

Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams
Date: 24 September 2024
Start: 1.00pm AEST **Finish:** 1.32pm AEST
Chair: Karen Greaves
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Attendees:

Sonia Lark, Karen Greaves, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Anusha Young, Cara Ly, David Baker, Chanara Fraser

Guest Speakers:

Steven Irving

Apologies:

ATO – Anupama Duggirala

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

The 2025 Services for Tax Practitioners event held in Canberra on 4-5 September was a success. Thanks to those that attended. For those unable to attend, the [agendas and packs](#) are available in the DSP hub. The transcripts and videos will be available by mid October.

The Activity Statement 2023 service remediation workshop was held on 5 September. Remediation work is progressing and [packs](#) are also available in the DSP hub. DSPs are encouraged to review and provide feedback.

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

An updated version of the below Change advice was published in the DSP hub on 24 September:

[CA2024-006_Multinationals_Tax_Integrity_Package-amending_Australia's_interest_\(thin_capitalisation\)_rules](#)

Agenda item 4 – Pseudo tuples

Pseudo tuples were discussed at the Activity Statement 2023 service remediation workshop on 5 September. It has been proposed that pseudo tuples be removed and a fix has been proposed. It was noted that it shouldn't be a big workload for engineers, and that Aliases and TREFs will remain the same.

As the change will not be limited just to Activity Statements, the presentation was also brought to the PLS working group for review and feedback. Four questions have been posed, which can be found at the end of the [Pseudo tuple presentation](#) pack available in the DSP Hub.

Members were requested to share the presentation pack with their engineers, provide their feedback by raising a [ticket](#) via the DSP service desk and addressing the four questions.

When feedback has been received, members are invited to bring their developers to the PLS working group meeting to discuss further with ATO technical staff. This is likely to be 22 October.

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

EVTE publication 17 October and code 19 October:

Fringe Benefit Tax Return 2025 - Initial release of the FBT.0004 2025 service.

Communication preference (COMMPREF) 2019, Self-Managed Super Fund Verify (SMSFVRFY) 2020 and Self-Managed Super Fund Member Verify (SMSMBRVRFY) 2020 - Updating conformance suites to rationalise and align testing data across common domains, and test scenarios of related services.

The following are now available for review and feedback, noting that Pseudo tuples impact both PTR XML conversion and AS MST:

[PTR 2025 XML conversion](#)

[AS Remediation timeline and MST](#)

The [XBRL2XML Roadmap](#) is now available for your reference.

Agenda item 6 – Platform update

There has been an overall increase in transmissions and transactions with platforms remaining stable.

There have been no major issues or incidents, and no adverse behaviours.

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

There was a minor degradation of the Internet security framework degradation, otherwise all else is fine.

A question was asked from the group regarding the Trade Support Loan (TSL) name change to Australia Apprenticeship Support Loans (AASL) and whether this change will also be reflected in the Online services for agents (OSfA) pre-fill report. This change must be made across ATO systems by 1 January 2025.

Since the meeting, it has been confirmed that the change to the label name will be reflected across all platforms providing pre-fill reports, including OSfA. The 2024 specification to import pre-filling data into tax agent software is being updated and a draft will be provided to DSPs as soon as practicable. A date will be provided at the next PLS working group meeting.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

[Payday Super announcement](#) last week.

[myGovID is changing its name to myID](#).

SBR service desk phone number will be decommissioned on 18 October due to reduced demand. From this date you will need to [raise a ticket](#) via the DSP service desk to contact us or use our on-call number for urgent matters outside of regular business hours.

Reminder: Trade Support Loans (TSL) name change to [Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans \(AASL\)](#).

[TFN declaration reporting specifications updates](#).

[Activity Statement draft specifications available for feedback.](#)

[Super validation services.](#)

A revised self-managed super fund (SMSF) Alias (ESA) lookup table, version 25 has been published. In this version the Gateway Provider URL for WRKR has changed. Select 'Watch' at the top of the [Gateway information](#) page to receive update notifications from the DSP hub.