

Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Webex
Date: 15 August 2023
Start: 1.00pm AEST **Finish:** 1:26pm AEST
Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers
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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Scott Woods, Julie Huynh, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Anupama Duggirala, Katrena Cawthorne

Apologies:

ATO – David Baker, Chanara Fraser

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

The PLS working group meeting scheduled for 12 September has been cancelled due to the close proximity of the Services for Tax Practitioners Event on 13 & 14 September. A reminder was provided to register interest in attending by raising an [Expression of interest ticket](#). When registering, please advise if you have any special dietary requirements and if parking is required.

Agenda item 2 – PLS Terms of Reference update

An updated PLS working group Terms of Reference has been published in the [DSP Hub](#) and [Software Developers website](#). Feedback from the group is welcomed.

Agenda item 3 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item 4 – Tax time related documentation

The following Change advices have been published in the DSP Hub:

[CA2024-005 Small Business Energy Incentive](#)

[CA2024-006 Multinationals Tax Integrity Package – amending Australia’s interest \(thin capitalisation\) rules](#)

[CA2024-007 Better Targeted Superannuation Concessions](#)

[CA2024-008 Changes to FBT Record Keeping](#)

If any gaps are identified, please let us know by [raising a ticket](#) or emailing dpo@ato.gov.au

Agenda item 5 – Digital Games Tax Offset update

The Digital Games Tax Offset (DGTO) measure received Royal Assent June 2023 and applies to certain expenditure incurred from 1 July 2022. The offset can be claimed in 2023 tax returns and will allow eligible companies that spend a minimum of \$500,000 on qualifying Australian development expenditure as determined by the Arts Minister, to claim a 30% refundable tax offset in its tax return, subject to an offset ‘cap’ of \$20 million amongst all companies ‘connected with’ or ‘affiliates of’ the claiming company.

For the 2023 income year, eligible companies will claim the offset using the existing Label E in the ‘Calculation Statement’, being the label for ‘Refundable tax offsets’. Return instructions will be updated to reflect this.

Two new labels are being developed for the 2024 income year onwards – one which would state the amount of the offset being claimed by the company or head of consolidated group and another which would state the total amount of current year DGTO already claimed or being claimed by related companies.

Further information will be provided regarding the labels in the CTR return when it becomes available and will be communicated via the PLS working group.

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

A reminder that full PVT is required for AS 2023 if you are transitioning from SBR1 to SBR2 channel.

Agenda item 7 – Delivery update

The latest version of the [high level roadmap](#) was presented to the group and published in the DSP Hub.

The International dealing schedule will have a number of changes this year.

MTAS project - there will be updates to the Trust return and introducing a new trust schedule.

The BAS enhancements – Activity Statements and Lodgment List were released into Production in June this year with some DSPs having successfully moved into PROD in recent weeks. This project still has a second release in November for Payevent and On-Demand reports, with all changes available in EVTE.

The Trust return is the only service converting to XML this year, as a new schedule the Trust Income Schedule will be available in XML.

The Product Roadmap details early artefact publication and conformance suite updates.

The BIG including the LDG2023 and list services is currently at endorsement stage and will be published when available.

The draft specifications for Modernisation of Trust Administration Systems (MTAS) will be presented at the next MTAS working group meeting scheduled for 11 September; Day 1 of the Services for Tax Practitioners event on 14 September and again at the following PLS working group meeting.

Agenda item 8 – Platform update

There were issues experienced on Monday 14 August with delayed messages that were cleared the following day.

Agenda item 9 – Agent online environment update

No update to provide.

Agenda item 10 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will issue tomorrow as usual, with the following key highlights:

- There are some upcoming changes to Machine Credential Error reporting
- Register your interest to attend the Services for Tax Practitioners event
- Super validation services
- The ClickSuper Electronic Service Address (ESA) will soon merge with Worker ESA. From 1 October 2023 the ClickSuper ESA will be decommissioned and no longer accept messages.
- New version of the Software Developer Kit is available in Sharefile

- Reminder - Upcoming certificate updates

The SBR ebMS3 EVTE3 outbound signing certificate will expire on 20 August. A new certificate is available in Sharefile and will be deployed on 17 August.

Agenda item 11 – DSP feedback

No additional issues were raised.