



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – Key outcomes		
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Venue:	WebEx		
Event date:	11 October 2022	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 1:19pm

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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO – Sonya Summers, Danny Figueiredo, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Anupama Duggirala, Carl Bennett, Lloyd Williams</p> <p>Industry - Paul Salcombe (Business Automation Works), Jack Wee (Catsoft), Misha Ali (eTax), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Scott Reid, Christine Savva, Shannon Harty, Michael Tong, Eli Gomez, Mike Behling, Sue Zhao (MYOB) Albert Lillie (One-Click) Michael Wright, Kevin Johnson, Steven Ivanopoulos, Saiful Larry, Darin Carter (The Access Group) James Barillaro, Shane Paxton, Alex Jacklin, Linda Kerhoulas, Nikunj Simariya (Thomson Reuters), Michael Tran, Daphne Lee (Wolters Kluwer) Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton (Xero).</p>
Apologies: name/section	<p>ATO – Esther Daniell, David Baker</p> <p>Industry - Paul Barnett (Business Automation Works), Zahir Patel, Mike Denniss, Kevin Zhang (Class), Trajan Goldsworthy (eTax), Lex Edmonds (MicroTax), Andrew Smith, Andreas Robertson (MYOB), Andrew Noble (Noble Accounting), Nathan Kerr (One-Click), Chardutta More (Sparken), Karl Ferrand (Tax Lab), Shifa Akbar, Amesh DeSilva, Ankit Rawat (Thomson Reuters) Mark Walmsley (Walmsley Family Trust), Patrick Bogle, Danna Zheng, Farah Shaikh (Wolters Kluwer), Anthony Migliardi, Wenmin Lu (Xero)</p>

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Members were advised of the upcoming 2023 Tax Time event scheduled for 23 and 24 November 2022. Interested DSPs are able to express their interest in attending by submitting an [Expression of Interest](#) ticket in Online Services for DSPs. A link to register was included in the DSP newsletter issued on Wednesday 12 October.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

The following have been published in Collaboration Hub:

Tax Return:

[2023 Fringe Benefits Tax return](#)

Change Advice:

[CA2023-004 FBT Exemption for Electric Cars](#)

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

DSPs had previously expressed concerns with delays where some lodgments were not appearing in Online services for Agents or equivalent reports, despite these lodgments receiving the GEN.OK response message in SBR. As previously advised, the GEN.OK message means lodged and not processed end to end. Discussions were had with business who will work on updates to improve Tax agent guidance on the ATO website.

With Tax Time 2023 services becoming available, please refer to the EVTE dates in the [SBR Service Registry](#) and ensure you submit a request for EVTE access.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

2 high level Program Delivery roadmaps were shared with the group:

- [High level roadmap - covering Income Tax, Stimulus, Super and STP Activity Statement enhancement](#)
- [Product roadmap \(Release on a page\)](#)

The High level roadmap has been updated to reflect known income tax and stimulus changes, and included placeholders for potential work that may be announced through the October Budget.

One of the upcoming changes discussed is the interest on early payments, which will remove the requirement to report interest from 2023, as this is now calculated by the ATO.

Work on the STP Activity Statement enhancement has recommenced, with plans to deliver within this financial year and into the next. The scope of work remains the same, and will still proceed with the expectation to deprecate the current as.2009 service in SBR1 and SBR2.

CURNN went into PROD at the end of September to address the special character issue in the organisation name that was blocking lodgments.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

No update to provide; systems performed as expected over the last fortnight.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

Issues were experienced on 5 October involving multiple outages with Online Services for just over an hour.

Business have drafted improvements to Tax Agent guidance relating to delays with processing lodgments that were not appearing in Online Services for Agents.

[Trouble shooting page](#)

Agenda item: 8 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will distribute tomorrow as normal. Work continues on the Software developers website content review. We are working with the Engagement team to communicate the November Services for Tax Practitioners event in Canberra.

Agenda item: 9 – Working from home deduction update

The current temporary working from home shortcut method, introduced due to Covid, is coming to an end and will not be offered for this financial year. The new fixed rate method will be updated and replaced with a contemporary inclusive method along with a few small changes to how it works. A Change Advice and detailed information will be shared once approval has been obtained. When available, the link to information on the website will be shared with DSPs.

Agenda item: 10 – DSP feedback