



Key messages

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Title:	COVID-19 DSP focus group		
Issue date:	4 June 2020		
Venue:	WebEx		
Event date:	4 June 2020	Start: 3:00pm	Finish: 4:00pm
Chair:	Martin Mane	Facilitator:	Martin Mane
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Next meeting	21 May 2020		

Opening and welcome

Martin welcomed everyone and mentioned that JobKeeper payments for May have begun to hit employers bank accounts

Agenda item: 2 – Super Industry

Shane mentioned that the 1st round of ERS has wound down and APRA figures showed 3.3 days for funds to hit accounts once received by the Super fund, over 1.7 million claims releasing over 12 billion. ATO currently preparing for senate enquiry and round 2 wave of applications from 1 July.

Martin mentioned that Super match remained off and is expecting a position paper next week. Also discussed a the ATOs approach to Know your client/customer/user (KYC).

Agenda item: 3 – Individuals & Intermediaries community

David advised that things are settling down between periods and that agents are returning more to a BAU workload. The JobKeeper 2 release was successfully deployed over the

weekend with no issues at all relating to the release. Some slight noise from agents who were using forums to raise concerns of not Tax Time software updates yet as they normally see them around this time. Developers advised it is likely that there will be no early releases this year as Covid-19 has impacted resources both from DSP and ATO sides. PLS developers advised are all on track to release late June 2020.

Agenda item: 4 – Communications

Michael advised several different communications are starting to go out:

- JobKeeper monthly declaration for May
- ERS wrap up comms, temp residents can only apply this year so needs to be done before 1 July 2020
- Cashflow boost eligibility rules
- Impacts on amending activity statements
- Promotion of rules for instant asset write off

Switching focus to Tax Time with a webcast for Tax professionals planned for 18 June.

Agenda item: 5 – Single Touch Payroll

Martin advised the group that the ATO had made some interpretive changes to what was in and out of scope as eligible payment types towards the \$1500 minimum for JobKeeper and that version 3 of the DSP factsheet has now been updated and published to reflect this.

Question was raised about what would happen to those that reported based on documentation available at the time. **Answer** – Once the ATO had landed a position on how it will be treated for payments already made and claimed and future payments we will push out a notification to advise.

Martin mentioned that the ATO has engaged PWC to review the Operation framework and that the DPO may reach out to DSPs for input. We will look to share the relevant outcomes with the group once complete but may not share all.

Agenda item: 6 – ABSIA

Simon thanked the ATO for promoting survey and that they had received 50 responses and would release the findings soon.

Agenda item: 7 – Group discussion

Question – will DSPs get pre reading for upcoming SWG – **Answer** – Kylie advised we can look to issue it early for them.

Question – Deadlines have been moved for agents, what are the ATO seeing/hearing with them trying to meet these – **Answer** – No real noise has been noticed.