

Dear Sue McGiveron,

Thank you for forwarding on this information from Senator Glenn Sterle. All of the information provided by the Senator was already known by myself and the countless other Australians working overseas away from their families.

The point that the Government and the Senator are missing is that there are no concessions for being away from our families more than what we are with them. Work in excess of 12 hours 24/7 for a minimum of 28 days, open to the dangers of international travel in mainly third world countries where security is questionable, do not have the creature comforts of those going to their homes every night after work, etc etc. If it is thought that our jobs are easy and comfortable then I must say that people who think this are very misinformed.

Our foreign salaries in most cases are deposited into Australian bank accounts injecting foreign funds into the economy and of better value than the tourist dollar.

I for one and I am sure the majority of others in my position have only two choices if changes to Section 23AG of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 are implemented as planned.

1. Take up residence outside of Australia
2. Take up employment in Australia and be home with my family every night in the comfort of my own home.

There certainly will not be any more incentive to continue in my current position and in choosing either of the above alternatives the Australian economy will no longer benefit from the injection of foreign funds on my part. It is well known that the Government's recent stimulus payments helped boost our economy. Now they are about to make a reverse swing in this way of thinking as it is 99% certain that the majority of overseas workers in my situation will also take either of the choices which I will.

I truly hope that common sense is applied by our senate and that they make the decision to hold an enquiry on the proposed changes to Section 23AG of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936, if changes are implemented the Australian economy will suffer as a result and that is certain.

I trust that you will bring these opinions of mine to the Senator's attention as the future of the Australian economy can only be improved by well thought out plans and not off the cuff ideas without truly having the opinions of those who are affected by them.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Webb

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