



Key Outcomes

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Apologies: name/section	<p>Darin Carter, Saiful Larry (Access Group), Paul Salcombe (Business Automation Works), Misha Ali, Trajan Goldsworthy (eTax), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Andrew Smith, Andreas Robertson (MYOB), Nathan Kerr (One Click), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Chardutta More (Sparken), James Barillaro, Alex Jacklin, Shane Paxton, Ankit Rawat (Thomson Reuters), Krunal Patel, Farah Shaikh, Patrick Bogle, Danna Zheng (Wolters Kluwer), Kelvin Newton (Xero).</p>

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonya welcomed the group and advised the DPO will undertake a review of the budget measures following the Treasurer's announcement on 29 March, to determine potential DSP impacts. An impact assessment will be published in the Collaboration hub over the coming days.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

An updated version of the [Release on a page](#) was published in the collaboration hub on Friday 25 March.

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

Two updated [change advices](#) have been published:

CA2022 – 002 \$450 threshold removal

This document provides additional details to clarify the updates required to payroll and accounting software to make the correct super guarantee payments to staff from 1 July 2022.

CA2022 – 008 working holiday maker

There will also be a minor change to the Notice of Assessment. Currently when a WHM lodges their tax return and is assessed at WHM tax rates there is a message confirming that these tax rates have been used. From 2021-22 onwards, where the WHM has been assessed at resident tax rates this message will not appear.

Several [final forms](#) were also published since the last meeting:

NAT 1382 Franking account tax return

NAT 2787 Family trust election, revocation or variation

NAT 2788 Interposed entity election or revocation

NAT 3425 Losses schedule

NAT 7334 Life insurance companies tax return and instructions

NAT 8030 Dividend and interest schedule

NAT 71226 SMSF annual return

NAT 737794 Research and development tax incentive schedule

Agenda item: 4 – Update on general matters and Tax time delivery

FBT whitelisting is on track to be completed in time for 1 April. The DPO will be contacting DSPs who haven't yet requested PVT.

An update was provided on the issue relating to private health insurance details not being populated as part of prefill in SBR. The group were advised that it is not due to an SBR issue, it's rather the system being populated correctly to come by SBR. The [PLS trouble shooting page](#) will be updated to advise these details will only be available manually via Online services for agents for tax time 2022.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

The updated [Release on a page](#) includes any updates of adjustments over last couple of months and releases on 9 April and 29 April, to cater for any budget announcements, and updates remaining from 9 April (first EVTE) release. This allows the May EVTE release to cater for any defect fixes.

Further details regarding changes to services can be found in the version history.

The updated [Delivery roadmap](#) has also been published.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

The platforms are currently operating as expected; however, there have been a few issues since the last meeting:

EVTE

15 March - SBR1 full outage error was due to an issue between access manager and authentication service, this was restored same day.

17 March - SBR2 encountered monitoring issues for approximately two hours, however the platform remained fully operational throughout this time

29 March - outage in SBR2 due to failed connectivity

PROD

22 March – intermittent degradation due to patching resulting in authentication errors

Updates on Tax Time processing will be shared in the coming meetings.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

There have been an increasing number of last-minute requests for maintenance in OSfA. Additional work is coming through in preparation for Q2, especially around data centre infrastructure.

Agenda item: 8 – DSP communications update

The weekly DSP newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday and will make mention of the budget; however, it will go into further detail in next weeks edition after the budget announcement.

The 13 April edition will include a message from the new DPPG Assistant Commissioner , Elly Stinchcombe.

Agenda item: 9 – DSP feedback

Release of the next round of draft forms and instructions has been delayed pending the budget announcements. The DPO will continue to follow up with business and publish them as soon as they are available.