



# Media Release

## Senator Mathias Cormann

### *Shadow Assistant Treasurer*

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### **Shorten tax policy very short lasting**

In an incredible display of incompetence Assistant Treasurer Bill Shorten is creating unnecessary uncertainty for Australian consumers and businesses in the lead-up to Christmas.

"Yesterday he was considering imposing GST on online purchases from overseas," Shadow Assistant Treasurer Mathias Cormann said.

"Today he's not. He is now ruling it out.

"Shorten tax policy doesn't even last from dinner last night to breakfast today," Senator Cormann said.

"Bill Shorten has to realise that he can't just keep wandering around sharing his thought bubbles with everyone.

"We all know that he wants to be everybody's friend, but he actually has some clear public responsibilities.

"A key responsibility he should remember is to switch on his brain before opening his mouth.

"Australians expect more from someone who keeps promoting himself as the next Labor Prime Minister.

"This government is of course always looking for an opportunity to impose more taxes.

"We've seen more than \$40 billion in new or increased taxes introduced by this government over the past three budgets.

"Current GST arrangements on online purchases from overseas don't need to be changed," Senator Cormann said.

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