



## Key Outcomes

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<b>Title:</b>	PLS working group – key outcomes		
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<b>Venue:</b>	WEBEX		
<b>Event date:</b>	9 June 2020	<b>Start:</b> 1:00pm	<b>Finish:</b> 2:00pm

<b>Chair:</b>	Sonia Lark	<b>Facilitator:</b>	Sonia Lark
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<b>Attendees: names/section</b>	ATO – Sonia Lark, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Danny Figueiredo, Ross Barns, Karen Greaves, Anupama Duggirala, David Baker  Industry – Naseem Khan (ADP), Jack Wee (Catsoft), Misha Ali, Simon Smart (Etax), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Mike Behling, Michael Tong, Danny Koutoulas, Scott Reid, Christinique Chapman, Andrew Smith (MYOB), Nathan Kerr (One-Click), Kevin Johnson, (Reckon), Saiful Larry, Michael Wright (Sage), Karl Farrand (Taxlab), Krunal Patel, Shane Paxton, Paul Siriwidana (Thomson Reuters), Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton (Xero).
<b>Apologies: name/section</b>	Mike Denniss, Sha Sha (Class Super), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Steven Ivanopoulos (Reckon), Darin Carter (Sage), Charudatta More (Sparken), Dillon Tsotsis, Lisa Kim, Robert Xie, Danna Zhang (Wolters Kluwer), Anthony Migliardi, Rosemary Missier (Xero)

<b>Next meeting</b>	23 June 2020
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## Agenda item: 1 – Introduction

Sonia Lark welcomed the group and advised that business was unable to provide the PAYGI calculations as requested by DSPs during the previous meeting. There are a range of simplified PAYG Instalment calculators available on ato.gov.au. This provides the user with an estimate of Notional tax based on the information entered in each field completed.

PAYG Instalments does not release the calculation of the Base Assessment Instalment Income (BAII) due to the complexity of the calculation. The calculation can vary dependent upon the taxpayers' circumstance and it is difficult to cover each and every possible circumstance.

Kevin Johnson requested the inputs which have been provided in the past. Sonia will investigate further.

A response was provided by Ivar Kvistad in regard to the CBC report:

- The OECD XML schema for the CBC report will not change as a result of the legislative changes as they are defined by the OECD.
- The LCMSF for the master file / local file has been finalised for 2020. The next revision will be the 2021 LCMSF.
- The only identified impact on the 2020 LCMSF is in relation to references to 'Global Parent Entity', which should now be taken to mean 'CBC reporting parent'. Updated local file instructions will be published to reflect this.

Mick Ferris has advised he will come along to the PLSWG when there is a substantial ADSM update to provide.

## Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

Updates on outstanding items were provided. (see [action items](#))

## Agenda item: 3 – Tax Time 2020

Sangitha Sivayogaraj noted that all IITR hot fixes have been deployed into EVTE and relevant artefacts have been updated. There is only one outstanding defect remaining where the personal service income has been combined with business income. Nine existing validation rules will be updated, and a further 6 new rules will be introduced to ensure the defect is fixed. The fix will be deployed into EVTE on the week commencing 22 June, and into production in the following week. The C# package will be delivered at the same time.

Kevin mentioned some of the validations rules are not appearing correctly in the spreadsheet, however they work as expected in EVTE. Sangitha will double check the spreadsheet and make corrections as necessary.

A number of DSPs have not been receiving important information emails. Sonia will arrange for the mailing list to be reviewed to ensure all DSPs receive the necessary comms. She will also work with Sangitha get technical updates out to the group in a timely manner.

Update: The fix will be deployed into EVTE on the 25 June, and into production on the 30 June. The C# package will be delivered at the same time with the EVTE release.

#### Agenda item: 4 – Platform update

Anu Duggirala reported no issues and the platforms have been stable. Monitoring and implementation of stability activities are continuing. The focus has now shifted to Tax Time readiness activities, with handover work starting for the prod environment. Forecasting of Tax Time volumes and the possible effects of the stimulus measures will help prepare the platform.

#### Agenda item: 5 – Agent online environment update

David Baker showed the group a new addition to the [Online Services for Agents dashboard](#) which displays the status of 'Identify and declare for JobKeeper payment'.

He also reiterated the 'no penalty guarantee' for agents who are unable to meet lodgment dues dates if lodgments were made before 30 June 2020. The ATO will favourably consider any reasonable request for General Interest Charge remission if the agents or client was impacted by COVID-19.

David shared details about work being conducted to educate agents about the 'God Rule', which has been raised and discussed previously by DSPs on 4 February 2020. Business is planning to update the BIG to provide clearer guidance to DSPs on introducing a warning for tax agents when generating a report. Currently a Tax Agent can remove a BAS agent or agent acting as a payroll service provider with no notice or indication provided. Attempts to provide a warning appear not to have worked and further work is required to develop longer term solutions.

#### Agenda item: 6 – DSP feedback

DSPs require an urgent update about the GDP uplift factor regardless of any pending legislation. Sonia will continue to look into this and provide DSPs with comms as soon as possible.

Update: The Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. Michael Sukkar MP has [announced](#) legislation to suspend the indexation of tax instalment amounts for the 2020-21 financial year in response to COVID-19. Comms were issued to DSPs on 10 June.