



TD 93/148 - Income tax: are monetary gifts received by a child or any interest earned on investing such money treated as 'excepted assessable income'?

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Taxation Determination

Income tax: are monetary gifts received by a child or any interest earned on investing such money treated as 'excepted assessable income'?

1. No. Genuine monetary gifts received by a child on special occasions such as birthdays or religious events are not assessable for any purpose of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936*. Provided that the child is a 'prescribed person' under section 102AC of the Act, any interest earned on the accumulation of such gifts is treated as 'eligible assessable income' in terms of subsection 102AE(1) of the Act. Such interest is taxed at the higher rates applicable under Division 6AA.

2. Subsection 102AE(2) of the Act sets out the limited circumstances in which certain forms of income are deemed to be 'excepted assessable income'. Interest from accumulated gifts does not fall into any of the categories, as set out in that subsection. In particular, paragraph 102AE(2)(f), which refers to accumulations of excepted income, has no application to interest earned on monetary gifts.

Example:

Raymond, aged 14, has accumulated \$7,000 over the years from birthdays and other special occasions. The money was put into his bank account and he earned \$490 in interest during the year ending 30 June 1993. Raymond, who is a 'prescribed person' for the purposes of Division 6AA, earned no other income during that year. The total amount of interest earned is treated as 'eligible assessable income' as it does not fall under any of the categories of 'excepted assessable income' under subsection 102AE(2) of the Act. In this case, the tax payable for the year ended 30 June 1993 would be $(\$490 - \$416) \times .66 = \$48.84$.

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