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In relation to [this FactCheck](#) on the AiGroup’s Innes Willox’s statement that Australia has “one of the highest progressive tax rates in the developed world”, a spokesman for the AiGroup sent the following sources and comment:

Innes was referring to top marginal tax rates. [Data](#) for 2016 show that Australia has a relatively high top marginal tax rate (49%) but not the highest among OECD countries (Sweden is top, at 60%). The rub is that our top marginal rate cuts in at a relatively lower level of income than most other OECD countries (2.2 times our average wage).

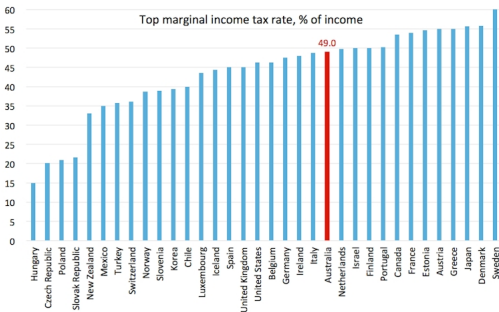


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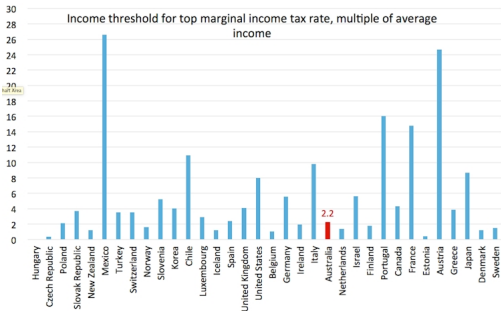


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The spokesman also sent a screenshot from an OECD report titled Revenue Statistics 2014 - Australia:

Tax structure
The structure of tax receipts in Australia compared with the OECD average is characterised by:

- Higher revenues from taxes on personal income, corporate income and property.
- A lower proportion of revenues from taxes on goods and services.
- No revenue from social security contributions, but Australia has higher revenues for payroll taxes compared with OECD as a whole.

	Australia Millions AUD	%	OECD unweighted average (%)
Taxes on personal income, profits and gains	162,893	39	24
Taxes on corporate income and gains	78,725	19	9
Social security contributions	-	0	27
Payroll taxes	21,447	5	1
Taxes on property	35,962	9	5
Taxes on goods and services	116,751	26	33
Of which GST is	50,300	12	20
Other	-	0	1
TOTAL	415,688	100	100

[1. 2013 data for Australia are not available at the time of publication]
[Tax revenue includes net receipts for all levels of government; figures in the table may not sum to the total indicated due to rounding]

A screen shot from the OECD report Revenue Statistics 2014 - Australia.OECD

Full response from the AiGroup for a FactCheck on how Australia's top tax rates compare internationally

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