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Question: BET 921

Topic: Tax Laws Amendment (R&D) Bill 2013

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Senator: Wong

Question:

921. In relation to the Tax Laws Amendment (R&D) Bill 2013 – is the Department aware of any concerns around the definition of ‘annual Australian assessable income’ and if so, how are these concerns being addressed?

Answer:

921. This measure was a measure announced by the former Government in 2013. Legislation was introduced into the 43rd Parliament, but lapsed when Parliament was prorogued before the 2013 election.

Treasury is aware that concerns were raised during consultation on the draft Bill and in submissions to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee inquiry into the Bill. The Committee recommended that “the government further consider the definition of 'aggregated assessable income' of an R&D entity...with a view to addressing, to the extent possible and with minimum fiscal impact, any potential anomalies that the use of the term may create for life insurance companies and petroleum retailers.” Treasury notes that amending the definition would have a revenue impact.