



Key Outcomes

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Apologies: ATO – Danny Figueiredo, Anupama Duggirala, Esther Daniell
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Agenda item: 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open [action item](#).

Agenda item: 3 – Tax time related documentation

21 February:

Revised version of the [2023 NRFI schedule occupation deduction ratios](#) is now available

24 February:

A small number of [draft forms](#) and [instructions](#) have been released and uploaded into Collaboration hub.

Due to the late budget, draft forms and instructions are delayed with further releases not expected until April.

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

Reminders were issued to lodge a 'request production access' ticket for production whitelisting when completing conformance suite testing for FBT 2023. Please lodge one ticket per product for whitelisting and include some evidence of conformance tests completed such as dates, message ID's or similar. Whitelisting is scheduled to occur 31 March 2023.

2023 FBT does not require PVT if you have done so in prior years. General monitoring will occur unless individually reviewed and advised otherwise.

No updates on outstanding matters.

Agenda item: 5 – Small Business Boost measures

The build for the Small Business Skills and Training, and Small Business Technology Investment Boosts measures were discussed to obtain feedback from the group.

Contingency options were offered to the group in the event the law does not pass:

Option 1: code is built and a validation rule added that would reject attempts to lodge until law is passed.

Option 2: the code is removed and should the law pass, DSPs would need to make rapid changes to accommodate the changes.

There was a unanimous agreement within the group for Option 1.

Updates to the BIGs are on hold. The group was advised there may be tool tips offered on the new labels, providing guidance should the measures pass.

BIGs are currently being worked on for companies and AMIT/CCIV. A first draft without the tooltip message (subject to final approval) will be made available, with an updated version (subject to change), provided if the laws pass. Expectation is they will be published on sbr.gov.au within the next 2 weeks.

Web content is currently being worked on to provide guidance for agents.

Agenda item: 6 – Delivery update

Changes are tracking well with the March EVTE release scheduled to occur in a couple of weeks. DSP feedback and questions are being received, with the team working through them. Cyclical changes are expected in the April release with some additional in May after the budget announcement.

Delivery and Business are in discussions to determine if a June release is achievable for Enhanced Prefill. Business will be attending the next PLS working group meeting to discuss with the group.

DSPs raised concerns with delaying Enhanced Prefill as they are about to commence build.

Agenda item: 7 – Platform Update

Platforms remain stable.

There was an issue last week with the backend mainframe regarding delayed batches and IITR issues, that are now been resolved.

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Agenda item: 8 – Agent online environment update

No updates related to Online Services for Agents.

LDGPROG Service – waiting on the requested data to determine how many returns are impacted to support further discussion with DSPs. The aim is to obtain an idea of the population affected to determine the size of the issue. Categorisation of the failed batches has been requested, to obtain the reason and what messaging we could potentially pass back to DSPs.

Agenda item: 9 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will issue on Wednesday as usual. It will contain an STP Phase 2 DSP industry update and a reminder about Tax Time 2023 information being available on SBR and Online Services for DSPs.

Agenda item: 10 – DSP feedback