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Draft Taxation Determination

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1. Yes. The definition of advisory activity in subsection 121D(7) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* has been drafted widely, and the supplementary explanatory to *Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No.4)* makes it clear that the definition is intended to apply to fee income in relation to financial advice generally, provided there is no connection with Australia.

2. Rendering advice on leasing transactions or infrastructure financing to an offshore person, where all of the parties to the transaction are offshore persons, and none of the property that is subject to the transaction is located in Australia, quite clearly falls within the definition.

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