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To view this licence, visit [nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://nationalarchives.gov.uk). Where we have identified any third party copyright information you will need to obtain permission from the copyright holders concerned. This publication is available at <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>: It is intended for tax practitioners and others with an interest in tax policy changes, especially those who will be involved in consultations both on the policy and on draft legislation. The information is set out as follows: Section 1 provides detail on all tax measures to be legislated in Finance Bill This includes confirmation of previously announced policy changes and explains where changes, if any, have been made following consultation on the draft legislation. It also sets out new measures announced at Spring Budget , where they will be in Finance Bill Section 2 provides details of all tax measures announced at Spring Budget which are not included in Finance Bill Any tax changes will be legislated for as necessary. Table 1 lists measures in this document without a corresponding announcement in the Budget report. Annex A provides tables of tax rates and allowances. Annex B gives details of upcoming tax consultations announced at Spring Budget Annex C gives information on impact assessments in tax information and impact notes. Finance Bill will be published on 20 March Finance Bill Income Tax 1. Finance Bill will therefore set: Further details on these changes were published in a tax information and impact note TIIN on 16 March This will reduce the tax differential between the employed and self-employed on one hand and those working through a company on the other, and raise revenue to invest in our public services. The change will take place from April The Income Tax: The allowances can be deducted from income instead of actual expenses. As announced at Autumn Statement , the trading allowance will also apply to certain miscellaneous income from providing assets or services. Following the publication of the draft legislation, revisions will be made to prevent the allowances from applying to income of a participator in a connected close company or to any income of a partner from their partnership. Minor revisions will also be made to improve clarity and correct errors. Employment and benefits in kind 1. This has the effect of reducing the taxable value of the BiK , often to zero. Legislation in Finance Bill will set the date for an employee to make good on benefits in kind which are not accounted for in real time through PAYE BiKs which are not payrolled. Following the consultation, the government concluded that 6 July following the end of the tax year is an appropriate date, so the taxable value of the BiK will be reduced or removed if making good takes place by that date. The change will affect making good on a tax liability arising in the tax year to , and subsequent years. Changes will take effect from 6 April A transitional rule will protect employees who are in contractual arrangements before 6 April until the earlier of a variation or renewal of the contract or 6 April , except for cars with emissions above 75g CO2 per kilometre, accommodation and school fees for which the final date is 6 April Employer-provided pensions and pension advice, childcare vouchers, employer-provided childcare and workplace nurseries, cycle to work schemes and ultra-low emissions cars, with emissions not exceeding 75g CO2 per kilometre will be excluded from this measure. The changes, including to Foreign Service Relief, will take effect from 6 April Following consultation on the draft legislation, the government will include legislation to abolish Foreign Service Relief in Finance Bill The change will come into effect from 6 April and apply across the UK. This change would put these workers in the same position as other employees, whose employers can choose whether or not to reimburse the expenses they incur. The application of the rules to Parliament and statutory auditors will also be clarified. The future use of schemes will be prevented by strengthening the current rules. The existing use of schemes will be tackled by the introduction of a new charge on disguised remuneration loans that were made after 5 April and remain outstanding on 5 April Legislation will also be introduced to ensure there is no double taxation. Following consultation, legislation has been revised to ensure the loan charge and the

