



Curtin Tax Clinic – National Tax Clinic Trial

Curtin Business School

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Project Overview

The taxation regime of Australia is one of the most complex in the world and whilst many taxpayers are represented by professionals there is a large part of the community who still have to look after their own taxation affairs. The concept of the Curtin Tax Clinic was to provide much needed assistance to this group of taxpayers who often struggle to understand or comply with their own taxation affairs which can lead to disputes with the Australian Taxation Office.

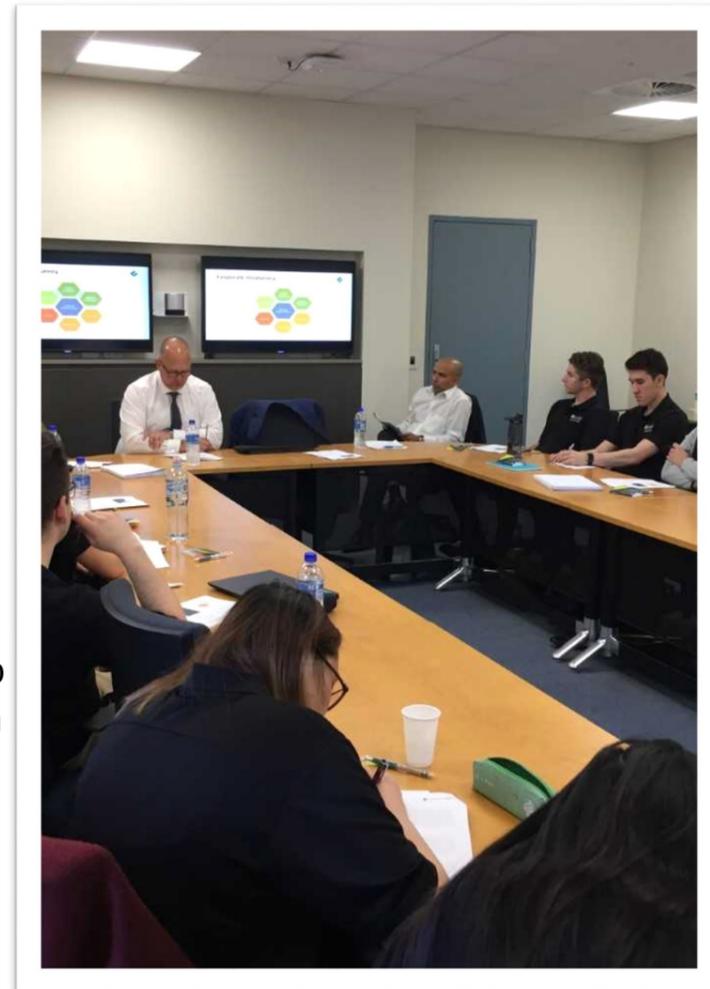
The clinic concept is to offer:

A – Assistance to taxpayers with their taxation obligations

R – Representation for taxpayers in their dealings with the Australian Taxation Office

E – Education for taxpayers on their tax responsibilities

A – Advocate services on behalf of taxpayers.



Outcomes

The Curtin Tax Clinic has been able to assist over 250 individual and small business taxpayers since the commencement of the clinic in July 2018, provide community education seminars on a variety of topics and encourage other taxation professionals to work on a pro-bono basis to assist clients in need of further expert assistance.

The Government viewed the research carried out by the Curtin Tax Clinic during its pilot phase and saw a need for more clinics within other states and thus agreed to fund 10 clinics as part of a National Tax Clinic trial and each clinic has been provided with a grant of \$100,000 in funding. The most important outcome is that of the assistance that has been provided to those taxpayers in need and the successful outcomes received from them when advocating or representing their cases to the Australian Taxation Office.

The relationship between the Clinic and the Australian Taxation Office is very positive as we are both working towards the same goal of assisting taxpayers in need and for them also they are learning where they can do better.