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Dear Ms Wilson, *Fel,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 July 2022 on behalf of Tamara Keniry, President of the Mosman Chamber of Commerce, regarding a suggestion to provide clearer guidance on which COVID-19 stimulus payments and grants are assessable when preparing annual tax returns. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I understand that the tax treatment of COVID-19 stimulus support may be complex and confusing to both individuals and businesses as they prepare their annual tax returns. As such, NSW Treasury has worked with the Australian Taxation Office to provide clearer guidance on the tax implications of NSW Government payments and supports during COVID-19.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has now updated their website to include a list of NSW COVID-19 business grants and support programs that are treated as non-assessable non-exempt (NANE) income, which are as follows:

- 2021 COVID-19 Business grant
- 2021 COVID-19 JobSaver payment
- 2021 COVID-19 Micro-Business grant
- 2021 NSW Performing Arts COVID Support Package
- 2022 NSW Accommodation Support Grant
- 2022 Commercial Landlord Hardship Grant
- 2022 NSW Festival Relaunch Package
- 2022 NSW Performing Arts Relaunch Package
- 2022 Small Business Support Program

In addition, the ATO has updated the *COVID-19 support: tax quick guide*, that describes which COVID-19 payments need to be included in the annual tax returns for both individuals and businesses. More information on essential criteria for non-taxable business grants or support payments can be found on www.ato.gov.au.

Thank you for taking the time to bring Ms Tamara Keniry's suggestion to my attention. I trust that this information is useful to you in responding to her.

Yours sincerely,

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