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exclusions operate as intended. This will allow for further consultation to ensure it is appropriately targeted at disguised remuneration schemes. Proposals on how the tax and NICs arising from the changes will be collected will be set out in a technical consultation later in Further detail on the revisions can be found in the technical update. As announced at Autumn Statement , legislation will also be introduced in Finance Bill to tackle existing and prevent future use of similar schemes used by the self-employed. Legislation preventing the future use of these schemes will have effect from 6 April The existing use of schemes will also be tackled by the introduction of a new charge on outstanding disguised remuneration loans. This loan charge will operate in a similar way to the employment loan charge outlined in the technical consultation. It will have effect from Royal Assent of Finance Bill As announced at Autumn Statement , legislation will be also introduced to prevent employers claiming a deduction when computing their taxable profits for contributions to a disguised remuneration scheme unless Income Tax and NICs are paid within a specified period. This will have effect for contributions made on or after 1 April for Corporation Tax purposes or 6 April for Income Tax purposes. Following consultation, the legislation has been revised to clarify who can apply, when and how the recalculation is given effect. These changes will have effect from Royal Assent of Finance Bill This restricts the amount of tax relieved contributions an individual can make in a year into a money purchase pension, if they have flexibly accessed their pension savings. A response to the consultation will be published on 20 March Following consultation, the legislation has been revised to set out the position for defined benefit specialist pension schemes for those employed abroad section schemes and clarify that all lump sums paid out of funds built up before 6 April will be subject to existing tax treatment. These changes will have effect from 6 April Exceptions will be made to the charge, allowing transfers to be made tax free where people have a genuine need to transfer their pension, where: The changes will take effect for transfers requested on or after 9 March The government will also legislate in Finance Bill to apply UK tax rules to payments from funds that have had UK tax relief and have been transferred, on or after 6 April , to a qualifying recognised overseas pension scheme. UK tax rules will apply to any payments made in the first 5 full tax years following the transfer, regardless of whether the individual is or has been UK resident in that period. The Qualifying recognised overseas pension schemes: The Income Tax and Corporation Tax: Following consultation amendments have been made to provide clarity and certainty. The changes will take effect from 1 April The business impacts published in the Corporation Tax: The loss relief reform will take effect from 1 April Other amendments will minimise the risk of abuse and ensure the regime is ready for commencement if the Northern Ireland Executive demonstrates its finances are on a sustainable footing. The legislation has been revised with minor drafting improvements to ensure it works as intended. These changes follow discussions with stakeholders and were announced in a technical note at Autumn Statement The second change provides that deductions for amortisation are not treated as relevant deductions for the purposes of chapter 5 to 8 of Part 6A. The changes will be effective from 1 January Following consultation on the draft legislation, the legislation will be revised to allow for exhibitions which have a live performances as part of the exhibition but where a live performance is not the main focus of the exhibition. The measure will take effect from 1 April This measure will have effect from 1 April Following consultation, the legislation will be revised to narrow the definition of a cost-sharing arrangement and to better align the treatment of payments into, and payments received from, a cost-sharing arrangement by the company. These changes will take effect on or after 1 April An optional group ratio rule, based on the net-interest to EBITDA ratio for the worldwide group, may permit a greater amount to be deducted in some cases. Draft legislation was published on 5 December and 26 January The changes will take immediate effect from Budget on 8 March The Corporation Tax and Income Tax: It will also simplify certain reporting requirements for those participators who remain in the PRT regime by removing some elements which are no longer relevant. Following consultation, the legislation has been revised to make 2 consequential amendments to other PRT legislation. The legislation will have retrospective effect from 23 November The Petroleum Revenue Tax: Revised legislation and explanatory note will be published on 20 March Additionally, individuals who were born in the UK with a UK domicile of origin, but

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have acquired a domicile of choice elsewhere, will be deemed UK domiciled for all tax purposes while they are UK resident. Non-doms who set up a non-UK resident trust before becoming deemed domiciled in the UK will not be taxed on any income and gains retained in that trust. As first announced at Summer Budget , from April IHT will be charged on all UK residential property even when indirectly held by a non-dom through an offshore structure. As announced at Budget , non-doms will be able to segregate amounts of income, gains and capital within their overseas mixed funds to provide certainty on how amounts remitted to the UK will be taxed. Following consultation on the draft legislation this will be extended by government amendment to income, gains and capital held in mixed funds from years before to , as well as those from subsequent years. Those who become deemed domicile in April , excepting those who were born in the UK with a UK domicile of origin, will be able to treat the cost base of their non-UK based assets as the market value of that asset on 5 April The government will legislate these reforms in Finance Bill to have effect from 6 April Insurance Premium Tax 1. It will also repeal the current anti-forestalling legislation in sections 67 to 67C of the Finance Act and introduce anti-forestalling legislation to take effect from 8 March The Insurance Premium Tax: The changes clarify the tax treatment of material disposed of at landfill sites and give greater certainty to landfill site operators. Following technical consultation, the draft legislation has been restructured to simplify and improve ease of comprehension. The measure will come into effect after Royal Assent of Finance Bill and the changes will apply to disposals to landfill in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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## Chapter 4 : International taxation - Wikipedia

