Key Outcomes –
Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams

Date: 12 March 2024

Start: 1.00pm AEDT   **Finish:** 1.30pm AEDT

Chair and facilitator: Sonya Summers

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Attendees:

Sonya Summers, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Sangitha Sivayogaraj, Cara Ly, Carl Bennett, Chanara Fraser

Guest Speakers:

Karen Blok, Assistant Commissioner STP and Super Solutions

Apologies:

ATO – David Baker; Anupama Duggirala, Katrena Cawthorne

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

Sonya opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open action item. There are no further updates to provide on the BIC code action item. It will remain on pause until Tax Time so we can see if the updates have improved the experience.

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

Several 2024 Tax Time Draft Instructions and forms have been added to the newly formatted 2024 Tax Time documentation page in the DSP hub. If you have any feedback, please let us know by raising a feedback ticket in Online Services for DSPs.

The Tax Time rates and thresholds table is in the process of being reviewed for updates. Refer to the 'Updated Date' column for recently updated subjects or watch the page to receive notifications.

Minor updates to wording have been made to the DWIS Product and Program Delivery Roadmap. With no changes to the delivery program, the version number remains at v0.3.

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

Reminders were provided to the group:

- Whitelisting for FBT 2024 will occur at the end of this month so please lodge a ticket in Online services for DSPs if you want to be whitelisted.
- The ASLRPT and ITCRPT 2023 services are available in production. The previous versions will be deactivated on 1 December 2024.
- IITR and NITR production whitelisting will not occur until June, therefore please do not lodge your whitelisting tickets for them yet.

Agenda item 5 – Update: 2023 Activity statement service

The group were provided an update on AS.2023 service. While our experience with AS has not been ideal, we remain committed to addressing the challenges. We are conducting a comprehensive architectural review using a holistic approach to evaluate the service. Once completed, we'll consolidate the results and consider options to enhance the service. Additionally, we'll assess any internal impacts resulting from these changes. We anticipate to be in a position to provide some clarity around the assessment of options toward the end of next week.

AS 2009 deprecation period has been extended and the service will continue to be available in PROD. We will not end date the existing service, until we determine the path forward for the AS.2023 service.

The group were advised to make their own determination about pausing their development/build whilst this issue is under investigation.

Communication issued 18 March:

Again, we would like to apologise for any confusion when we issued the DSP newsletter and subsequent email on 13 and 14 March, respectively. We understand it may have been interpreted that we do not plan to decommission the AS 2009 service, however this is incorrect.

We will be holding a meeting **Monday 25 March 3.30-4.30pm (AEDT)** to provide an update and have an open conversation with DSPs consuming or developing the impacted services. An invitation will issue shortly.

Agenda item 6 – Delivery update

The group were reminded of the upcoming releases in March. Mitigation rules will be implemented for the Small Business Energy Incentive as it hasn't passed law yet and as a result, validation rules will be applied.

The International Dealing Schedule (IDS) draft MST with the Thin Cap changes will be published only in the DSP Hub, not sbr.gov.au for April EVTE.

Agenda item 7 – Platform update

Platforms have been relatively stable. The SBR2 outbound signing certificate was updated on 24 & 25 February with no issues. Updating of the Gateways was required to ensure everything was working as expected and this was successfully completed.

Agenda item 8 – Agent online environment update

There was an integrated release and planned system outage on the weekend, along with SBR testing of the CCL single service.

The draft release of the IITR 2024 services for March 2024 EVTE was published on 29 February and the PIITR, LDG.GET and NITR BIGs were published on Thursday.

Agenda item 9 – DSP communications update

The group were encouraged to read the weekly DSP newsletter as it provides important updates and information. To subscribe, visit it the software developer website.

Lodgment 2023 – List (LDG.0005.2023) is available in EVTE and PROD. This service provides tax agents, business intermediaries and business a list of a clients expected and received lodgments.

Modernisation of Trust Administration Systems webinar
On Thursday 21 March, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm AEDT, we're running a Modernisation of Trust Administration Systems webinar. The session will provide an overview of the Modernisation of Trust Administration Systems project and deliverables, including the technical design, new services and features, and the scope of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 changes.

Changes to reporting requirements for non-charitable NFPs
From the 2023–24 income year, non-charitable not-for-profits (NFPs) with an active ABN will be required to lodge an annual NFP self-review return to self-assess their eligibility for income tax exemption.

Updated OSF Questionnaire now available
The Operational Security Framework (OSF) has been updated with easier to understand language in the 'Multi-Factor Authentication' section.

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When a machine credential becomes unassigned, it needs to be claimed within 60 days to ensure it can continue to be used. It will display as 'Suspended' in RAM and if you're a machine credential administrator (MCA), you'll receive reminder emails at 30 and 53 days before the credential is revoked. Where there are no other MCAs for the business, the principal authority will receive the reminders.
Find out how to claim an [unassigned machine credential](#).

Agenda item 10 – DSP feedback

The group was advised that work on deactivating PSAR and decommissioning of the SBR1 platform has been put on hold until further notice.

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