



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – Key outcomes		
Issue date:	22 July 2021		
Venue:	WEBEX		
Event date:	20 July 2021	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 2:00pm

Chair:	Sonia Lark	Facilitator:	Sonia Lark
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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO – Sonia Lark, Danny Figueiredo, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Anupama Duggirala, Craig Hughes, Steve Irving, Des Parker.</p> <p>Industry – Jack Wee (Catsoft), Misha Ali, Simon Smart, Trajan Goldsworthy (eTax), Mike Behling, Scott Reid, Michael Tong, Eli Gomez, Christine Savva (MYOB), Nathan Kerr, Albert Lillie (One-Click), Kevin Johnson (Reckon), Michael Wright, Saiful Larry, Darin Carter (Sage), Chardutta More (Sparken), Karl Farrand (TaxLab), Shane Paxton, James Barillaro, Nikunj Simariya, Linda Kerhoulas, (Thomson Reuters), Raihani Rahmat (Wolters Kluwer), Mark Walmsley (Walmsley Family Trust), Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton (Xero).</p>
Apologies: name/section	<p>David Baker, Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Krunal Patel, Shifa Akbar, Alex Jacklin (Thomson Reuters), Farah Shaikh, Patrick Bogle, Danna Zheng (Wolters Kluwer).</p>

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonia Lark welcomed the group and advised she would be resuming the role of chair as Danielle Miller has taken up a position in another area of the ATO.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

An updated CA2021-004 – Reforming private health insurance was published on 9 July.

Agenda item: 4 – Income statement service

Desmond Parker presented a paper on a planned wholesale service which will allow agents to more proactively manage their client's income tax obligations. DSP feedback was sought on:

- Viability of the service
- DSP interest for ATO to deliver this service, and
- DSP priority to deliver the service.

The Wholesale service will allow agents to view their clients' income statement data by ingesting the data into their practice management software, this can be done at any time during a financial year.

See presentation slide for more detail.

DSPs were keen to see ATO deliver this service but agreed it would be difficult to prioritise in time to deliver for Tax Time 2022.

Next steps outlined were to get in principle agreement to develop this service and proceed with further consultation.

Agenda item: 5 – XBRL to XML transition - update

Craig Hughes presented an updated approach for the transition of services from XBRL to XML.

See presentation slides for more detail.

The first round of MSTs are expected to be available for review in August 2021, with four services moving into EVTE in December 2021 and PROD in June 2022.

Any [feedback](#) on the updated approach should be submitted via [OS4DSPs](#) by the end of August 2021.

Agenda item: 6 – Delivery update

Sangitha provided the following delivery details:

- Updates will be made to address irritants associated with error message EM060 in the activity statement service, including pre-lodge. The messaging will be refined to provide more detail about why values were changed by the ATO and whether further action is required. The validation rules specifications are expected to be released on 29 July. Conformance suites will be updated in the 19 August EVTE release, and into PROD for both SBR1 and SBR2 channels on September 24.
- The threshold for Government Payments and Allowances income in the IITR will increase from \$22,106 to \$40,000. The change is scheduled to go into PROD in coming weeks.

Agenda item: 7 – Platform update

Anu advised the platforms are currently stable.

On 8 & 10 July there was a partial outage for SRP & BBRP due to load balancer issues. Temporary fixes were applied on the same day with permanent fixes applied on 17 July.

12-13 July saw a partial outage for SRP due to the slow backend responses, the fix was applied on the same day.

14 July saw degradation and slow SRP responses triggered by the high volumes of transactions being received, with a fix being implemented on the same day. Updates for were implemented last weekend (17-18 July).

Agenda item: 8 – Agent online environment update

No agent online environment update was available

We will follow up updates on the PRN and ASLRPT action items with David Baker out of session.

Agenda item: 9 – DSP feedback

Tax Time 2021 is progressing with no issues to report.

No other feedback or issues were raised by DSPs.