

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/Agency: ATO

Question: AET 67-68

Topic: ATO Compliance Program for 2014-15

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Question:

Ever since at least 11 September 2013, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has stated on its website that it develops “an annual work program” and that – each year – it publishes that “work program in our compliance program, identifying what activities are attracting our attention, what we see as risks and what remedies we will adopt. The program focuses on all aspects of the tax and superannuation systems, including how we work with tax practitioners.”

In fact, the ATO has not published a Compliance Program for 2014-15, either at the normal time of July 2014 or at any time since.

67. Why has the ATO not published a Compliance Program for 2014-15?
68. Why has the ATO stated on its website – ever since July 2014 – that it publishes a Compliance Program “each year”, when in fact it appears it has never published a Compliance Program for the current year of 2014-15?

Answer:

67. Refer to response to AET 66.
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