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| 30/03 - 01 | The DPO will follow up on IITR assessments returned without lump sum in arrears tax offset in the assessment. | DPO/ Danny Figueiredo/ Marie Berridge | Closed | <p>27 April: DPO has contacted the business team and requested that the scripting be updated to assist the teams providing support for tax agents.</p> <p>13 April: Lump payments in arrears (LSPIA) cannot be processed for foreign pension and annuities clients, however LSPIA can be processed for salary and wages clients. The LSPIA tax offset will only appear on a Notice of Assessment (NOA) if it is greater than \$0.</p> |

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| 16/03 - 03 | 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. | DPO/Danny Figueiredo | In progress | <p>27 April: TT2021 - PLS additional information has been added to the Collaboration Hub. It is a summary of key tickets/issues identified by DSPs and/or ATO whilst building for Tax Time <u>2021</u> which may assist other DSPs</p> <p>13 April: The previously reported issues all have been escalated to the technical business teams for review and can give the preliminary update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O's being imported as part of prefill when it's a null – <i>TBA under analysis</i> • “_ (underscore)” being imported and agents have to change to another accepted character – <i>the Change Request has been updated however its pending a the change approval process to take place with no delivery/fix date</i> • foreign income when it is calculated it equates to a negative (sign) value which then is not a valid total for the lodgment - <i>the Change Request has been updated however its pending a the change approval process to take place with no delivery/fix date</i> • government payment with no period from and to agents have to log on to OSFA to get the detailed information - <i>on track for resolution as part of Q2 April release</i> <p>30 March: With the introduction of the IITR granular data for 2019 -2020 there are a few issues with the prefill service returning some information or characters that were not accepted by SBR submit action. Many of these issues were resolved via tax time 2020, however new specific issues are now being logged by DSPs. DPO has put together a list of the outstanding IITR prefill issues that we have a ticket for. These currently are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O's being imported as part of prefill when it's a null • “_ (underscore)” being imported and agents have to change to another accepted character • foreign income when it is calculated it equates to a negative (sign) value which then is not a valid total for the lodgment. • government payment with no period from and to – agents have to log on to OSFA to get the detailed information |
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| 16/03 - 02 | The DPO will follow up whether JobKeeper payments will be included in aggregated turnover. | DPO/Sophie Zeng | In progress | <p>27 April: The fix has gone in for the CTR. The fix will go in for PTR and TRT in the May release.</p> <p>13 April: Action item will be closed when the fix has implemented into the April EVTE.</p> <p>30 March: JobKeeper payments are not included in aggregated turnover (as per ATO web guidance https://www.ato.gov.au/business/small-business-entity-concessions/eligibility/aggregation/).</p> |
| 16/03 - 01 | The DPO will follow up whether the conformance suite payload for IITR will include JK data. | DPO/Martin Kenseley | Closed | <p>16 March: 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.</p> |
| 19/01 - 02 | Business to investigate the need to have different TPAR versions to account for private and government reporting. | DPO/Danny Figueiredo | Closed | <p>16 Feb: Ticket update was accepted by the DSP and awaiting the specifications to be release to close the ticket. This item will be removed from the PLSWG.</p> <p>2 Feb: The specification for TPAR.0003 (2021) is correct and it's the business guidance that needs updating to reflect that it will be used to reporting "<i>Payments made by government entities for services or payments made by businesses for services</i>". DSPs looking to develop this service, should wait until the FEB EVTE release as it will include this update plus recent legislative changes. Production release is still expected for July 2021.</p> |

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| 19/01 - 01 | Business to investigate and confirm if updates will be made to company tax rates for future year returns and the possibility of lodgment of future year returns, in prior year CTR versions, via SBR for base rate entities. | DPO/Danny Figueiredo | Closed | <p>27 April: Updated in April release. This action item can now be closed.</p> <p>13 April: Confirming that the tax rate change updates to factor in the new rates for SAP Early Balancers for 2022 (using the CTR 2021 service) has been implemented by ATO and targeted for APRIL EVTE release.</p> <p>30 March: The CTR 2020 changes to EVTE and PROD were deployed on the 25th of March. Internal reviews have been completed to check the fix and we are waiting on advice from some DSPs that originally reported the issue to update the PLS Troubleshooting page.</p> <p>16 March: An early draft of the 2020 Company Tax Return (CTR2020) tax rate modification to support the early lodgers is available from the Collaboration Hub. The anticipated date for CTR2020 changes to EVTE and Production is Thursday 25 March. This page will be removed once the resources are available 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.</p> <p>02 March: ATO business teams have confirmed that early lodgers (including early balancers with an approved substituted accounting period) that are base rate entities lodging a return for their 2020-21 income year are entitled to the lower tax rate of 26%. The ATO is working on the system update for the 2020 service and will provide a fix date when available. As an interim solution (until fix implemented), clients are required to lodge a paper return.</p> <p>PLS Troubleshooting Page has been updated with the following: Heading: Unable to lodge 2021 Company Tax Return for Early lodgers including early balancers with an approved substituted accounting period Content: Due to the 2021 Company Tax Form rate changes (lower tax rate of 26%), SBR validations are currently blocking any lodgment for clients that are early lodgers (including early balancers with an approved substituted account period) with the entitled lower tax rate of 26%. As an interim solution you will need to lodge these using a paper return. We are working to resolve this issue as a priority.</p> <p>20 Feb:</p> |
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| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For Early Lodgers</u>: ATO business teams have confirmed that early lodgers (including early balancers with an approved substituted accounting period) that are base rate entities lodging a return for their 2020-21 income year are entitled to the lower tax rate of 26%. The ATO is working on the system update for the 2020 service and will provide a fix date when available. As an interim solution (until fix implemented), clients are required to lodge a paper return. PLS Troubleshooting Page has been requested to be updated https://www.ato.gov.au/general/online-services/technical-support/troubleshooting-for-businesses-and-tax-practitioners/ • <u>For Early Balancers</u>: more information to be provided due to pending consultation within ATO teams <p>16 Feb:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For CTR 2021 EVTE</u>: The Tax Rate for Company ITR is being updated as reported earlier. • <u>For Early Lodgers</u>: This is officially logged as a change request due to the complexity of the matter (INC003071120). It is being actively discussed between the business and technical teams for a final review on the matter as it does impact multiple systems (not just SBR) and they need to ensure all systems can accommodate and are in sync for this change where a Company is to access a future year tax rate. Currently the only alternative for Early Lodgers in this situation (interim) is via paper. • <u>For Early Balancers</u>: <i>details to follow</i> <p>2 Feb: An incident has been logged and the ATO is currently investigating. It has been identified that the tax time 2021 rates are on target to be changed, however business together with DWIS are exploring the requirements and implications of making the change to 2020 rate understanding that it only effects the early lodgers or SAP. The ATO is also looking to inform tax agents of this matter via the PLS trouble shooting page (still to be updated).</p> |

