Key Outcomes –
Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Webex

Date: 1 August 2023

Start: 1.00pm AEST   **Finish:** 1:17pm AEST:

Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers

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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Phuoc Giang, David Baker, Esther Daniell, Nathan Booth

Apologies:

ATO – Anusha Young, Anupama Duggirala

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya 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

DSP Hub updates: This new DSP Hub landing page is now live. This is a consolidation of the Collaboration Hub and Knowledge Base pages.

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A link to the Salary and Wage Occupation codes available on ato.gov.au has been added to the Rates and Thresholds table. It is noted that this list still has the 6 codes identified as being end dated listed. The business area responsible is logging publishing request to get these removed.

The ATO Artefacts and Locations publication updates page on DSP Hub was updated on 28 July 2023.

The updated XBRL to XML Conversion Supporting information page has been updated and now includes the new roadmap.

Change advice CA2024-004 Non-Arm's length expense rules for Superannuation Funds has been published on the DSP Hub.

Agenda item 4 - Update on general matters and Tax time delivery

Remaining tax time PVT tickets will be closed over the next few weeks after verification checks have been completed. This will be communicated via the ticket.

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

PVT requirements for the new AS2023 service

AS.2023.submit service

- for those who are transitioning from the 2009 to 2023 version, light PVT (5 activity statements) will be required to be undertaken.
- DSPs transitioning from SBR1 to SBR2 will need to provide full PVT. In the whitelisting request, fully documented scenarios will need to be attached as evidence.

We may ask to work with some early lodgers for BDV purposes.

Agenda item 5 - Improving SBR2 error messages

Nathan Booth presented a pack which showed the upcoming continuous improvements to SBR2 error messages addressing irritants and causes of stuck batches.

One of the improvements will resolve the partyID validation error in the eBMS3 header. Previously, if an invalid character is provided in the payload, the AUTH 11 error code would be generated, and the lodgment would require manual intervention by ATO staff. There are now 4 additional error codes which will be returned to the Tax Agent/Intermediary with full description of the issue. For more details on the improvements and detailed list of the error codes, please **see pages 6 and 7 of the presentation pack.**

There will be impacts to Conformance suites due to the improvements to the Client ID algorithm checks. These will be updated in the appropriate area within ShareFile, please **see pages 8 and 9 of the presentation pack.**

Changes scheduled for the EVTE release on 19 August 2023 weekend and PROD on 10 November 2023. If you have any feedback or questions, please reach out to the DPO mailbox DPO@ato.gov.au or log a feedback ticket in Jira.

Agenda item 6 – Delivery update

The major EVTE PAYEVNT release was completed in July. The release includes Payevnt Adjustment and Payevnt List services including the final conformance suite package as well as new on-demand reports – ITCRPT v2 and ASLRPT v2.

The PAYEVNT Adjustment service will have additional scenarios added to the conformance suites in the upcoming August EVTE release.

A reminder that we have updated the client update conformance suites in relation to making updates to the identifiers. This only impacts EVTE.

If you have any feedback on the final conformance suite packages, please reach out to the DPO mailbox DPO@ato.gov.au or log a feedback ticket in Jira.

Agenda item 7 – Platform update

The SBR2 platform has been stable. 2 weeks ago, we applied system maintenance and patching which resulted in SBR being unavailable for longer than expected. The team are looking at making changes to minimise outage times for these scheduled platform updates.

Agenda item 8 – Agent online environment update

There have been network related issues over the last two weeks, this did not adversely impact SBR platforms. Starting to see a drop in activity within OSfA over the last few days which is standard for this time of the year.

Agenda item 9 – DSP communications update

The DSP newsletter will be issued as per usual tomorrow. Our review of Software Developers Website has now been completed.

Agenda item 10 – DSP feedback

The newsletter issued tomorrow will include a link to submit an expression of interest for the Tax Time 2024 event to be held in Canberra on 13 and 14 September. Please raise an [EOI ticket](#) if you have interest in attending.