

Additional information



Table 1

Analysis of revenue outstanding 1999–00 to 2003–04

Debt type	1999–00 \$000	2000–01 \$000	2001–02 \$000	2002–03 \$000	2003–04 \$000
Collectable debt					
Instalments	294,763	327,341	358,514	449,270	570,107
Other collectable debt	592,222	781,141	861,112	910,492	726,138
Total collectable debt	886,985	1,108,482	1,219,626	1,359,762	1,296,245
Uncollectable debt					
Bankruptcies/liquidations/receiverships	25,644	12,414	19,092	37,304	6,906
Pending write-off	10,969	11,133	14,610	114,524	98,902
Total uncollectable debt	36,613	23,547	33,702	151,828	105,808
Total	923,598	1,132,029	1,253,328	1,511,590	1,402,052

Table 2

Statistics of tax disputes 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

	Taxation Review Authority	High Court	Court of Appeal	Privy Council
Tax disputes commenced	84	75	Nil	Nil
Tax disputes determined:				
– Commissioner's favour	2	0	0	0
– taxpayer's favour	1	1	0	0

Table 3
Shortfall penalties imposed 1999–00 to 2003–04

Shortfall category	1999–00		2000–01		2001–02		2002–03		2003–04	
	No	\$000	No	\$000	No	\$000	No	\$000	No	\$000
Lack of reasonable care	4,821	3,559	5,164	3,689	2,935	8,548	1,422	4,229	1,385	3,721
Gross carelessness	1,794	2,683	2,343	3,134	927	9,328	148	1,192	471	3,089
Unacceptable interpretation	80	191	125	695	232	1,208	438	4,380	311	1,607
Abusive tax position	34	209	22	1,156	155	8,757	45	4,909	73	2,515
Evasion	418	2,971	1,081	4,482	402	19,297	222	14,136	282	18,061
Total	7,147	9,613	8,735	13,156	4,651	47,138	2,275	28,846	2,522	28,993

Table 4
Offences against Inland Revenue Acts

	1999–00	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04
Income tax					
Wilfully or negligently furnishing false income tax returns	7	7	3	6	8
Failure to furnish income tax returns	260	553	459	587	553
Aiding, abetting or inciting the making of false income tax returns	2	1	0	0	2
GST					
Furnishing false GST returns	5	10	6	4	5
Failure to furnish GST returns	200	303	307	383	380
Aiding, abetting or inciting the making of false GST returns	1	0	0	0	0
GST fraud (prosecution action taken under the Crimes Act)	7	4	0	6	3
Knowingly not providing information with the intent to evade tax	0	2	1	0	2
PAYE					
Failure to deduct or account for PAYE deductions	7	20	9	26	42
Aiding or abetting failure to deduct or account for PAYE deductions	0	4	14	1	3
Penal tax imposed (shortfall penalties not included)					
Cases in which penal tax was imposed	58	19	27	42	12
Value of penal tax imposed	\$717,458	\$628,419	\$ 762,186	\$889,528	\$3,765,953

Table 5

Legal responsibilities

The Inland Revenue Department administers the following main Acts:

- Child Support Act 1991
- Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968
- Gaming Duties Act 1971
- Goods and Services Tax Act 1985
- Income Tax Act 1994
- Stamp and Cheque Duties Act 1971
- Student Loan Scheme Act 1992
- Tax Administration Act 1994
- Taxation Review Authorities Act 1994

Aspects of the Parental Leave and Employment Protection (Paid Paternal Leave) Act 2002 are administered by Inland Revenue under authority delegated (under section 71ZA of that Act) by the Chief Executive of the Department of Labour.

Table 6
International visitors

Country	Number of visits	Study topics
China	3	Computerisation of the tax administration Organisational structure Income taxation policy (narrowing the gap between income groups) Organisation and tax policies
Chile	1	Information technology Compliance Taxpayer services
Hong Kong	1	GST training
Indonesia	1	Audit activities and compliance for large tax offices
Kenya	1	Information technology and operations
Korea	2	Tax related to international taxation GST rationale
Lesotho	1	Organisation and staff Operations and processes
Palau	1	Student loans Policy and operations
South Africa	1	Simplification of tax requirements
Tonga	1	GST implementation
United Kingdom	1	Policy advice Thresholds for registering GST
Vietnam	2	Income tax Information technology Operations and processing Financial services
Zambia	1	Income tax Information technology

Table 7
Property information

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Accommodation area (m ²)	112,743	102,795	102,940	104,125	104,793
Other area (m ²)	8,870	7,816	8,619	8,507	7,823
Total area leases (m ²)	121,613	110,611	111,559	112,632	112,616
Vacant accommodation (m ²)	5,128	4,599	4,714	4,439	3,805
Vacant as a % of total	4.6%	4.7%	4.6%	4.3%	3.6%
Average space per person (m ²)	22.4	21.7	20.6	20.5	19.6
Total rental per year per person (\$)	4,804	4,506	4,262	4,177	4,366
Utility costs per person (\$)	925	810	830	804	772
Total occupancy cost per person (\$)	5,729	5,253	5,206	5,229	5,138
Fitout costs per person (\$)	4,004	3,986	4,066	3,232	2,961

Table 8
Expenditure on consultants and contractors

for the year ending 30 June

	2002	2003	2004
	\$000	\$000	\$000
Information technology	4,512	6,401	5,969
Tax issues	534	774	1,233
Research	552	957	720
Human resources	136	167	385
Other	1,100	1,595	1,760
Total	6,834	9,894	10,067
Consultants and contractors as a % of total operating expenses	1.9%	2.6%	2.5%

Inland Revenue office locations

- regional office
- branch office

The map is shaded to show the boundaries between our regional offices.



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Desired future

- Taxpayers and other customers meet obligations of their own accord—and Inland Revenue makes this easy
- Increasingly, the community regards paying tax as contributing to society
- Inland Revenue is visible in the community, getting alongside taxpayers
- The community regards Inland Revenue as professional, approachable, effective and efficient.