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| 08/12 - 02 | DPO to work with business to determine a way to consult with DSPs on the LCB measure and its implementation. | DPO/Laura Bagnato | Closed | <p>2 Feb: The business team attended the PLSWG to provide a feedback opportunity for the recent Change Advice issued 19 January.</p> <p>19 Jan: Due to the tight timeframes in which the LCB measure needs to be developed and delivered, the business team will not be in a position to co-design or consult on this one. They have advised that if they do get any feedback they will see if it is already incorporated in our validation checks and design.</p> |
| 08/12 - 01 | Business to provide instructions on the SAP process for the LCB measure which DSPs can provide to their clients. | Laura Bagnato | Closed | <p>19 Jan: The updated Change Advice has been received and published to the collaboration hub and SWD.</p> |

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| 29/10 - 01 | Sangitha Sivayogaraj will follow up to confirm the naming issues raised in relation to lodging NLA and Dividend and Interest schedules for trusts or entities with # in the name have been resolved. | Sangitha Sivayogaraj/ Sophie Zeng | In progress | <p>27 April: The issue was presented at the DARG meeting on 20 April. It was suggested a working group may be established to work through the roll out strategy as the changes impact 190 services.</p> <p>13 April: Stakeholder consultation is still ongoing.</p> <p>30 March: Stakeholder consultation is still ongoing.</p> <p>16 March: Stakeholder consultation is ongoing trying to determine if there is any other services being impacted in addition to the identified ones in the business requirements.</p> <p>02 March: A stakeholder meeting was held Last Friday (26 Feb) discussing scoping and strategies and focus, and looking at which projects will be impacted.</p> <p>16 Feb: We are still awaiting for the feedback from relevant areas regarding the scope (i.e. impacts on certain services, or all instances of non-individual names). We have followed this up and will provide further update as soon as it is available.</p> <p>2 Feb: The issue was assessed with a bigger scope than original incident. The job sizing and the number of services being rolled out are being examined, aiming to develop a holistic approach for the matter rather than a fix to one single issue raised. The Solution is being developed with no specific timeframe provided as of yet.</p> <p>19 Jan: The feature is written and with DWIS for assessment to be progressed to the Product Management Group (PMG).</p> <p>8 Dec: The feature is being assessed by impacted function areas and yet to be finalised.</p> <p>24 Nov: Business is assisting with the finalisation of the feature. It will progress to the PMG for approval shortly.</p> <p>27 Oct: No further update, internal documentations are still being prepared and reviewed</p> <p>13 Oct: an initial draft of a feature (system change document) has been completed and will be progressed to internal review and approval.</p> <p>29 Sept: Business change request is being planned - submission for internal approval is scheduled in early October. Pending the outcome, further business requirement document will be prepared and progressed to system changes.</p> <p>15 Sept: Work is continuing on aligning the use of special characters across services. There may be a staged approach for delivery of updates.</p> <p>01 Sept: No further update at this time.</p> <p>18 August: No further update at this time.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>4 August: Business is progressing with a request to allow special characters in non-individual entity names – as these validation rules impact multiple business lines and systems, they are working together to reach an outcome.</p> <p>21 July: Business are continuing to progress this discussion on the broader implications of allowing certain characters – no further update.</p> <p>07 July: no further update at this time.</p> <p>23 June: no further update at this time. There’s a broader conversation taking place about acceptable characters in general across services which is being led by business.</p> <p>09 June: no further update at this time.</p> <p>26 May: Still under review by business.</p> <p>12 May: currently under review by business. The exclusion of # in the DIS was intentional in late 2019 to prevent system errors that were occurring at the time. Due to this, the requirement is being investigated by our business areas to determine whether there is value in allowing this change based on the number of users experience this issue. This is still in progress.</p> <p>28 April: DWIS are working with Business and PGI teams to implement a minor change aimed at addressing the issue</p> <p>14 April: no further update at this time.</p> <p>31 Mar: no further update at this time.</p> <p>17 Mar: no further update at this time.</p> <p>03 Mar: No further update</p> <p>18 Feb: No movement, still waiting for business to confirm and drive the change</p> <p>4 Feb: Pending business guidance</p> <p>21 Jan: No progress over the shutdown period. Still waiting for business direction on how to proceed.</p> <p>10 Dec: We are still waiting for business direction on how best to resolve this issue.</p> <p>26 Nov: The last update on the 20/11 is that this is still with the business areas to progress.</p> <p>12 Nov: This issue is still being investigated, with the possibility of a fix being required. It has been referred back to business for quality checking.</p> |