



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – Key outcomes		
Issue date:	16 November 2022		
Venue:	WebEx		
Event date:	8 November 2022	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 1:40pm

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

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.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

An updated [CA2022-007 SAR Changes](#) change advice was published in Collaboration Hub on 8 November. This measure is no longer proceeding and has been withdrawn.

An updated [CA2023-001 Corporate Collective Investment Vehicle](#) change advice was published in Collaboration Hub on 8 November.

The following Change Advices have been published:

[CA2023-006 – Flexible Super Downsizer Contributions](#)

[CA2023-007 – Removal of Interest on Early Payments \(IEP\)](#)

[CA2023-008 – Temporary Full Expensing](#)

[CA2023-009 - Reducing compliance costs for self-education](#)

[CA2023-010 – Revised fixed rate working from home deduction](#)

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

No updates to provide. Looking forward to the Tax Time event where any queries can be addressed or noted.

Agenda item: 5 – Delivery update

The first round of CCIV specifications were published on 13 October for review, including the conversion of TRTAMI to XML. The next update with CCIV data will be available as part of the November publication. The EVTE releases have been scheduled as two drops, with the single requests available in the December EVTE release and the full single and

batch being available in February.

Further discussions are planned with the CCIV working group to review the conformance suite scenarios before the end of the year.

Agenda item: 6 – Platform update

Platforms are stable with 2 outages experienced:

25 October - EVTE unavailable for 2 hours

4 November – EVTE unavailable due to authentication issues for 10 mins

Tax Time was completed successfully last week.

Agenda item: 7 – Agent online environment update

No updates

Agenda item: 8 – DSP communications update

The newsletter issued on Wednesday with 6 editions left for the year. The end of year system outage dates will be communicated. The last edition for the year will be on 14 December and will include a link to a video with Elly Stinchcombe, Assistant Commissioner. The first edition of the DSP newsletter for 2023 will be issued 18 January 2023.

Agenda item: 9 – Working from home deduction rate update

The group was advised that the covid related WFH deduction rate of 80 cent per hour shortcut method for 2022-23 has come to an end.

It was confirmed that there will be no changes to the data requirements for label D5 in the Individual tax return as a result of the changing of available working from home deduction methodologies.

As per existing rules/requirements, taxpayers should provide their working from home deduction amount at label D5 and (optionally) fill in the accompanying free text field.

Feedback for the upcoming change advice was requested from the group and has since been published.

Transitional web content will be shared with the group shortly.

Agenda item: 10 – Reducing compliance costs for self-education

In December 2020, the Government consulted on the removal of the exclusion for the first \$250 of deductions for prescribed courses of education as part of a discussion paper, Education and training expense deductions for individuals.

ATO guidance stipulates that these expenses could relate to self-education under decline in value and repair costs, such as computer, desk, etc. The guidance also calls out not to include car related expenses there, but they can claim depreciation or repair of other assets.

The only category type that will be removed in the PLS is the 'non-deductible' category and the other categories will remain.

The group agreed that the preferred option was a minor version update to the MST and schema rather than an update to the validation rules.

The Change Advice for this measure has been published:

[CA2023-009 - Reducing compliance costs for self-education](#)

Agenda item: 11 – DSP Feedback

No additional feedback items were raised.