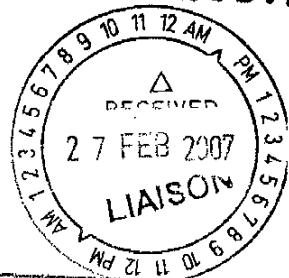




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Dear Minister

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX – ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOURIST SHOPPING

Thank you for your letter of 4 January 2007 in which you sought my agreement to a number of changes to the administrative arrangements for tourist shopping.

While Western Australia fully appreciates the importance of tourism to the Australian economy, it is not able to endorse the proposed changes to the Tourist Refund Scheme and GST arrangements without further substantiation. In particular, we would like to better understand both 'how' and to what extent the proposed measures (which your letter indicates involve a significant cost to the States) will boost retail spending in Western Australia.

I would also note that matters such as these are usually considered by the GST Administration Sub-Committee before agreement is sought from Treasurers. As this is a sensitive matter for the retail industry, Western Australia requests the opportunity for it to be carefully considered by that forum before final decisions are made.

I trust this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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