

**House of Representatives Economics Committee**

**Inquiry into Tax Deductibility**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Australian Taxation Office**

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**Topic: Individuals associated with companies engaging with Corporate Tax Avoidance**

**Question:**

**Mr KEOGH:** What is that delineation?

**Ms Lendon:** We look at individual taxpayers so what they return as income and what they claim as a deduction and tax offsets whereas the corporate tax avoidance task force is all about corporate tax—that is, companies.

**Mr KEOGH:** So they do not look at it individuals at all, even those associated with companies they may be looking at?

**Ms Lendon:** No.

**Mr Kendrick:** Not that we are aware of. We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Under the Tax Avoidance Taskforce, there is a focus on large private companies and the wealthy individuals that own and control them.

When these private groups are risk assessed and reviewed, the ATO looks at the whole group including individuals.