



GSTA TPP 055 - Goods and services tax: Is a diesel fuel grant, or diesel fuel rebate consideration for a taxable supply?

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Preamble

*This document was published prior to 1 July 2010 and was a public ruling for the purposes of former section 37 of the **Taxation Administration Act 1953** and former section 105-60 of Schedule 1 to the **Taxation Administration Act 1953**.*

*From 1 July 2010, this document is taken to be a public ruling under Division 358 of Schedule 1 to the **Taxation Administration Act 1953**.*

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Answer

No, diesel fuel rebates and diesel fuel grants are not consideration for supplies, and therefore cannot be consideration for taxable supplies.

Explanation

Applicants for these payments lodge an application for payment of an existing entitlement. While the information contained in the application for payment is a supply, the information contained in the application is not the purpose for which the rebate or grant is paid. For GST purposes the payment is therefore not consideration for the information contained on the application.

There is nothing 'given up' by the grantee in exchange for the grant. The application is machinery to take advantage of an existing right.

Application of this GST Advice

This Advice applies [to tax periods commencing] both before and after its date of issue. However, this Advice will not apply to taxpayers to the extent that it conflicts with the terms of a settlement of a dispute agreed to before the date of issue of this Advice (see paragraphs 75 and 76 of Taxation Ruling TR 2006/10).

Commissioner of Taxation
14 June 2005

Related Rulings/Determinations/GST Advice:
TR 2006/10

Subject references:
diesel fuel grants
diesel fuel rebates
consideration for a supply

Legislative references:
TAA 1953 Sch 1 Div 358

Other references:
Energy grants credit scheme booklet

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