

Answer-to-Question-_1_

1)

based on the information provided it is intended that only the management operations would be transferred to Singapore.

This may not be sufficient to change the residency status of the company as it is also incorporated in Australia and this is one of the key items that determine residency.

Further thought should be given to ensure that changing only the senior management would be sufficient for the company to be considered non resident.

Given that the incorporation of the entity is likely to remain in Australia the company would still be taxed on its world wide income and therefore be subject to the normal rules for the assessment of income tax and s8-1 for deductions.

Costs incurred in changing the constitution and residency of the company may be considered capital expenses rather than deductions under s8-1, and therefore be deductible over 5 years under Sub Div 40 - I s 40-880 black hole expenses.

2)

The ATO can impose administrative penalties or even prosecute tax payers that take advantage of tax havens, which are broadly a country that offers low or nil tax rates to non residents

General anti avoidance provisions are applicable where the following occur:

- there is a scheme
- a tax benefit
- scheme was entered into for the dominant purposes of obtaining a tax benefit
- ATO can make a compensating adjustment

Based on the information provided it is likely that the change in the company's tax residency status would result in the general anti avoidance rules being applicable as the dominant purpose for the change in the residency of the company is to obtain a future tax benefit.

The Board can obtain greater administrative certainty by applying to the ATO for a private ruling to determine what the tax consequences would be.

3) There may be CGT consequences for the Grandes business if it successfully changes its place of residency.

CGT events I1 and I2 apply if any individual, company or trust ceases to be Australian resident - s 104 - 160(1). It will apply to all business assets that the taxpayer owns, except TARP and the business assets of the permanent establishment as these remain subject to CGT regardless of the residency of the taxpayer. s104-160(3)

The event happens when the company ceases to be resident and the gains and losses need to be calculated on each individual CGT asset.

Answer-to-Question-__2__

1) Provide a calculation of taxable income claimable for the current year.

Xena is an Australian Resident for tax purposes and as such she is taxed on her world wide income.

Income			
a) <u>Salary</u> included under S6-1	100,000		
<u>work related expenses</u> - assumptions total will be allowable deductions under s8-1	(3,000)		
	12,000		
b) <u>Trust Distributions</u>			
12,000 as ordinary income	NIL		
c) <u>Rental</u>			
The loss made from the rental property will be ring fenced and not available to offset against other income as	Nil		
The Net loss can be carried forward to be offset against income from the same activity in the future.	(10,000)		
	4,285		
e) <u>Private health insurance and premiums</u> Medicare levy surcharge will not be applicable as she has her own medical insurance	38,000	1 2 8 5	

f) <u>Superannuation contributions</u> - as the contribution cap has not been exceeded Zena is entitled to full deduction for the contributions under s290-150	5,000			
	146,285			
	NIL			
	4,288			
	27,000			
	11,284			
	42,572			
g) <u>Fully Franked Dividends</u> The gross value of dividends is included in the income tax calculation \$3000 *30/70 = \$1,285 Total included	2,925.7			
	45,497.70			
	(1,285)			
	44,212.70			
franking credit -				
d) <u>Share Sales</u> This is GCT event A1 for the disposal of shares (see table below)				
b) Trust Corpus - payable out of capital as such subject to statutory income				
Total income less deduction				
Tax is therefore				
0-18200				
18201 - 45,000 *16%				
45001 - 135,000 *30%				
135001 - 146,285 *37%				
total income tax				
Medicare Levy 2% -				
146,285*2% - Note medicare levy surcharge is not applicable as held private medical for the entire year.				
Total tax				
less franking credit offset				
Total Tax due				

CGT		Overall Profit/Gain			
Event A1 is triggered for the sale of shares					
Sale of shares in Public Co for a profit of \$8,000, purchased 15 years ago	8,000				
Held for over 12 months a 50% discount is available on the profit under s115-15	(4,000)	4,000			
<u>Total Gain for Public Co</u>					
<u>Sale of short term speculative shares-</u> Net profit. Assumed shares are not held for more than 12 months and therefore 50% discount is not available.	30,000	30,000			
Total Gain for short term holdings					
<u>Sale of long term shares in the tax year-</u> Assumption is these are different shares than those held in Publico Sold for 10,000 purchased for 2,000 in 2010 Profit	8,000				
Held for over 12 months a 50% discount is available on the profit under s115-15	(4,000)	4,000			
		38,000			

Total Gain for Public Co					
Total Gain					

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2) the applicable rules and laws that govern offsets are in 563-10 (item 40) and refundable offsets are in ss 67-23,ss 67-25 ss 67-30.

the refundable offsets that are available to Xena are the franking tax offset and the zone offset for living in an isolated area.

Answer-to-Question- 4__

1) Veda's Loan - assumption is that this is a personal loan to purchase her own car and it will not be owned by the company.

Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) will be applicable on the Loan to Veda during the year under s136(1) as a benefit is provided to the employee by the employer.

FBT is payable by the employer at a rate 47% on the grossed up value of the benefit provided to the employee.

No further income tax is due in the hands of the employee.

A loan fringe benefit arises if an employer makes a loan to the employee or allows a debt due to remain outstanding after the due date for payment has passed. the loan exists as long as the debt remains unpaid.
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As Veda's loan is below the market rate there will be a Fringe benefit.

