

Dear Ms. O'Neill,

I write on behalf of the Recruitment and Consulting Services Association (RCSA) and the Information Technology Contract Recruitment Association (ITCRA), two separate organisations which have members operating in the recruitment sector within Australia. FCB provide policy management services to each of these associations.

I am writing to seek clarity on the full consultation process in relation to the FBT Reform – Living Away From Home Allowance Consultation Paper released on 29 November 2011.

The purpose of this email is to seek information on whether there will be an opportunity for direct, in person, consultation with our members and other organisations in relation to the proposed reforms. Whilst both organisations will be providing written submissions I, on behalf of RCSA, have recently participated in the consultation process conducted by Treasury in relation to the Building and Construction Industry Reporting of Taxable Payments to Contractors legislative change. I found this process of consultation, which involved direct stakeholder meetings and exposure drafts, following the initial discussion paper, to be a most effective way of consulting industry.

We would encourage Treasury to undertake the same level of consultation in relation to these proposed changes and would ask that you confirm whether this is to be the case.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible via return email or phone 03 9098 9400.

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