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Taxation Determination

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1. No. Section 279 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936 only allows a complying superannuation fund to claim a deduction for the cost of providing death and disability cover for members of a complying superannuation fund. A life assurance company cannot be a complying superannuation fund and is therefore unable to claim a deduction under section 279.

Commissioner of Taxation 01/10/92

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