The taxable value of the benefit will be the difference between the interest rates payable by Veda and the statutory rates which is 8.77% for 24 -25.

However, it is worth noting that if it is determined that the loan has been put in place as a reimbursement of company expenses as ultimately she requires the care for work as a travelling sales person then there will be no FBT as advances to employees to meet business expenses incurred within 6 months are exempt from FBT.

Veda's Car allowance

car allowance as this is paid in cash this will form part of Veda's assessable income under s6-5 assuming this is not a reimbursement of costs.

2) Ramesh

Living away from home allowance

an allowance paid by the employer to the employee for non deductible expenses incurred by the employee due to the requirements to live away from their normal residence is a living away from home fringe benefit - s30.

normal place of residence is defined in 136(1) as the employee's usual place of residence if in Australia. Given it can be concluded that Ramesh would normally be resident in Perth, this is likely to be a living away from home allowance.

The taxable value of this allowance is the amount of the benefit (s 31B) unless:

- the employee maintains a home in Australia in which they usually reside; or
- the employee is working on a fly in fly out / drive in / drive out basis.

In those situations, provided that relevant conditions are met the taxable value of the benefit is reduced by any exempt accommodation component and any exempt food component.

the value will need to be grossed up as a type 2 expense (assuming no GST is recovered by the company and then 47% tax will be applicable).

Foreign Source Dividends.

Assuming Ramesh is resident in Australia. The fact that he has a two year visa suggests that this is the case and his main residence is in Perth. As such he will be Australian resident for tax purposes and taxed on his world wide income including the dividends.

If the dividends come with a foreign tax credit, this may be available as

offset and he will be able to deduct the overseas tax paid against his income tax liability in Australia.

Answer-to-Question-_5__

1)

Tatrum is already registered for GST already as such it will be required to charge 10% GST on the sales it makes during the year and it can claim a deduction for an GST incurred on purchases of goods and services for the purpose of its business.

We are told that products totally \$500,000 have been sold and purchases of \$100,00 have been made.

Ausco Family Trust (Trust) is an Australian resident trust as the trustee is resident in Australia.

The Trust is not currently registered for GST however it has made supplies, the rental of a warehouse. The total income for the year is \$150,000. As the trust is carrying on an enterprise the rental of commercial property which is a taxable supply for GST purposes and the property is in Australia, ie the indirect tax zone a GST registration is required.

The GST registration threshold is \$75,000 and the trust should register when its annual turnover exceeded this as such it appears that they may be late to register for GST as the value of the annual turnover has already exceeded this.

Grouping

It may be possible for the Trust and Tatrum to form a GST group if the grouping conditions are met. As the Trust owns a controlling interest in Tatrum (70%) this is possible.

This means that effectively Tatrum and Trust are treated as one entity for GST purposes. Any transactions between group members are ignored.

Previously when forming a group a written notification was required to the ATO but this is no longer the case.

2)

A trust is subject to the same rules for GST purposes as any other business carrying on an enterprise. s9-5

Assuming that grouping is available to the Trust and Tatrum the

transactions would be treated in the following way:

a) Tatum sold products totally \$500,000 incurred purchases of \$100,000.

The group would be required to charge GST on the sales of the products assuming they are not GST free products or input taxed supplies.

As such GST of 50,000 ie 10% would be applicable.

The GST incurred on the purchases again assuming GST was charged would be recoverable if it has been incurred for the purpose of making taxable supplies.

As such 10,000 would be available to recover.

b) the rental of the commercial warehouse would be subject to GST at 10% as its commercial premises. However, if the trust and Tatum are in a group the supply by the trust to Tatum would be ignored and no GST needs to be accounted for. Only GST on supplies to third parties will be applicable.

c) Purchase of office equipment by the trust. GST incurred on the purchase of the office equipment would be recoverable provided it was incurred for use in its enterprise activities.

Answer-to-Question-__7__

Mediclear

You are required to advise the partnership on the tax law treatment of the business activity loss and whether the partners can claim it in the current year.

The partnership has made profit in relation to the sale of prosthetics to hospitals.

It has made a loss of 12,000 in respect of the horse breeding business also undertaken by the partnership.

The partnership comprises of 3 partners two individuals and one company

Partnerships are governed under DIV 5 of Pt III ITAA 1936. Partnerships are required to submit a partnership tax return, however the individual partners are taxed on their share of the income from the partnership.

It appears that the partnership is undertaking two business income streams the prosthetic services and the horse breeding business.

It would appear that the prosthetic services business is the more

successful as a taxable income of \$180,000 has been generated.

We would need to understand if the horse breeding business has been undertaken as a business or a hobby, there is guidance available under ruling TR 2008/2 that sets out what is important when considering if a breeding business is in fact a business. The factors include, but are not limited to:

- quality and number of horses
- regularly selling stock
- mares are being serviced regularly
- maintain horses which are appropriate for breeding

Based on the limited information available it appears that there has been some income generated ie 60,000 and as such it may be considered that the activities are of a business nature.

Given both of these activities seem to be undertaken in a business like way it would be possible to include the loss in the net income of the partnership in this year making this 186,000.

If the loss is however, not considered to be from a business undertaking and more of a hobby then the loss will not be available in the current year and can be carried forward to be offset against other future profits from the same activity.