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Introduction[ edit ] Systems of taxation vary among governments, making generalization difficult. Specifics are intended as examples, and relate to particular governments and not broadly recognized multinational rules. Unless otherwise specified, the term "income" should be read broadly. Jurisdictions often impose different income based levies on enterprises than on individuals. Entities are often taxed in a unified manner on all types of income while individuals are taxed in differing manners depending on the nature or source of the income. Many jurisdictions impose tax at both an entity level and at the owner level on one or more types of enterprises. However, there are notable exceptions, including U. These regimes tax some class of taxpayers according to tax system applicable to other taxpayers but based on a deemed level of income, as if earned by the taxpayer. Disputes can arise regarding what levy is proper. Procedures for dispute resolution vary widely and enforcement issues are far more complicated in the international arena. The ultimate dispute resolution for a taxpayer is to leave the jurisdiction, taking all property that could be seized. For governments, the ultimate resolution may be confiscation of property , incarceration or dissolution of the entity. Other major conceptual differences can exist between tax systems. These include, but are not limited to, assessment vs. Systems of taxation on personal income No income tax on individuals Territorial Residence-based Citizenship-based Countries that tax income generally use one of two systems: In the territorial system, only local income " income from a source inside the country " is taxed. In the residence-based system, residents of the country are taxed on their worldwide local and foreign income, while nonresidents are taxed only on their local income. In addition, a very small number of countries, notably the United States , also tax their nonresident citizens on worldwide income. Countries with a residence-based system of taxation usually allow deductions or credits for the tax that residents already pay to other countries on their foreign income. Many countries also sign tax treaties with each other to eliminate or reduce double taxation. In the case of corporate income tax, some countries allow an exclusion or deferment of specific items of foreign income from the base of taxation. Individuals[ edit ] The following table summarizes the taxation of local and foreign income of individuals, depending on their residence or citizenship in the country. It includes entries:

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The policy trade-offs and legislative and administrative design choices that are made during the development and implementation of a new provision have a direct bearing on the complexity of the tax system and the compliance costs of taxpayers. Private interest in minimising tax liabilities can also be an important driver of tax system complexity. This paper shows how tax-minimising behaviour can lead to a level of tax system complexity and compliance costs in excess of that which is likely to be optimal from the perspective of society as a whole.

**Introduction** The level of tax system complexity and the level of taxpayer compliance costs are important matters for taxpayers, government and policy makers for a number of reasons. The purpose of this paper is to highlight some of the factors that influence tax system complexity including the economic and social environment faced by taxpayers, taxpayer behaviour, and the development, implementation and administration of tax policy. The paper then examines how tax policy design can influence the level of complexity, for example when policy makers trade off simplicity to achieve other tax goals such as equity and efficiency. Lastly, the paper shows that taxpayers may be willing to accept, and even demand, complexity if potential tax savings outweigh any increase in their compliance costs. The analysis indicates how such demands can move the tax system beyond a socially or privately optimal level of complexity. Why complexity and compliance costs are important Figure 1 provides a schematic representation of the types of costs incurred in raising revenue. There are two main types of cost associated with raising revenue: By far the largest of these are the efficiency costs, being several multiples of collection costs. Collection costs comprise government administration costs and the compliance costs incurred by taxpayers in meeting their obligations under the tax assessment Acts. A breakdown of tax transaction costs Compliance costs cover a wide spectrum of both monetary and non-monetary costs. They include, but are not limited to, the costs of:

- Compliance costs can be further categorised into mandatory costs and voluntary costs. Mandatory costs are those costs that taxpayers must incur to meet their statutory obligations. For example, the law requires that taxpayers report all forms of income identified within the statute and be able to substantiate any claimed deductions, rebates or offsets.
- Voluntary costs are those additional costs that the taxpayer may choose to incur to determine or minimise their tax liability. For example, taxpayers may choose to evaluate alternative methods of complying with the law to determine which produces the most favourable tax outcome. They may also seek advice to identify tax-effective ways to structure transactions. Voluntary costs may also be incurred in calculating and applying deductions, rebates and other concessions for which the taxpayer is eligible but not legally required to claim.

