



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – key outcomes		
Issue date:	18 March 2021		
Venue:	WEBEX		
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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO – Danielle Miller, Danny Figueiredo, Anupama Duggirala, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, David Baker, Vinh Le, Sophie Zeng.</p> <p>Industry – Jack Wee (Catsoft), Simon Smart, Misha Ali (eTax), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Mike Behling, Scott Reid, Michael Tong, Christine Savva, (MYOB), Kevin Johnson (Reckon), Saiful Larry, Darin Carter (Sage), Shane Paxton, Linda Kerhoulas (Thomson Reuters), Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton (Xero).</p>
Apologies: name/section	<p>Mike Denniss, Sha Sha (Class Super), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), , Eli Gomez, Andrew Smith (MYOB), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Nathan Kerr (One-Click), Michael Wright (Sage), Chardutta More (Sparken), Karl Farrand (Taxlab), Krupal Patel (Thomson Reuters), Danna Zhang, Dillon Tsotsis, Lisa Kim, Robert Xie (Wolters Kluwer), Rosemary Missier (Xero).</p>

Next meeting	30 March 2021
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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

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.

Draft CTR2020 validation rules to support early lodgers available in PLS items for review on collaboration hub, this will be taken down after 25 March as the final version will be released on [sbr.gov.au](#). Both the CTR2020 and 2021 changes are included in the draft, however the 2021 changes will be included in a later scheduled EVTE release.

CA2021-004 Reforming private health insurance has been updated as it is progressing through parliament.

CA2021-023 Tax free SB grants stimulus measure has been released (NANE income).

Danny advised that if you have been successfully whitelisted for the FBT service previously, there will be no further PVT requirements for FBT 2021, however you will still need to lodge a 'Request PVT' ticket in order to be whitelisted for the FBT 2021 service.

Normal PVT will be required for new developers.

Agenda item: 4 - JobKeeper prefill for ITR

For Tax Time 2020-21, a prefill solution will be implemented to assist with the preparation of the 2020-21 individual income tax return:

- Prefill solution will be delivered in myTax for sole traders receiving JK payments as EBP and available to tax agents (via Online Services for Agents and Standard Business Reporting)
- The JK payment amount will be provided to clients as information only and will not be mapped to a label. Clients and their agents are then prompted to review and include the JK amount with the business income when completing the individual income tax return

For Sole traders, JobKeeper payments received should be declared on the **Business and Professional Items schedule**.

This is reported at **assessable government industry payments**.

That is **label G** for primary producers, or **label H** for non-primary producers of the **P8 Business income and expenses** section.

The PLS User Guide will be available for DSP review and published on the ATO website early in June.

Action Item: The DPO will follow up whether the conformance suite payload will include the JobKeeper data.

Update: Sample JobKeeper data is included in the Conformance Suite for IITR 2021. The prefill response in CONF-ATO-IITR-SRP-005 includes the JobKeeper prefill amount. The same prefill response data is also included in CONF-ATO-IITR-BATCH-003

Action item: The DPO will follow up whether JobKeeper payments will be included in aggregated turnover.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

As advised, the March EVTE release will be going in next weekend (20,21 March). The Q1 release went in as planned last weekend (13,14 March).

An updated Release on a page will be presented at the next PLSWG meeting and will detail the remaining Q2 changes including cyclical updates. It will also provide some visibility of the planned Q3 updates.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

Q1 releases went in over the weekend (13,14 March) with no issues. Monday 15 March saw some degradation of BBRP processing which has since been resolved. There were a few stuck messages noted, these are now being replayed.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

Online Services for Agents saw an outage on 15/03 which was a result of an issue with upgrades in Access Manager – it was resolved by mid-afternoon.

An intermittent myGov issue which is currently impacting approximately ten percent of users is expected to be resolved shortly.

Work is progressing on the revised on-demand reports. A joint session with the TPSG and BASAG identified the same information requirements as the DSPs. David thanked the group for their insights and feedback.

Agenda item: 8 – DSP Feedback/issues

A number of DSPs raised an issue related to the quality of pre-fill data, highlighting that if the data (sometimes zeros) is returned as received, it results in validation errors.

This is an on-going issue.

Action item: The DPO will review and follow up outstanding tickets related to prefill issues. The PLS troubleshooting page will also be updated. Danny will report back to the group.