



Key Outcomes

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

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonia Lark welcomed the group and advised that expressions of interest are open for this year's [Services for Tax Practitioners](#) event which is scheduled for **14 & 15 September**. Please send through any items you would like to see discussed at the event. Also, consider any new PLS services you would like to see the ATO consider building.

An STP Phase 2 webinar is planned for **26 August** – [register your interest](#) in attending.

A DSP information session on the outcomes and recommendations from the [Operational Security Framework review](#) is also coming up shortly. Further details will be available in this week's DSP Newsletter.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

No new tax time documents were published.

Agenda item: 4 – ASLRPT service

A new ASLRPT service will be delivered and is expected in EVTE in 22Q1 and in PROD in 22Q2. The new service will be available in parallel with the current service which will be deprecated to allow for a transition period. Dual formats will be supported for a time as the new ASLRPT service will be in XML and the current is XBRL.

A one-pager outlining the [changes to the ASLRPT service](#) has been included with these outcomes.

Details of PVT requirements for the new service are still being worked out. Further discussion will occur with this group once more information becomes available.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

An updated [Release on a Page](#) document will be available shortly.

The next EVTE release is scheduled for 19 August.

The [high-level roadmap](#) is available with these outcomes.

Work is commencing for tax time 2022:

- FBT rollover expected October/November 2021
- IITR and NITR rollovers expected December 2021
- Legislative changes expected by March 2022, and
- Cyclical changes expected by May 2022.

Sangitha will investigate the possibility of delivering the R&D changes earlier given that the work was done previously but delayed by the passage of the bill through parliament.

The R&D schedule may also be a candidate for transition to XML given that there will be a considerable amount of changes required already.

Changes to the activity statement and related services are also underway:

- The 2022 activity statement service will move to XML format on SBR2 and is expected to go into EVTE in Dec21 and PROD in June22
- 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.

Data visibility is expected to go into EVTE at the end of September and into PROD before the end of 2021.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

Platforms are stable, with no current issues to report.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

The next scheduled maintenance for Online Services for Agents is early September.

Currently all systems are stable with no issues to report.

Some early planning is occurring for the decommissioning of ELS, however there will be very little change for DSPs. David will bring a paper covering the plans to the group for comment by early September.

David reiterated to the group to send through any potential new candidates for new services so some background work can be done prior to the tax time event.

Agenda item: 8 – DSP feedback

An issue was raised in relation to rejections due to duplicate lodgements for entities which have changed their substituted accounting period. Tickets have been lodged and this is under investigation.