

**Department/ Agency:** Australian Taxation Office

**Question:** BET 1958-1962

**Topic:** Existing Resources Program

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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1958. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
1959. List each project or piece of work.
1960. List the staffing assigned to each task.
1961. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
1962. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

**Answer:**

1958. The ATO has commenced approximately 40 new projects as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded within existing resources.
1959. The major projects relate to:
- A Sustainable Higher Education Loan Programme
  - Military superannuation and Defence Force retirement benefits
  - A sustainable higher education loan programme HECS-HELP benefit cessation - repayment thresholds and indexation
  - Family Payment Reform - better targeting of family tax benefit part B
  - Ethanol Production Grants Programme – cessation
  - Abolish the Seafarer Tax Offset
  - Personal income tax - exempting job commitment bonus and increase Medicare levy low-income thresholds
  - Reintroduction of fuel excise indexation
  - Reducing the rate of the Research and Development Offset
  - Philanthropy - updating the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients

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- Personal income tax - Temporary Budget Repair Levy, abolish Mature Age and Dependent Spouse Tax Offset, increase Medicare levy low income thresholds.
- Middle East Area of Operations - continuation of Australia's military contributions
- Free Trade Agreements
- National Rental Affordability Scheme - discontinue incentive allocations
- Exploration Development Incentive
- Paid parental leave levy on companies
- Repeal ACNC legislation
- Compulsory employee superannuation contributions via ATO
- Repeal of Mineral Resource Rent Tax
- Carbon Tax Repeal - abolish the Clean Energy Future Fuel Tax and other consequential tax impacts
- Carbon Tax Repeal – including reducing grants under Cleaner Fuel Grants Scheme
- Improvements to the Farm Management Deposits Scheme
- Repeal of the tax bonus for working Australians
- NZ residents in Australia accessing HELP student loans and collecting NZ student loans.

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