

Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Webex
Date: 24 October 2023
Start: 1.00pm AEDT **Finish:** 1.19pm AEDT
Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers
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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Anupama Duggirala, Catherine Brennan, Chanara Fraser

Apologies:

ATO - David Baker

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

The group was walked through the latest draft DSP roadmap with proposed changes to the layout and format. This version includes a new page calling out the changes between the prior and current versions. Based on previous feedback, a page has been added that displays a current snapshot of initiatives. The group was advised that delivered initiatives will remain on the roadmap for an additional cycle, showing when it has been completed, and it being removed from the following version. Previous versions will also be available on the page.

Please ensure you are watching the [Digital Service Provider \(DSP\) roadmap page](#) in the DSP Hub to receive a notification when the next version is published.

The group was asked for feedback on the proposed changes and are welcome to lodge a ticket via [Online services for DSPs](#) with any suggestions once the DSP Roadmap is made available.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

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

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

Change advice:

[CA2023-015 Enhanced Prefill – Welfare Income](#) (updated)

DSP Hub

The video recordings and transcripts from the [2024 Tax Time](#) event have been published.

The [2024 Child Support and the Protected Earnings amount](#) was published on 25 October.

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

No items were raised for discussion.

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

The [DWIS Product and Program Delivery Roadmaps](#) was shared with the group and advised they will start to see more detail coming through for the later months. It will contain the usual product breakdown per month, production releases for each of the products and details of EVTE releases in the version history.

Modernisation of Trust Administration System (MTAS) program

The updated trust tax return (TRT) and new trust income schedule (TIS) will be released into EVTE in November. MTAS-related IITR changes are expected in the January release.

There will be a final update to the on-demand reports this month to include a new validation rule to stop accepting v1 from December 2024.

There will be dates to the conformance suites for the activity statement service, addressing some of the irritants in EVTE.

The November release will see the removal of the LCB and TFE labels, as well as the release of the Payevent reconciliation and adjustment services and updates to the on-demand reports. Special characters will be addressed on the CUREL and CUFI services – a lot of the CU services were done previously.

A number of budget measures impact the International Dealings Schedule (IDS). A Jira ticket will be issued to DSPs affected by the measures to seek interest for involvement in a working group to discuss the proposed changes.

Agenda item 6 – Platform update

No items were raised for discussion.

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

No issues to advise. Work is currently in progress on the ATO PAYEVNTRECON.0001 2023 Business Implementation Guide (BIG) with publishing expected within the next 2-3 weeks.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

End of year DSP newsletter:

- Our last edition will be 13 December 2023 and
- we'll resume publishing 17 January 2024.

MyGovID outage:

At approximately 11am Monday 23 October, myGovID experienced a full outage affecting users ability to authenticate to Digital identify Online services. A fix was applied and the service restored around 5pm Tuesday 24 October. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Unplanned system issues page

If you didn't receive the notification regarding the outage and the subsequent updates, we recommend users go into the DSP hub in Online services for DSPs and watch the page.

Our on call DPO staff notify DSPs of unplanned system issues within 1 hour of the DPO being advised of any system issues.

We also issue updates during the system issues to set expectations of resolution times if available and notify of issues being resolved within 30 mins of the resolution.

Tax Practitioner Client Management Reports (TPCMR)

Activity Statement Lodgment Report (ASLRPT) and Income Tax Client Report (ITCRPT) services will be available in production from 10 November. If you have not registered for testing, please submit a ticket in [Online services for DSPs](#).

The Tax Practitioner Client Management Reports (TPCMR) [Business Implementation Guide](#) outlines the service changes. New data elements are included to:

- align with the same reports available in ATO Online services for agents
- provide tax practitioners visibility of [Activity Statement lodgment reminders](#) for employers

New schedule – Distributions to Beneficiaries of Trusts (DISTBENTRT)

Draft artefacts for Non-Individual Income Tax Returns (NITR) 2024 were published on 19 October, including the MST and validation rules for the new schedule Distributions to Beneficiaries of Trusts (DISTBENTRT). The schedule must be lodged electronically with a partnership, trust, SMSF, small APRA fund or company tax return. As these are draft artefacts, there is no update to the NITR MST or validation rules for schedule integration.

MBR APIs removed from ATO API Portal

We are continuing to work through the full implications of the cessation of the Modernising Business Registers (MBR) program announced 28 August by the Honourable Stephen Jones MP, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services. The [Software developers website](#) has been updated accordingly.

The proposed Company registration and name reservation API and Company maintenance API have been removed from the ATO API Portal. These functions will remain with ASIC. Existing services from ASIC are available on the [ASIC website](#).

Agenda item 9 – DSP feedback

No items were raised for discussion.