Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Webex

Date: 23 May 2023

Start: 1.00pm AEST   **Finish:** 2.00pm AEST

Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers

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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Danny Figueiredo, Sangitha Sivayogaraj**,** Anusha Young, Anupama Duggirala, David Baker, Esther Daniell, Tiffany Waters, Carl Bennett

Apologies: Felicity-Ann Stokes

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open action item. Updates were made to the PLS Troubleshooting page on Monday 22 May 2023. It was agreed that the action item can now be closed .

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

Further page updates have been made to the Tax Time – Rates and Thresholds table.

All 2023 Tax Time draft forms and 2023 draft instructions are now available. Further related forms which do not require a cyclical change have been added to the page with a link to the information page on ato.gov.au *(as it is not cyclical are not within the DPO tax time process)*

9 May
Updated the Collaboration Hub page with the itemised NITR draft instructions that were published within the 2023_Draft_Business_Referred_Publications zip file.

16 May
An updated NRFI schedule occupation deduction ratios is now available to address identified inconsistencies.

17 May
The updated 2023 Pay as you go (PAYG) withholding tax tables have been published. Note that the updated schedule 8 and associated tax tables will be published from mid-June at ato.gov.au/tax tables

Agenda item 4 – Update on ASLRPT changes

The group was provided with an overview of the changes and new fields for updated ASLRPT service, and were walked through the new Activity Statement Lodgment Reminder Strategy, which will commence with a pilot group from July 2023.

3,000 employers will be randomly selected for a pilot of the Lodgment Reminder Strategy, which will see STP and other known amounts (PAYGI - amount method and GSTI) posted to the integrated client account if overdue activity statements are not lodged. 4 additional fields have been added to the new ASLRPT service related to this lodgment reminder strategy.

The new ASLRPT service will be available in PROD from November 2023, at the same time as this functionality will be available in OSfA.

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

Work is occurring to ensure final changes will be ready for the PROD release in June. Next EVTE release will be 3 June, followed by the Integrated Release 16-19 June. Associated documentation will be made available as soon as possible.

There could potentially be a second release after the Integrated Release.

Agenda item 6 – Update on general matters and Tax time delivery

Whitelisting for TT23 services will be done once all releases have been completed, which now could be after the Integrated Release. It will be completed by 1 July 2023 and will be communicated via Jira tickets.

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There are no big changes to the cyclical services, therefore DSPs can raise 1 ticket per product for all 2023 services once conformance suite test cases completed. Please double check the test cases that are being provided are for the 2023 services.

The group were asked about the value of holding a Budget Measure webinar this year. Due to late budgets etc, this hasn't occurred in the prior 2 years but looking to understand if this is of value. The group agreed that there seems to be no major impacts but conveyed opinions to ensure that where significant changes are expected, DSPs need to be consulted.

Agenda item 7 – Platform update

All platforms are stable. There is work being done to review previous incidents to prepare for Tax Time. The group will be updated at the next meeting with the approach for TT readiness and strategy for processing the expected high volumes.

A question was raised regarding the planned system outage / upgrade for 16-19 June as this is around the time that STP end of year files could be sent. It was agreed that a similar process will be followed as per last year and more information on this will provided prior to the upgrade.

Agenda item 8 – Agent online environment update

There is a new incident being experienced where the clickable links in OSfA are opening practice information and when making an update this is updating the Practice details. There is troubleshooting to guide through the process and at this stage it appears to be randomly occurring.

Agenda item 9 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will be released Wednesday 24 May as per standard schedule and the content review and update for Software Developers Website is coming to an end.

Agenda item 10 – DSP feedback

The group went through an overview of the 2023/24 Budget Measures and it was decided that there was no real value in holding a webinar to go over the anticipated changes and associated DSP impacts.

Change advices and further information is to be provided still for the DSP impacted measures. They will be addressed in the PLSWG meetings moving forward as an agenda item to ensure we have a clear line of communication with DSP's and respective business areas.