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### MEDIA RELEASE

# More certainty for NSW businesses as payroll tax reforms pass Parliament

Payroll tax reforms which will give NSW businesses greater certainty passed the NSW Parliament tonight.

NSW Treasurer Eric Roozendaal said agreement has been reached across Australia to implement new uniform payroll tax rules.

“This means a business will pay payroll tax in the state where a worker lives, ending confusion for businesses and giving employers more certainty,” Mr Roozendaal said.

Employers in the past have reported confusion when paying wages to employees who work in more than one state in a month, such as in the airline and trucking industries.

Payroll tax will be paid to the state or territory where the worker lives.

In cases where the worker does not reside in Australia, tax is to be paid to the jurisdiction where the registered Australian Business Number address of the employer is located.

The new rules came into effect on July 1, and will be backdated.

The states and territories are progressively legislating the new arrangements.

The NSW Government cut payroll tax in January 2009 to 5.75 per cent and will cut payroll tax again on January 1, 2010 to 5.65 per cent.

More than 90 per cent of NSW businesses did not pay any payroll tax in 2008-09.