

Tax and Transfer Policy Institute

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Since 2011, Andrew has worked as an incentives policy analyst at the Australian Government Departments of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs ('FaHCSIA') and Social Services ('DSS'). Andrew currently works in the 'Transfer System Analysis' Section of DSS.

During a 25-year career as a public servant working in Australia's social security system, Andrew has worked:

- as a senior analyst in the Working Age Taskforce (2002-04) progressing recommendations from the first 'Report of the Reference Group on Welfare Reform' ('the McClure Report I');
- as a 'policy modeller' modelling the impact on financial incentives of the interaction between tax and transfer system elements (2004-07, 2008-11); and
- as an incentives policy analyst on the second 'Report of the Reference Group on Welfare Reform' ('the McClure Report II', 2013-2014).

Aside from his expertise in incentives policy analysis in the Australian tax-transfer system context, Andrew has developed a detailed understanding of contemporary and historical structures and arrangements for the provision of social security and forms of 'fiscal welfare' in Australia. Andrew also presents the in-house DSS 'Advanced Social Policy' training course on 'Welfare'.

Andrew was DSS Secondee to the TTPI from April 2019 to June 2020.

Andrew's research interests include:

- incentives policy issues and trends in their 'longer run', historical context;
- incentives policy reform options and approaches given current and emerging tax-transfer system pressures and priorities;
- the early history of Australia's income tax system; and
- the philosophy of 'welfare' (from R.M. Titmuss to L.W. Sumner, and beyond).