

## FEDERAL BUDGET 2009—TAX BREAKS

Whilst by no means a complete guide, here are some of the key initiatives from the Budget that may impact your business and business decisions:

### Small Business Tax breaks:

The government has confirmed its June 30 deadline for the (greater than \$2Million turnover) 30% tax break for tangible asset investment. After this date, the tax break drops to 10% until December 31 2009 and then phases out altogether. This applies to project committed to prior to those dates.

Smaller businesses (with less than \$2Million turnover) have their breaks increased to 50%, extended out to December 31 2009

### R&D Tax Concession:

The current R&D Tax rebate will be replaced with a Tax Credit in 2010/11. The replacement provides a 45% tax refund for R&D for business with a turnover less than \$20 million, and a 40% non refundable tax concession for those businesses with greater than \$20Million turnover. For the 2009/10 Tax year, the government has lifted the cap on eligible R&D projects that make a tax loss from \$1 million to \$2 million.



### National Broadband Network & Fibre-to-the-Premise

The Government has committed to a Fibre to the Premise National Broadband network kicking off in Tasmania but planned to cover 90% of the population. This will see dramatic increases in Internet and Telecommunication performance with available bandwidth rising up to 100Mbit within the coverage area. As it rolls out, this will have a potentially dramatic impact on ALL telecommunications and work patterns across the economy. Certain regional Black spots will also receive a Fibre to the node boost.



### NETWORK SECURITY AND THREATS

#### A FIREWALL is a FIREWALL— or is it?

So what's difference between a "Firewall" and a Unified Threat Management (UTM) Firewall?

A Firewall is that box that stands as gate keeper between your network and Business information, and those nasty people on the internet. Home networks or small networks can pick up a very basic combination unit that acts as modem, router and wireless access point with very basic "firewalling" technology. Typically they will simply try to "hide" you by not responding to inbound traffic of specific types on specific ports. For most networks (especially if you have financial or other sensitive data) this alone will not suffice.

A UTM Firewall goes quite a few steps further. Not only do they hide you, but they will also examine the little bundles of data coming through (called packets) for threats — whether they be viral or spyware, or from specific black-listed sites. The main benefit of adding this functionality to the Firewall is that it can stop many threats before they even touch your Server or computers on your network.

Content filtering is used to allow or disallow access to specific websites on a user by user basis, enabling Management to block websites, or traffic types. Facebook or music and DVD downloads chewing up your Internet bandwidth are the most common examples.

Lastly, these devices should also give you detailed reporting on your ISP performance, peak usage times and traffic by user.

For more information on Firewalls and Unified Threat management (UTM) Firewalls, please call on 02 9524 1200.

## tencia™ News Update

As many of you know, DBR IT has commenced Tencia roll-outs with the core Financials modules that are currently available (GL, Cashbook, Debtors, Creditors and Stock). At this point all sites have been clean installs (no data conversion from existing Arrow systems).

This month we are scheduled to commence data conversion installs and this will give us a better indication towards the all important question: how much will it cost to deploy from a labour stand point?

This month will see us receiving the Tencia Sales Order module and we hope to demonstrate this at our next seminar coming up in a couple of weeks time. This will be followed by Purchase Orders and Payroll to round out the distribution modules.

Those sites currently using ArrowLink or the data uploads and downloads facility will be pleased to know that its replacement "Tencia Connect" enters final testing shortly and should also be available in July.

More details will be available at our next Seminar - to be held mid-June - so stay tuned for your invitation.