

Chair in Public Finance, Victoria University of Wellington
Public Economics Research Day 2018

Date: 10 April 2018

Venue: Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay, Pipitea – Mezzanine floor, Room MZ05

Objective: Providing an opportunity for informal interaction among public economics/finance researchers and other interested parties in New Zealand and Australia. Key objectives are:

- knowledge sharing: to bring participants up-to-date on our recent PE research
- to facilitate feedback on specific pieces of work
- to share plans for future research including opportunities for collaboration
- to help promote a public economics community of officials and researchers in New Zealand and Australia

Programme

<i>Time</i>	<i>Session: Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome/Introduction (tea/coffee available)	Norman Gemmell (VUW)
10.00 – 11.00	Session 1: The Use of Third-Party Information Reporting for Tax. Deductions: Evidence and Implications from Charitable Deductions in Denmark	Peer Skov (AUT) & Christian Gillitzer (Sydney University)
11.00 – 12.00	Session 2: Estimating Elasticities of Taxable Income in Australia	Bob Breunig (Australian National University, ANU)
12.00 – 1.00	Buffet lunch	
1.00 – 2.00	Session 3: Does Measurement Error Bias Survey-Based Estimates of Income Under-reporting? Evidence from New Zealand *	Norman Gemmell & Ana Cabral (OECD)
2.00 – 3.00	Session 4: Nudging Businesses to Pay Their Taxes: Does the Timing of Reminder Letters Matter?	Christian Gillitzer & Mathias Sinning (ANU)
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon tea	
3.30 – 4.30	Session 5: Using Tax Microsimulation to Estimate Optimal Income Tax Reforms in New Zealand	John Creedy (VUW), Norman Gemmell, Nicolas Herault (Melbourne), Penny Mok (MBIE)
4.30 – 4.45	Wrap-up	

* *Presentation of this paper will depend on reaching an agreement with Inland Revenue on a public release date (before April 10th)*