

The tax policy development process

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Tax policy development process

- Tax policy issues arise when the law does not reflect its intended purpose and a legislative fix is required
- Tax policy issues can orginate from a range of sources such as the private sector, NFP sector, Ministers and politicians, court cases, other govt agencies and IRD
- IRD's Policy and Strategy Group and the Treasury are jointly responsible for providing advice to Ministers on tax policy issues/ideas



Tax policy development process

- 18-month rolling tax policy work programme
- Determining the priority of an issue and its inclusion on the tax policy work programme requires consideration of the following:
 - Compliance impact
 - Administrative impact
 - Revenue impact
 - Economic impact
 - Consistency with other govt objectives
 - Fairness issues



Tax policy development process

- Detailed design of policy options
 - Tax policy framework
 - Consultation
- Ministerial and Cabinet approval
- Parliamentary process
 - Select committee and consultation
 - Tax bill enacted
- This process can take 18-months or longer



Engagement channels

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