A certain level of collection costs will always be associated with raising the revenue to be spent by government on redistribution and the provision of goods and services. The higher these costs, the lower the socially desirable level of these goods and services, other things equal. To illustrate how compliance costs affect economic output, consider an economy that produces two goods, a public good and a private good. A production possibility curve shows the boundary between the attainable and unattainable levels of production. It is the limit of what an economy can produce from its resources and technology. If a tax system is associated with excessive levels of compliance costs, the economy will not be performing on its production possibility curve. Point A on Figure 2 shows such a sub-optimal level of production. At point A the highest attainable level of social utility is represented by the social utility curve U1. At this point the level of goods produced by the private and public sectors will be Pv1 and Pb1 respectively. Reducing the level of compliance costs would allow society to move to a higher level of production and utility. Note that a decrease in the level of compliance costs does not necessarily result in a higher level of either the public good or the private good, but the production of at least one of the goods must increase. Compliance costs and the production possibility curve Cumulative impact of many changes A new tax measure does not have to be complex itself to increase

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the level of tax system complexity. As the number of provisions increases, understanding the relationships between them can become more difficult. Figure 3 shows how the addition of one extra measure can compound the number of possible interactions that may need to be considered. The exponential relationship between measures and complexity The cumulative complexity generated by many individual provisions may be further compounded by the rate of change in the law. Even relatively simple changes to the law may collectively impede the ability of taxpayers to understand the requirements of the law without needing to seek professional assistance. The following sections provide a brief overview of some of the key factors influencing the level of tax system complexity. These factors are organised according to whether they originate from the policy process or as a result of the private interests of taxpayers. Tax policy drivers of complexity In developing and implementing tax policy, policy makers are faced with a range of trade-offs. Notwithstanding the importance of simplicity, most policy decision-making requires judgments on how simplicity is to be balanced with other policy objectives. These other objectives may include equity, efficiency, social issues, certainty, choice, transparency and revenue protection. Tax axiom trade-offs Policy makers must decide on the relative trade-off between the competing tax axioms of simplicity, equity and efficiency when raising a given level of revenue. For instance, both a poll tax and a perfect set of Ramsey taxes might have relatively low efficiency costs. Points in between these two polar cases that is, all real world tax systems will have higher efficiency costs. In the same way, the relationship between equity and simplicity is not linear. A simple poll tax is usually considered to be inequitable but so might a complex Ramsey tax system. To allow for a simple two-dimensional analysis, the following framework considers equity and efficiency as one element. It is reasonable to expect that a degree of complexity is necessary to raise revenue in a way that is both equitable and efficient. Whether excessive complexity results in equity or efficiency losses, or both, will depend on the extent of any associated behavioural change. Such a concession would reduce horizontal equity as that particular industry would pay less tax than other industries with similar characteristics. If the concession induced a large shift into that industry, then there would also be efficiency losses due to the distortion of economic activity. Figure 4 presents a simple graphical representation of the trade-off between equity, efficiency and compliance costs. However, as there are costs associated with complexity, the optimal level will fall as these costs are taken into account. As discussed previously, compliance costs increase exponentially with the level of complexity see Figure 3. The new optimum is at the point where the marginal benefit of an extra unit of complexity is equal to the marginal cost of complying with the increased complexity. Going beyond this level of complexity would mean that the compliance cost would be larger than the associated integrity benefit; hence the total net benefit would be reduced. Socially optimal level of complexity While it may be theoretically possible to determine the socially optimal level of complexity, when it comes to policy design and implementation the difficulties are substantial. The conceptual model implies that equity, efficiency and compliance costs can be measured in dollar terms, but this is virtually impossible to do in the real world with any level of certainty or confidence. Careful subjective judgments are required. Nevertheless, this conceptual framework highlights the way in which costs associated with complexity should be factored into decision-making. Measuring the tax base One of the key elements of complexity is the choice of the tax base. The three most common methods involve using a measure of consumption, income or wealth. In reality, all OECD countries rely on a mixture of these three tax bases. Although this adds to complexity, it reflects the history of tax systems, judgments about the most appropriate balance between the tax axioms and the fact that too heavy reliance on a narrow base results in distortions and tax planning incentives. Over time, the definition of taxable income in Australia has undergone significant change with, for example, the addition of capital gains to the tax base and the introduction of a fringe benefits tax. While measuring these types of income may not in itself be inherently complex, the number of exemptions and concessions results in complexity. Choice While it seems reasonable that providing choice is of benefit to taxpayers, there are significant costs associated with choice. Whenever choice is provided taxpayers have an incentive to investigate the tax consequences of all options. This may result in some taxpayers incurring the costs of

