



Key Outcomes

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Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Members were reminded of the upcoming 2023 Tax Time event scheduled for 23 and 24 November 2022 and to express their interest in attending by submitting an [Expression of Interest](#) ticket in Online Services for DSPs.

DSPs were concerned with timeframes for booking flights and accommodation for the Tax Time event as spaces are limited due to social distancing.

The group was reminded that the federal Budget was scheduled for 25 October 2022 and it was anticipated that change advices would be begin to be issued.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

The [CA2023-005 Patent Box – Medical and Biotechnology](#) change advice was published in Collaboration Hub on 26 October.

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

The team is currently responding to tickets relating to Tax Time 2023 specifications available on sbr.gov.au.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

The October EVTE release was completed last weekend and an ad hoc EVTE release is planned for 27 October for the Payevent service, to introduce changes for the tax treatment code for prior years, updates to BMS ID validation check and code alignments of payevent employee message.

The November EVTE deployment scheduled for 19 November will now occur on 26 November.

The [published Product Roadmap](#) outlines the changes deployed in the October EVTE releases and planned November EVTE release.

Draft Activity statement technical artefacts were published on 27 of October in Online Services for DSPs and not on sbr.gov.au, as the business project team is working on key messages in partnership with the Stewardship group to support broader publication of the change. The technical artefacts will be moved to sbr.gov.au once the information is

released, which is tentatively by the end of the year.

The activity statement deprecation plan was reiterated, with a reminder the deprecation starts from the EVTE release in March 2023 with planned decommission of AS 2009 (SBR1 & 2) in September 2024. The AS Lodgment List current version is to be deprecated in June 2023, and decommissioned in December 2024.

It was called out the versioning strategy requires the deprecation to start from the production release, however to ensure sufficient support was available for DSP migration and on-boarding, and to work around peak tax time delivery periods within the ATO, in this case the deprecation start has been moved earlier by 3 months to align with the EVTE release.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

The SBR platform is stable. Work is occurring to update and fine tune the dashboards.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

The group was advised that there is work being conducted to address some irritants in the Agent online environment, along with some housekeeping. A review is being carried out to estimate costs incurred due to productivity losses and work arounds as a result of not having irritants fixed. A reminder was provided about Online services and PLS issues being available on the [trouble shooting page](#).

A review of the online support materials is underway. It was acknowledged that the website states Managing stapled fund information is available in Online Services, however it does not appear there. A full audit has been requested to investigate and rectify.

Bulletins are being sent out regarding the ATO support being provided for those affected by the recent flooding events.

- Activity Statements – capturing and manually treating those who are eligible for emergency payments to ensure no penalties are issued, or histories affected due to late lodgment. (due date is updated to reflect lodgment date once received)
- Income Tax – a similar approach is being made where lodgments are being captured and deferrals provided.

Agenda item: 8 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will issue on Wednesday with a short acknowledgment of the budget and a mention of the Services for Tax Practitioners event.

The review of the Software Developer website is progressing well with over 35% of content reviewed.

Agenda item: 10 – DSP feedback

No additional feedback items were raised.