

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a Trustee of an SMSF

The three year cycle is most welcome.

However an even better solution, that is for the ATO to be the sole auditor of the fund,

Why? :-

- 1) It is a conflict of interest for the Trustee to hire their own auditor!
- 2) It is very expensive and the fund should not have to bear the cost, as its an ATO requirement
- 3) There is no value to an audit as the trustee and administrator have already triple checked everything, - especially if we know the ATO are the auditor.
- 4) there are now 2 sets of auditors who don't talk to each other.
- 5) if SMSFs need to be externally audited why doesn't Income Tax have the same requirement if its such a good idea.?
- 6) SMSF auditors are very difficult to find or v expensive as they seem to be retiring from SMSF Audits due to excessive smsf regulation requirements.

The only people who seem to be upset about the 3 year audit are the auditors themselves because they are loosing their income!!

In general the tax return for SMSFs is unnecessarily overcomplicated, and expensive compared to Income Tax

Also penalties are draconian.

SMSF administration require a complete overhaul to reduce admin/ATO fees which create a big hole in the SMSF 'leaky' bucket. The very thing one would expect the government to try and seal, not create.

Regards
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