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Taxation Determination

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1. Tender costs are not taken into account for the purposes of the 'estimated profits basis'. They may be deductible under subsection 51(1) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (the Act) in the year in which they are incurred.
2. Paragraphs 25 and 26 of Taxation Ruling IT 2450 make it clear that the estimated profits basis spreads 'ultimate profit and loss' over the time taken to complete a contract. Although tender costs are attributable to the construction contract, they are severable from it, occurring at a time before the beginning of the life of the contract.

Example:

A contractor incurs tender costs in the year ended 30 June 19X1 and commences work under the contract in the year ended 30 June 19X2. Subject to the provisions of the Act, the tender costs are deductible in the year ended 30 June 19X1.

Commissioner of Taxation

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