

# Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

**Venue:** Webex  
**Date:** 4 July 2023  
**Start:** 1.00pm AEST **Finish:** 1:32pm AEST  
**Chair and facilitator:** Karen Spicer  
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## **Attendees:**

Karen Spicer, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Anusha Young, Benjamin Woolfe, Anupama Duggirala, David Baker, Esther Daniell

**Apologies:** Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Sonya Summers

## **Agenda item 1 – Welcome**

Karen opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

## **Agenda item 2 – Action item updates**

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

## Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

### Software Developer Website updates:

[Cents per Kilometre Deduction Rate for Car Expenses](#) has been updated to include the rate for 2023/24 of 85c.

### Collaboration Hub updates:

We have now received Royal Assent for the Medicare level low-income threshold. [Medicare levy and Medicare levy surcharge thresholds page](#) has been updated to reflect this.

There have been multiple updates to the [Rates and Thresholds table](#), with further updates occurring throughout this week.

[Tax time 2023 FAQ page](#) has been updated - Validation rules that block lodgment of CTR, PTR, TRT, TRTAMI and IITR when the payload contains either of the two small business boost labels have been removed.

### Change Advices

#### [CA2023-012 Small business skills and training boost](#)

An updated change advice is now available in Online services for DSPs. This affects SBR, online services, paper forms and income tax software.

#### [CA2023-013 Small business technology investment boost](#)

An updated change advice is now available in Online services for DSPs. This affects SBR, online services, calculators, paper forms and income tax software.

#### [CA2024-002 FBT employee declaration updates](#)

Amendments to the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986 (FBTAA) have been proposed. The Bill is currently before the Senate and has not yet become law. This affects FBT software. A change advice is now available in Online services for DSPs.

### Changes to fringe benefits tax record keeping

The government previously announced a proposal to provide the Commissioner of Taxation with the power to allow employers to rely on alternative records to finalise their fringe benefits tax (FBT) returns. This measure is now law. It applies to the 2025 FBT year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) and onwards. More information can be found here [Changes to fringe benefits tax record keeping](#). A Change Advice will be published as soon as it is available.

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

Whitelisting for TT2023 services for all DSPs who have passed PVT has now been completed, and confirmation provided in the ticket.

Confirmed with DSPs that Income Tax Returns with Small business boost labels can now be lodged via SBR. The validation was removed and went into production on 29 June 2023, this impacted the CTR, PTR, TRT, TRTAMI and IITR services.

Salary and wages occupation code issues are being investigated to address the anomalies with the MST and codes published in Collaboration Hub. There will be further communication with a work around published in the coming days.

Any DSP experiencing issues with occupation codes, please log a [ticket](#) in OS4DSP for review.

## Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

The next EVTE release is scheduled for 22 July, with publication to occur on 20 July 2023. The following items will be included:

- Payroll Event 2020 Adjust service
- Agent reports – Activity Statement Lodgment Report (ASLRPT) and Income Tax Client Report (ITCRPT) 2023 services
- Payroll Event Reconciliation List 2023 service - Minor update to MST/schema to update report label and report guidance
- Lodgment List and Activity Statement 2023 services – Conformance updates

Special character updates will be pushed through in August 2023 along with TFN remediation work.

Local File Master File (LCMSF) v4 project is under review by business with further updates to be provided when available.

## Agenda item 6 – Platform update

Platforms are performing as expected, with delays of 4-5 hours for bulk and batch responses over the past few days. Wednesday 5 July will be a peak day, the technical team will be monitoring the back-end performances during this time.

## Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

Lodgments are slightly up from last year – reflective of the current economic conditions.

The team are seeking volunteers to be involved in early co-design of **'Whole of Practice Debt report design'**. If you are interested, please reach out to the DPO mailbox [DPO@ato.gov.au](mailto:DPO@ato.gov.au) or log an [expression of interest ticket](#) with your preference of having either a one on one or a group consultation.

## Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

DSP newsletter will be issued tomorrow as usual.

Currently working on communications relating to prefill occupation code issue and providing a work around for tax professionals in the interim.

## Agenda item 9 – DSP feedback

No feedback provided.