



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – key outcomes		
Issue date:	5 March 2021		
Venue:	WEBEX		
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Chair:	Danielle Miller	Facilitator:	Danielle Miller
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Attendees: names/section	ATO – Danielle Miller, Danny Figueiredo, Anupama Duggirala, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, David Baker, Laura Bagnato Industry – Simon Smart, Misha Ali (eTax), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Mike Behling, Michael Tong, Christine Savva, (MYOB), Kevin Johnson, Steven Ivanopoulos (Reckon), Saiful Larry, Darin Carter, Michael Wright (Sage), Chardutta More (Sparken), Shane Paxton, Linda Kerhoulas (Thomson Reuters), Danna Zhang (Wolters Kluwer), Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton (Xero).
Apologies: name/section	Jack Wee (Catsoft), Mike Denniss, Sha Sha (Class Super), Scott Reid, Eli Gomez, Andrew Smith (MYOB), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Nathan Kerr (One-Click), Karl Farrand (Taxlab), Krunal Patel (Thomson Reuters), Dillon Tsotsis, Lisa Kim, Robert Xie (Wolters Kluwer), Rosemary Missier (Xero).

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Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time-related documentation

An additional tax determination regarding the treatment of allowances and benefits provided to Australian Government employees posted overseas has been published on the [FBT Rates](#) page on the Software Developers website.

The draft CTR form as well as a summary of changes have been published on the [Software Developers website](#) and in the [collaboration hub](#). We will continue to follow up progress of the draft instructions.

Agenda item: 4 - LCB measure – Franking account balance

Laura Bagnato spoke to the group about feedback received from agents in relation to the Franking account balance.

In order to claim the Loss Carry Back (LCB) tax offset, the opening franking account balance needs to be correct. Agents have advised that this figure is rolled over and requires an adjustment elsewhere in the return.

The group advised that the opening franking account balance is/can be unlocked so that tax practitioners can manually change the amount to put the correct amount in after reconciling the franking account.

There was also discussion around a warning message at the refundable tax offset label in the 2020 CTR if claiming LCB tax offset to have lodged a LCB claim form 5 business days prior to the company tax return. It was agreed that the most appropriate place to communicate the requirement to include the warning was in the specifications.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

Sangitha went through the latest release schedules.

Work is currently underway to deploy an update to CTR 2020 to enable future year lodgements at the 2021 company tax rates. The group agreed to proceed with hotfix directly to production ASAP, following by the EVTE release at a later date. The schedule will be confirmed once known, and details of the changes will also be provided ahead of the release.

An updated Release on a Page, including additional commentary is available on the [Software Developers website](#) and in the [Collaboration Hub](#).

TPAR will be added into the LDGNN (Lodgment Not Necessary) service and it is planned to go into EVTE in May 2021. Although there is currently no formal PVT set, developers will still be subject to a 'light' PVT process where a few transactions will be monitored prior to certification.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

Anu provided details around recent platform issues:

- On 18 February there was an issue with SBR2 PROD for BBRP services which was a result of maintenance activity, but services were restored quickly.
- On 22 February SBR2 experienced a full outage from 7.20pm to 7.40pm which impacted multiple applications.
- At 7.20am 2 March there were issues with SBR2 EVTE for SRP services only.
- From 11.00am to 12.00pm 2 March, SBR2 PROD for BBRP saw degraded response times. The issue was with the back end and was quickly resolved.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

ASLRPT

David Baker reminded the group that the proposed updated feature details for ASLRPT are available for review and feedback in [PLS items for Review](#) in the Collaboration Hub by **Friday 5 March**.

David spoke to the group about the possibility of providing a 'whole of debt' view within software. If there is DSP interest, the consultation process would likely be similar to that of the Client Communications API where agents would also be included in conversations.

Please provide feedback to the DPO via Online Services for DSPs if you see this as something you might be interested in.

There is also work beginning to redesign the 'on time lodgment' widget in OSFA.

Please advise if you are interested in a re-design process for the existing API.

Agenda item: 8 – DSP Feedback/issues

No additional issues were raised.