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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Canavan asked:**

**Senator CANAVAN:** Have there been any rules issued using that particular power under the Income Tax Assessment Act?

**Dr Kennedy:** I cannot recall. I will have to take that on notice. But I can come back to you in the course of this estimates, if that helps you.

**Answer:**

There are two Ministerial Rules established under Section 30–270(4) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*:

Ministerial Rule 1

*An organisation listed on the Register must answer all questions required by the Department stated on the annual statistical return form. It is to provide, with the statistical return, an audited financial statement for itself and its public fund. The statement is to provide information on the expenditure of public fund monies and the management of public fund assets.*

Ministerial Rule 2

*An organisation listed on the Register must inform the Department as soon as possible:*

- *if it changes its name or the name of its public fund; or*
- *if there is any change to the membership of the management committee of the public fund; or*
- *if there has been any departure from the model rules of the public fund.*

The rules were made in 2003 by joint Ministerial endorsement.

The rules are in the Guidelines for the Register, which is publicly available on the Department's website.