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Taxation Determination

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1. In accordance with the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (the Act), there are a number of thresholds and limits that require indexation each year by movements in full-time adult Average Weekly Ordinary Time Earnings (AWOTE).
2. The AWOTE amount is an estimate by the Australian Statistician of the full-time adult average weekly ordinary time earnings for persons in Australia. The estimate for February 1997 was \$696.10 and the estimate for February 1996 was \$665.80. This produces an indexation factor of 1.046.
3. This factor is applied against the 1996-97 thresholds and limits. The new thresholds and limits that will apply from 1 July 1997 are set out in the following paragraphs.
4. For the purposes of subsection 27A(20) of the Act, the **tax free amounts** of a bona fide redundancy payment or of an approved early retirement scheme payment are:
 - \$4,548 (formerly \$4,348)
 - \$2,274 (formerly \$2,174).
5. For the purposes of subsections 82AAC(2B) and 82AAT(2B) of the Act, the **age based deduction limits** for superannuation contributions by employers and eligible persons are:

\$10,232 (formerly \$9,782)

\$28,420 (formerly \$27,170)

\$70,482 (formerly \$67,382).

6. For the purposes of subsection 140ZD(3) of the Act, the **RBL limits** are:

Lump Sum RBL **\$454,718** (formerly \$434,720)

Pension RBL **\$909,435** (formerly \$869,440).

7. For the purposes of section 159SG of the Act, the **upper limit for determining the residual amount**, i.e., the threshold on the post-June 1983 component of an ETP is:

\$90,916 (formerly \$86,917).

Commissioner of Taxation

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