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Taxation Determination

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Preamble

The number, subject heading, date of effect and paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Taxation Determination are a 'public ruling' for the purposes of Part IVAAA of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* and are legally binding on the Commissioner. Taxation Rulings TR 92/1 and TR 97/16 together explain when a Determination is a public ruling and how it is binding on the Commissioner.

Date of effect

This Determination applies for the FBT year commencing on 1 April 1999. However, it does not apply to taxpayers to the extent that it conflicts with the terms of settlement of a dispute agreed to before the date of issue of the Determination (see paragraphs 21 and 22 of Taxation Ruling TR 92/20).

1. The reasonable food component for the fringe benefits tax year commencing on 1 April 1999, as shown below, is the result of indexation to reflect movements in the food sub-group of the Consumer Price Index:

	per week
One adult	\$141
Two adults	\$227
Three adults	\$255
Two adults and one or two children	\$255
Two adults and three children	\$297
Three adults and one child	\$297
Three adults and two children	\$339
Four adults	\$339

('Adults' for this purpose are persons aged 12 years or more).

2. In relation to larger family groupings, we accept a food component based on the above figures plus \$84 for each additional adult and \$42 for each additional child.

3. This Determination is intended to be read in conjunction with Taxation Ruling MT 2040. MT 2040 sets out the amounts that represent a reasonable food component of living-away-from-home allowances received by expatriate employees during their term of employment in Australia for the FBT years ended 31 March 1987 and 1988. Indexed amounts for subsequent years are

provided in MT 2043, MT 2045, MT 2047, MT 2051, TD 93/41, TD 94/23, TD 95/55, TD 96/25, TD 97/9 and TD 98/7.

Example

Bob and his wife and five children (all under 12 years of age) are temporarily living in Australia while Bob is working on a project for his employer (an overseas company). Bob is in receipt of a living-away-from-home allowance. The amount that is considered to be a reasonable food component of the allowance for the year commencing 1 April 1999 is \$381 per week (i.e., \$297 plus \$84).

Commissioner of Taxation

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Related Rulings/Determinations:

MT 2030; MT 2040; MT 2043; MT 2045; MT 2047; MT 2051; TD 93/41; TD 93/230; TD 94/23; TD 95/55; TD 96/25; TD 97/9; TD 98/7

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