TD 26W - Capital gains: where a pre-CGT lease is renewed post-CGT, what is the time of acquisition of the new lease?

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Notice of Withdrawal

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CGT Determination Number 26 is withdrawn with effect from today.

- 1. CGT Determination Number 26 (TD 26) explained that under section 160ZU of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (ITAA 1936), the renewal of a lease would be taken to constitute the grant by the lessor of a new lease, which would take effect immediately after the time when the original lease would, but for the renewal, have expired. TD 26 clarified that where a lease granted pre-CGT is renewed post-CGT, the new lease is taken to have been acquired post-CGT. Hence, any subsequent disposal of the new lease may be subject to CGT.
- 2. Section 160ZU of the ITAA 1936 was rewritten in Subdivision 104-F of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (ITAA 1997), which is about leases. Relevantly, CGT event F1 in section 104-110 of the ITAA 1997 happens if a lessor grants, renews or extends a lease. CGT event F2 in section 104-115 of the ITAA 1997 happens if a lessor grants, renews or extends certain long term leases over land.
- 3. The rules in subsection 109-5(2) of the ITAA 1997 clearly set out the circumstances in which, and the time at which, a lessee acquires a lease as a result of CGT events F1 and F2 happening. In the case of CGT event F1 (where a lessor renews or extends a lease) and of CGT event F2 (where a lessor renews or extends a lease and the term is at least 50 years), the lessee acquires the lease at the start of the renewal or extension.
- 4. As the rewritten provisions in Subdivision 104-F of the ITAA 1997 and the acquisition rules in subsection 109-5(2) of the ITAA 1997 express the law clearly, and section 160ZU of the ITAA 1936 was repealed by *Tax Laws Amendment (Repeal of Inoperative Provisions) Act 2006* as from 14 September 2006, it is considered that TD 26 is no longer required. Accordingly, this Determination is withdrawn.

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