SOUTH AUSTRALIA



RevenueSA

General Circular No. 247

STATUTES AMENDMENT (BUDGET 2004) ACT 2004

The Statutes Amendment (Budget 2004) Act 2004 was assented to, today, 1 July 2004.

The Act amends the *Debits Tax Act 1994*, the *Pay-roll Tax Act 1971* and the *Stamp Duties Act 1923* to give effect to certain 2004/2005 State Budget Measures outlined below.

From 27 May 2004:

- an extension of the first homebuyer stamp duty concession with the upper limit for the partial concession being increased from \$130,000 to \$250,000; and
- an exemption from stamp duty on mortgages for eligible first homebuyers.

From 1 July 2004:

- a reduction in the pay-roll tax rate from 5.67% to 5.5%;
- abolition of stamp duty on cheques;
- abolition of stamp duty on leases; and
- the introduction of instalment and credit card payment options for land tax.

From 1 July 2005:

• abolition of debits tax.

Particular details regarding the amendments are contained in Circular No. 246, issued on 27 May 2004.

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