

Tax Office Ruling on intra-Church transactions

Transactions between members of the Catholic GST Religious Group are not subject to GST according to a ruling received from the Australian Taxation Office dated 26 February 2001.

This ruling was received in response to a request submitted to the Australian Taxation Office by the Business Manager of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, Mr John Andrew, seeking clarification on the matter.

"The Federal legislation allowed for the creation of the Catholic GST Religious Group to eliminate the need for members of this group to first charge GST and then claim a GST credit on Intra-Church transactions," said Mr John Andrew. "This ruling simply clarifies there is no discretion on this issue."

For a copy of the ATO Private Ruling, for members of the Catholic GST Religious Group, click here:

http://www.catholic.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1686&Itemid=397 .