

## BIAG MEETING of 18 OCTOBER 2005

### MEETING SUMMARY

A Bookkeeper Industry Advisory Group (BIAG) meeting was held on 18 October 2005. The meeting was conducted as a telephone conference.

Items discussed at the meeting included:

- **Electronic lodgment options for bookkeepers**  
The second bookkeeper pilot of the electronic option to lodge BAS, Electronic Commerce Interface (ECI), commenced on 12 September 2005. There are 56 pilot participants. Participants are required to be S251L compliant and were recruited from bookkeeper associations represented on the BIAG.
- **S251L(6)(b) 'working under the direction of a registered tax agent'**  
The S251L(6)(b) Guidelines paper has been revised following the final consultation phase that included BIAG and ATO Tax Practitioner Forum (ATPF) member feedback. The paper is expected to be published on the ATO website in late November.
- **Review of BIAG meeting arrangements**  
A review of the effectiveness, nature, focus, frequency, timing and structure of the current BIAG meeting arrangements is being conducted. Further discussion and decisions as to future arrangements will take place at the next BIAG meeting.

BIAG meetings are hosted by the Tax Office and are held bi-monthly. Membership consists of representatives from the Tax Office, professional associations, bookkeeper associations and franchises, and bookkeepers.

The next BIAG meeting is scheduled for 6 December 2005.