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performing multiple tax calculations for no benefit. Therefore, though some taxpayers will benefit, providing choice may be associated with a net cost to society. Using tax law for social or economic policy objectives Using the tax system to redistribute income or to deliver other social policy objectives such as environmental objectives has a direct impact on the complexity of the tax system. The pursuit of these objectives often requires that tax provisions be implemented in a targeted manner, increasing complexity because they often depend on characteristics and information that are not required for tax purposes. Protecting the revenue base A degree of complexity, in the form of anti-avoidance measures, is necessary and reasonable to minimise revenue losses through tax avoidance and evasion activity. The presence of enforcement procedures and penalties may also lead to an increase in the compliance costs that taxpayers are willing to incur in order to reduce the risk of penalty. Legislation and the tax interface The use of legal concepts, technical tax and accounting terms and prescriptive rules can reduce the ability of taxpayers to understand their rights and obligations. As a consequence taxpayers may need to engage professional assistance or else may choose not to comply. In addition to being complex, legislation giving rise to ambiguity may create loopholes that can potentially be exploited. A lack of consistency, in particular with tax definitions, can also increase complexity. A preference for overly-detailed, prescriptive law may also add to the level of complexity because that law needs to be very explicit and comprehensive to ensure that anomalies are not created and the provision is not abused. The complexity that taxpayers face in complying with their tax obligations can be reduced by improving the interface between the tax law and the taxpayer. The extent to which taxpayers are willing to rely on the use of an interface will be determined by the level of underlying complexity in their particular circumstances and the degree to which they are willing to sacrifice transparency for simplicity. For instance, a move towards greater self assessment may reduce administration costs while increasing taxpayer compliance costs. As the final incidence of administration costs also falls on taxpayers, any suggested proposals to reduce compliance costs must take account of any resultant increase in administration costs. There may be economies of scale from moving more of the revenue collection responsibility to the tax administration, which would spread the costs over all taxpayers. However, this could also reduce the cost to taxpayers of seeking and complying with more complex tax provisions and, as a result, could lead to a higher level of complexity and total collection costs than might otherwise be the case. This issue is discussed in further detail later in the paper. Private drivers of complexity and compliance costs In addition to the public policy drivers of complexity, market complexity, taxpayer objectives, and community attitudes also play a part in determining the level of tax system complexity and the resulting level of compliance costs. Market complexity To a considerable extent, complexity in the tax system is a reflection of the complexity in markets for factors of production, goods and services. A growing number of Australian taxpayers now own equity investments, are involved in complicated business structures, or invest or work overseas. Increasing globalisation and the advent of e-commerce have led to a rapid expansion in cross-border transactions and increased the need to deal with the double-taxation issues that arise when two or more tax jurisdictions are simultaneously involved in an economic transaction. Financial innovation has also blurred the distinction between debt and equity and led to the need for more sophisticated tax rules to ensure that hybrid financial instruments are taxed according to their economic substance. Maximisation objectives of taxpayers Within a given tax structure, optimising taxpayers may willingly incur compliance costs until the point where an extra dollar spent returns a dollar of tax saving. In addition, taxpayers may seek to reduce their tax liability by seeking preferential tax treatment through targeted concessions. These behaviours and their implications for tax system complexity and compliance costs are explored in detail in the following sections. In the analysis, the tax saving from undertaking increasingly complex tax calculations or more sophisticated tax arrangements produces a declining incremental reduction in tax liability. If the level of tax and compliance costs were the only considerations of the taxpayer, the optimal complexity level would be where the tax saving net of compliance costs is largest. Figure 5 shows this new curve and its impact on the optimal level of complexity. If the taxpayer behaves in an individualistic way, assuming that their behaviour is of such inconsequence it has no

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significant implications for society more generally, then the private benefit curve will be an additive function of the social benefit and the tax that they save.

