TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP - OUTCOMES

Venue:	WebEx Virtual Conference
Event Date:	Wednesday 25 November 2020 **Start:** 11:30 pm **Finish:** 1.30pm
Chair:	Peter Glynn, ABR Platforms, ATO
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Industry Attendees:	Cathy Le (Corporate Express), Matt Lewis (Intuit), Dubi Lavaiti (BGL), Aidan O'Neill (Illion), Darin Carter (Sage)
Apologies	Andrew Smith (MYOB)
Government Attendees:	Brian Shepherd, Peter Glynn, Paul McFarlane, Michael Ferris, Michael Serena, Rinkesh Sawhney, Paul Walters, Steven Irving, Kelly DeBrincat, Po Ki Ho, David Chung, Hien Le, Mai Moon, Terry Seiver, Grahame Dunnicliff (ATO)
Secretariat:	Grahame Dunnicliff, Stakeholder Engagement, MBR Program, ATO

Error Reporting Standards – Kelly DeBrincat

The program sought preferences from the technical focus group on the error attributes and error messaging standard that will be used by MBR APIs. It was acknowledged that at the heart of the MBR program is a COTS product and as such, there may be limitations on what error attributes and messaging can be returned.

Error attributes
The focus group supported the proposed error attributes, commenting that it was well thought out and would enable DSPs to provide meaningful information to their clients.

Error messaging
The program was keen to understand error messaging preferences from the focus group, recognising there is overhead to retrospectively implement different error codes.

The focus group expressed a preference for consistency in the format of error codes. If this is not practical to implement, DSPs would need to understand how to handle the various error codes.

The program expressed the need to balance standardisation against the implications of applying additional logic to error codes.

Focus members expressed support for the proposed New Registration and Reservation services as part of Tranche 2. It was noted that not all business registrations relate to a Company (e.g. Trusts, Partnerships). Non-company registration services are part of the program, but not delivered until Tranche 3.

Lookup fees service
Given the relatively static nature of fee updates, and the ease of maintaining fees within a DSP's database - members considered that a Lookup fees service would not valuable.

The program noted that accounting services (e.g. fee payment) will need to be considered as part of the Tranche 2 delivery.