

***TD 93/D112 - Income tax: are the costs incurred by teachers when travelling to their regular school to attend Parent and Citizens meetings, sports and other school functions able to be claimed as a deduction under subsection 51(1) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 ?***

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## Draft Taxation Determination

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1. No. The journeys made by teachers travelling to their regular school are travel from their home to their place of work and home again . This is a private expense and the costs incurred in this travel are not deductible under Subsection 51(1).
2. Even if the journey is made outside normal school hours or is a second or subsequent trip it remains home to work travel and a private expense.

*Example :*

*A teacher is required to attend his school's annual parent-teacher night at 7 pm. He leaves the school in the afternoon and then returns to attend the meeting in the evening. He cannot claim the cost of travelling to the school to attend the meeting.*

**Commissioner of Taxation**

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