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## Chapter 6 : Chapter 2 - Key elements of potential changes | Tax Policy, Inland Revenue

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I am indebted to my advisor Mr. PHD for his constructive advices, comments and guides starting from proposal writing to the completion of the research work. I would like to thank the authors of the reference materials which helped me to acquire the skills to do my research and the literatures included in this study. I would like to express my everlasting gratitude to my families who helped me in providing moral and financial support throughout my school life. Finally I would like to thank all lecturers of the accounting and finance department. However, low capacity of the revenue administration, inability to implement the tax system effectively, lack of collection skill and knowledge of the tax collectors contribute to the challenges of revenue maximization and generation of new revenue sources. Most of tax payers know why they pay taxes, but they complain that the tax system is not fair and transparent. They deliberately understate their actual income to reduce their tax liability. There is a substantial gap between the planned to be collected and actually being collected amount of revenue in the past years, even though the amount of the gap is decreasing from time to time. The study is aimed at identifying the challenges for revenue collection and maximizing revenue generation and proposing possible measures for improving revenue generation. In the study the data obtained from tax payers and the revenue administration office is included in the analysis. Based on the findings of this study, the researcher concludes that there are many problems facing the revenue administration while collecting revenue and indicate in the recommendation the possible measures that must be taken to enhance revenue collection.

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In recent times more complex and uncertain business environment businesses are faced with the same two tasks relating to revenue. These are to determine when revenue is realized and the dollar amount at which it is recognized in the accounting records because of new and frequently complex ways of structuring business transactions and because of the many new products and services developed. In recent years revenue recognition has become one of the most challenging problems in financial accounting. The objective of any businesses enterprise is to generate income that will provide owners with a return on their investment. The major source of income for most enterprises is from their operations the process of generating revenue by providing goods and services to customers Mosich, Unless a satisfactory level of revenue generated alone or low level of income will result no matter how cost and expenses should be carefully controlled. The FASB has defined revenue as inflow or other enhancement of assets of business enterprises ongoing major or central operation. Revenue generally results in increase cash and receivables. It includes sales, fees, gathering receipt, dividends, interest, rents and royalty. A common definition of realizations is that the process of converting non " cash assets to cash or claims to cash. In measurement of revenue realization generally means that the measurable transaction such as sale or an event such as rendering service has been completed or is sufficiently finalizes to warrant the recording of earned revenue in the accounting records Mosich, To alleviate these economic problems governments spend money. However a budget deficit has placed a high burden on local governments to meet the service delivery and infrastructure needs of a growing population. There is a growing consensus to reduce poverty in the towns. This in turn generates larger financial resources 7 local governments need to invest in the wellbeing of their dwellers. Investment is low and infrastructure is not expanded in the town as it is expected. In order to expand basic services and public infrastructures it needs enough money to spend. Tigistu Beyera in was investigated about the challenges of revenue collection in Dessie town. On his study he found that the major challenges are the inability of the revenue administration in implementing the tax laws and low skilled tax collectors. In addition the study also concludes that the behavior of tax payers is not favorable to tax collectors. In this study the researcher tries to investigate the challenges of revenue collection in Debre Markos town. Since a research in this subject is not yet carried out extensively in Debre Markos town it is hoped that

