



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – Key outcomes		
Issue date:	29 April 2022		
Venue:	WEBEX		
Event date:	26 April 2022	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 1:35pm

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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO – Danny Figueiredo, Felicity Stokes, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Julie Huynh, Katrena Cawthorne, Anupama Duggirala, Esther Daniell</p> <p>Industry – Jack Wee (Catsoft), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Mike Behling, Scott Reid, Michael Tong, Eli Gomez, Christine Savva, Andrew Smith, Kevin Johnson, Steven Ivanopoulos (Reckon), Michael Wright, Darin Carter (Sage), Chardutta More (Sparken), Ankit Rawat, Linda Kerhoulas, Shifa Akbar (Thomson Reuters), Sue Zhao (Wolters Kluwer), Andrew Sprankling.</p>
Apologies: name/section	<p>Misha Ali, Trajan Goldsworthy (eTax), Andreas Robertson (MYOB), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Nathan Kerr (One Click), Albert Lillie (One-Click), Saiful Larry (Access Group), James Barillaro, Alex Jacklin, Krunal Patel, Danna Zheng (Wolters Kluwer), Farah Shaikh, Patrick Bogle</p>

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Julie Huynh opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

There are no open action items. ([see action items](#))

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

The following documents have been published in Collaboration Hub:

- [Medicare Levy Thresholds 2012-2022](#)
- [Draft SAP Research and development tax incentive schedule instructions 2022](#)
- [Fund Income Tax Return](#)
- [Life insurance companies taxation schedule](#)

Agenda item: 4 – Modernising the Trust experience

DSPs were provided awareness of the Modernising the Trust Experience project that was developed by the ATO through internal reviews of the trust tax and lodgment systems. The project was initially progressed as an internally driven ATO project during the first half of the 2022 FY until work was placed on hold in December 2021. Subsequently, in the March Federal Budget, this work was announced as a measure titled 'Digitalising trust income reporting and processing'. The budget announcement aligns to the original intent of the ATO project and places a focus on delivering benefits to small and medium enterprises through red tape reduction and increased digitalisation.

A fully costed High Level Design (HLD) is expected to be presented to Government at MYEFO later this calendar year.

Consultation and co-design sessions were held in late 2021, prior to the ATO led project being placed on hold. The recent Federal Budget measure announcement provides an opportunity to build on this prior work with the intent to support the development of the HLD. Further DSP consultation is anticipated to commence by July.

DSPs were asked to provide feedback, questions &/or ideas by raising a ticket in [Online services for DSPs](#).

Agenda item: 5 – Update on general matters and Tax time delivery

No further updates

Agenda item: 6 – Delivery update

The upcoming EVTE release will address defects and cyclical changes. Two errors that appeared in the early April release regarding incorrect spreadsheets will also be fixed. The Medicare thresholds have now been received and will be included in the May EVTE release, the possibility of sharing an overview of the changes with DSPs earlier is being explored.

Agenda item: 7 – Platform update

Platforms are currently operating as expected.

On 22 April - SBR2 PROD2 experienced delayed processing of BBRP batches after DB cluster failover for the duration of approximately 1 hour.

Agenda item: 8 – Agent online environment update

No further updates in OSFA within the last fortnight. The IITR, PIITR and CTR in NITR Business Implementation Guide (BIG) have been published and the Non Individuals Tax return is anticipated for May. A further update will be provided in the next PLS meeting.

Agenda item: 9 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter is scheduled for release on Wednesday 27 April. Caretaker conventions are continuing and SWD Website content continues to be under review.

Agenda item: 10 – DSP feedback