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Coversheet: Proposed forward agenda and process

Paper for Session 18 of the Tax Working Group 14 September 2018

Purpose of discussion

This paper seeks the Group's agreement on a forward agenda for the Group's meetings from now until December.

To ensure that the Group will be able to produce the Final Report within the timelines set and with the resources available, we recommend that the Group focus on the key 'in principle' decisions. We would provide an appropriate level of detail in the Secretariat papers (or draw on previous Secretariat papers) where we think this would be helpful for the Group to make decisions. We consider that this would help make the best use of the Secretariat resources available to the Group.

We see this as a full programme and consider that any additions would require trade-offs.

We also recommend that each Secretariat paper include proposed text for inclusion in the Final Report.

The Minister of Finance is also expected to attend one of the Group's meetings, and at that point the Group may want to consider whether this forward agenda needs further modifications to ensure that the Final Report appropriately meets the Terms of Reference.

Recommended actions

We recommend that you:

- (i) **agree** to the proposed forward agenda, with any modifications as necessary.
- (ii) **agree** that the Group's decision-making should be at the in-principle level, with detail provided by the Secretariat where this is helpful.
- (iii) **agree** that Secretariat papers should include proposed text for inclusion in the Final Report.

TWG proposed forward agenda

* Denotes items where in the Secretariat's view, decisions by the Group are <u>less likely to be</u> <u>critical</u> in order to deliver the Final Report. These items can be appropriately worked through as part of the GTPP.

TWG meeting	Topics
14 September	Theme: Getting agreement on the way forward
(Session 18)	
Wellington	Structure of final report: Part 1
1 day	Extending taxation of capital income: agreed design features
	Engagement plan outline
	Extending the taxation of capital income: implications for Māori
	collectively-owned assets
	Introducing an extended tax on capital gains in a supply-constrained
	housing market and phasing introduction
28 September	Theme: Lock down core features - part A
(Session 19)	
Location TBD	Structure of final report: Part 2
1 day	Extending taxation of capital income: PIE experts (TBC)
	Extending taxation of capital income: Family home, including moving in
	and out of the base.
	Potential discussion with Minister of Finance
12 October	Theme: Lock down core features - part B
(Session 20)	
Wellington	Extending taxation of capital income: Rollover and ringfencing
1 day	Extending taxation of capital income: Intangibles and sales of businesses
	Extending taxation of capital income: Transition as at 1 April 2021
	Extending taxation of capital income: Social policy*
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26 October	Theme: Potential packages
(Session 21) Auckland	
	Overview Paper: Potential Packages and Broad Effects
1 day	Extending taxation of capital income: Expenditure (including cost base,
	holding costs, blackhole, seismic, depreciation)
	Reducing compliance costs for business (session with CAANZ?).
	This paper potentially including truncated disputes process*
	Personal income taxes (thresholds)
	Retirement savings, and extending taxation of capital income: Managed funds
	New Zealand Super Fund submission
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8-9 November	Theme: Further items
(Session 22)	
Wellington	
1.5 days	
including Thursday 1-5pm	RFRM
	Extending taxation of capital income: Domestic shares and corporate
Thursday T 5pm	groups
	Extending taxation of capital income: International aspects (shares in
	foreign companies, taxation of non-residents, and tax on migration)
	Report back on targeted consultation, including on aspects of extending
	taxation of capital income (including collective investment vehicles, and
	farming including livestock, and Maori assets) and environment
	Understanding impacts for Māori and update on He Ara Waiora (after
	hui)
	Submission summary report back (high level) (could be deferred to
	Session 23)
	Environment
22-23 November	Theme: Bringing it all together
(Session 23)	
Auckland	Report Narrative: Structure, Fairness, Balance.
1.5 days	Updated Overview Paper: Packages and Broader Effects
including	Extending taxation of capital income: compliance costs
Thursday 1-5pm	Extending taxation of capital income: administrative issues (bring
	forward if possible) *
6-7 December	Finalising report
(Session 24)	
1.5 days	
including	
Thursday 1-5pm	
20-21 December	Finalising report
(Session 25)	
1.5 days	