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this study gives a detailed challenges faced by the revenue office while collecting revenues. Hence more and more attention was drawn and the respected officials enable to recognize the problem and the result helps to improve the revenue collection system of the revenue administration. Hence the researcher is limited only to Debre Markos town. So it is not the purpose of this study to generalize the conclusion reached to the whole of the country. In addition the study mostly focused on tax related revenue sources of the authority. This is because of that other revenue sources are less exposed to collection problems and they are relatively small in amount. So the study is focused on the principal source of government revenue, tax. Chapter one deals with the introduction part which includes background of the study, statement of the problem, objectives of the study, scope of the study, limitations of the study and significance of the study. The second chapter is about the review of related literature. The third chapter is about research methodology. The fourth chapter is about data analysis and interpretation and finally about conclusion and recommendations. The sales of goods and services create revenue for the business. That revenue is referred to as sales. The term revenue may also be applied to rents received from letting out property or interest received from investments made. In the conceptual frameworks of various contribution of the word revenue the International Accounting Standard Committee defines revenue in terms of equity or ownership interest. In common language revenue means tax or income. But in business concern revenue means proceeds from the sale of goods and services. According to the American Accounting Associate, revenue is the monetary expression of the aggregate of its customers during a period of time. When a business delivers goods to its customer during a period of time, it either receive immediate payment in cash or acquires an account receivable which will be collected and thereby become cash with a short time. The revenue for a given period is equal to the inflow of cash and receivables from sales made during that period Weetman, , as sited by Tigistu. According to the research conducted by Agerie Amare Revenue represents an increase in the portion of owners equity known as retained earnings resulting from merchandise sold, services rendered, or interest or dividends received. Revenue is derived from operating activities rather than financing or investing activities. In the case of governmental entities revenue is the inflow of economic resources to the entity from taxes, penalties, aids and grants, fees from public services and sale of governmental assets. The most common of these are: This sales revenue can range from the simple sale of chocolate in a small shop to sale of luxury cars in a dealership. This type of revenue makes up the major share of revenue that most businesses receive 2. This can be range from a small haircut service to a large hotel service www. Another term for exchange revenue is earned revenue. Revenue from exchange transaction should be recognized when a goods or services are provided to the public or another governmental entity at a price 2. For example taxes, duties, fines, penalties and donations. Non exchange revenues are recognized when a reporting entity established a specifically identifiable legally enforceable claim to cash or other assets. It is recognized to the extent that the collection is probable and the amount is measurable ww. The receipts may be in cash or in kind and should be part of consideration for goods and services Misrak, The following are some examples of revenue sources: They are excluded from gross revenues in the computation of business income tax liability. According to the Ethiopian tax law the revenue items exempted from business income tax are: Before revenue is recognized it must be realized or realizable and measurable with sufficient reliability. Thus only realized and measurable revenue appears in the income statement of business enterprises Mosich, The profit directed activities of a business enterprises through which revenue is earned is known as the earning process. Such activities may include purchasing, manufacturing, selling, rendering service, delivering products sold and allowing others to use enterprises resources Mosich, A practical working rule is needed to signal that revenue has been earned as a result of the enterprises profit directed activities. Each step in the earning process is essential to the earning of revenue. Ideally delay the revenue recognition should be continuous rather than being tied to a single critical event such as the completion of sales transaction in the revenue generation activities of the enterprise. In fact increase in the value of goods and services produced by the enterprises takes place throughout the earning process. However, because continuous valuation of the output is not practical, alternative procedures must be found to measure these increase as objectively as

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possible in order to measure realized revenue Mosich, When accountants trace the flow of costs internally, the assumptions of an even exchange to control accounting procedures. For example the allocation of material, direct labor and factory overhead cost to investment is limited to the actual costs incurred the fact that there may be increase in the value of the output beyond the cost added is ignored. However, somewhere along the line reliable evidence will arise that the value of the output is greater than the cost incurred in producing the output. When such evidence becomes conclusive the value of the output is measured and revenue emerges. Thus revenue is recognized in financial accounting at specific stage of the earning process generally when the following three revenue realization conditions are meeting: Such evidence generally is provided by an exchange transaction between independent parties. The economic substance of a transaction indicates the exchange has occurred. Consequently, the implementation of revenue realization principles is a routine matter. Accountants must exercise professional judgment in the valuation of the economic substance of revenue generating transaction and related evidence. Supporting it in the sales of product, for example the seller must transfer all or substantially careful not to recognize revenue prematurely or when substantive exchanges transaction is not present transaction between realized revenue. Although understanding of the earning process and the costs involved in the realization of revenue is essential before revenue is recognized. Finally recognition of revenue is not appropriate when a relatively high probability exists that the claims from customers will not be collected Mosich, It is an important tool of the fiscal policy of the government and is the opposite factor of government spending. Tax revenue is the income that is gained by governments through taxation. Taxes are important sources of public revenue. The existence of collective consumption of goods and services necessitates putting 13 some of our income into government hands. Such public goods like roads, power, municipal services, and other public infrastructures have favorable results on many families, business enterprises, industries and the general public. Public goods are normally supplied by public agencies due to their natures of non-rivalry and non-excludability.

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