



DSP Architecture Reference Group Key outcomes

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Next meeting

4 November 2021

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome and introduction

Paul Dwyer and Rohan Walder welcomed the group and introduced new members.

Dinesh Gurram is now representing Elmo Software.

Trajan Goldsworthy will represent eTax Accountants moving forward.

Anita Chaganti was welcomed as the new Assistant Commissioner for Digital Wholesale Integration Services.

There was discussion around the possibility of facilitating the next meeting face-to-face and what options might be available.

Agenda item: 2 – Delivery insights and future program

Details on the high-level roadmap for upcoming projects and service changes were provided for:

- Income tax services:
 - legislative and cyclical changes expected by May 2022,
 - rollovers expected by December 2021, and
 - some services will be transitioned to XML before the end of 2021.

Agenda item: 2 – Delivery insights and future program

- BAS enhancements:
 - enhancements to the activity statement service
 - expected to go into EVTE in December 2021 and PROD in June 2022.
An issue was raised in relation to concessional dates not being applied in the service – this will be investigated.
- Data visibility:
 - a service providing Taxable payment annual reports (TPAR), Taxable government grants and payments (TGGP) and Business transactions through payment systems (BTTPS) datasets
 - anticipated to expand and include more datasets in the future
 - moving into EVTE in September 2021 and PROD in December 2021.
- Changes to ELSTagformat service:
 - decommissioning of legacy systems will mean changes to the service
 - prior year ELS returns will still be able to be lodged in the same format, however only a basic acknowledgment of receipt will be returned. The service will no longer provide any validation
 - any returns which fail rules will be actioned manually, with the ATO contacting agents directly to correct or re-submit the returns.

Additional information on the changes to this service can be found [here](#).

- Your Future Your Super:
 - a wholesale solution for the fund comparison tool is expected around September 2021
 - consultation to work through a solution to request stapled fund details is still underway.
- Sharing economy reporting regime:
 - details of data and frequency of collection are still being worked out
 - discussions around specifics of a wholesale offering are occurring, the BDE channel is being considered.
- Client communications and preferencing services:
 - these services went live in June 2021, the first DSPs are expected to be whitelisted next week.

See presentation pack for further details.

Agenda item: 2 – Delivery insights and future program

Further details were provided on the following programs which are slated for delivery before June 2022:

Data visibility

This service allows the retrieval of up to four years' worth of data. Initial datasets will be:

- Business transactions through payment systems (BTTPS) – merchant data
- Taxable payment annual reports (TPAR) – for building and construction industry, couriers, cleaners, IT contractors, security contractors, and road freight providers.
- Taxable government grants and payments (TGGP) – payments from government entities

See presentation pack for details of the data elements that will be returned for each of these datasets.

Additional factors are being considered as a result of feedback from the working group including the ability to report the 'delta' (only the details which have changed since the last retrieval) and inclusion of additional dates where possible.

There was discussion around the application of existing authorisation and authentication models to exposing the data within this service.

The [slide pack](#) which was presented at the most recent Data Visibility working group meeting has been provided with these outcomes.

Changes to the activity statement and related services

- The 2022 activity statement service will move to XML format on SBR2.
- The as.list service is being removed – the functionality is available in the lodgement list service.
- Updates to error messaging – details will be provided in the draft artefacts.
- Some unnecessary elements will be removed.
- STP PAYGW data (gross and withheld) will be aggregated and prefilled into activity statements.
- Payevent parent adjustment service will allow employers to update gross or withheld amounts in the parent form with no need to adjust any child form.
- Payevent list service returns details of what the employer has submitted through STP.

Proposed enhancements to on-demand reports

See presentation pack for details of the new fields and data which are being introduced.

Discussion to be taken to the PLS working group of changes to the rollout strategy.

Agenda item: 3 – Data refresh of conformance suites

Work will occur over the next three financial years to progressively refresh the data contained in the conformance suites. Data alignment between services will be improved. The refresh will occur one group at a time, finishing each group before progressing to the next (see presentation pack for details of the groups of services). If a service is being updated, the conformance suite will be refreshed at the same time.

There was agreement that the suggested groupings of conformance suites and data be shared and reviewed prior to the updates being made.

The group raised concerns for changes during the March/April period as they could have impacts on tax time.

Agenda item: 4 – Digital services gateway

The planned approach to consultation for the development and delivery of APIs in the DSG is based on a number of considerations including:

- A decision process to determine channel preference.
- A preference for delivery of wholesale first.
- Agile methodology will allow delivery of a base product in the first instance which can then be built on and enhanced. Delivery phases do not need to be linked to the quarterly releases.
- Consultation and DSP feedback will form part of the 'Discovery phase' along with the release of API specs and user journey maps.
- The 'Delivery phase' will involve registering for the developer portal and meeting the Operational Security Framework requirements.
- The engagement process will utilise established relationships including with the DPO.

User feedback from one-on-one interviews on the mock-up API developer portal focussed on:

- usability
- navigation, and
- understanding terminology.

Feedback will be used to identify opportunities for improvements to the user experience.

Next steps:

- rebranding and improvements to the usability of the developer portal
- set up of a trial API, and private/public beta testing
- actual APIs expected to come on board before the end of 2021.

Agenda item: 5 – Machine credential renewal

The functionality to support M2M renewal was delivered in June 2021. Credentials will begin to expire in November 2021. The [Software Developer Kits](#) (SDKs) are in the process of being updated:

- the Java SDK is already available,
- the .Net SDK should be available by 6 August, and
- there is no current timeframe for the C SDK.

Feedback from the group was that the renewal process was straight-forward and worked first time.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) have been published in the Knowledge Base in OS4DSPs.

If DSPs have further questions, please raise a ticket in [OS4DSPs](#).

Agenda item: 6 – STP Phase 2 DPO transition support

The STP Phase 2 DPO transition support timeline highlighted the various measures implemented to support DSPs and their clients as they build and transition to the payevent 2020 service.

See presentation pack for details.

The support provided during the development process were outlined:

1. Develop your product
2. Request whitelist for EVTE and verify your build
3. Request entry to ECT
4. Prepare and execute ECT test cases
5. ECT test results reviewed by ATO
6. ATO approval and production whitelisting.

Agenda items: 7 – Future of Data

A number of issues, considerations and challenges were highlighted during the discussion on how the ATO can become a data-driven agency:

- More data is being collected all the time, but the challenge is to make sure it's the right data.
- Use of data to make better policy decisions across government and drive innovation.
- Ensuring data returned to the citizen is readily consumable

Agenda items: 7 – Future of Data

- The importance of data stewardship and the push to share data in a more responsible way.
- The need to balance the cost of reporting/collecting data against the purpose/benefit of collecting it.

We are trying to get to a point where the ATO could make large amounts of the data collected available to:

- citizens,
- DSPs, and
- other authorised third parties, such as financial institutions.

The group was keen to see the ATO make better use of natural reporting cycles, rather than DSPs/taxpayers having to manipulate data into paper form requirements.

Agenda item: 8 – Other business

The DPO has been considering how best to provide visibility of the numbers of DSPs transacting within the ecosystem. Consideration is being given to the following:

- what types of things would be beneficial to include
- how often would the report be updated
- what are the most valuable groupings/breakdowns
- DSP client behaviours.

An expression of interest will issue shortly to DARG and SWG members to be part of a group to work through what they would like to see in a 'DSP landscape' report.

Agenda item: 9 – Wrap up and close

A placeholder will be issued shortly for the next meeting which is expected to be 4 November 2021.