

Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams
Date: 22 October 2024
Start: 1.00pm AEDT **Finish:** 1.27pm AEDT
Chair and facilitator: Karen Greaves
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Attendees:

Karen Greaves, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Julie Huynh, Carl Bennett, Chanara Fraser

Guest Speakers:

Steve Irving, Adrian Romano

Apologies:

ATO – Anusha Young, Anupama Duggirala, Phuoc Giang, David Baker

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Due to the public holiday in Victoria on Tuesday 5 November, the next PLS working group meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

There is 1 open [action item](#).

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Business Industry Codes (BIC) - discrepancy across ATO sources:

Action item will remain on pause until after Tax Time so we can determine whether BIC tool updates have improved the experience.

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

Recordings from the (annual) [2025 Services for Tax Practitioners event](#) held in Canberra have now been published in the DSP Hub.

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

There are a number of outstanding bugs not yet given a scheduled fix date, however we hope this will occur by the end of the year.

We have noted tickets coming through requesting PROD for ITCRPT and ASLRPT services. There have been bugs identified in each service that will require updates to the MST and conformance suites. They have been put on the [Tax time 2024 PLS Additional Information FAQs](#) page in the DSP hub.

Agenda item 5 – Pseudo Tuples

The group were advised of a mixed response relating to the removal of pseudo tuples, with the majority of DSPs supporting the removal. The group were invited to [provide feedback](#) if not already having done so. The removal of pseudo tuples will also be brought up at the next Digital service provider Architecture Reference Group (DARG) scheduled for November this year.

Agenda item 6 – 2025 PTR schema and MST

Members were reminded of the [draft XML message structure table \(MST\), sample payload and schema for 2025 Partnership tax return](#) published on the DSP Hub.

The following points, outlined in the communication sheet within the PTR 2025 MST, were discussed with the group:

- Converted XBRL contexts to Tuples
- Converted context identifiers and dates to fact fields
- Tuple maximum occurrences now enforced via schema rather than validation rules
- Mandatory fields now enforced via schema rather than validation rules
- At least one character is required for all Mandatory freeform text fields and enforced via schema
- Patterns standardised for all freeform text fields and enforced via schema
- Valid enumerations values for the service now solely enforced via schema rather than both schema & validation rules
- Maximum field lengths for all freeform text fields now solely enforced via schema rather than both schema & validation rules

- Monetary fields now enforced via schema rather than validation rules
- Monetary schema validation uses Total/Digits/Fractional Digits/Min Inclusive rather than Pattern
- Ranges for numeric fields now enforced via schema rather than validation rules
- Simplified Intermediary section.
- Standardised Report Labels and corrected spelling/truncation issues.
- Standardised Report Guidance and corrected spelling issues.

Also mentioned were:

- Statement of Distributions tuple increasing its maximum occurrence from 160 to 2000
- Upcoming changes for Thin Capitalisation
- Industry code removal from MST and enumeration list

Agenda item 7 – Delivery update

October EVTE publication release 17th October:

- LCMSF 2024 MST updates to update some fields from mandatory to optional
- Comms were provided
- Test data refresh new CS and payloads also released for SMSFVRFY, SMSFMBRVRFY, and COMMPREF
- Initial release for FBT 2025.

Additional LCMSF 2024 updates:

- Additional publication on 24th October to address Bug 4267575 relating to financial accounts in LCMSF
- November EVTE new warning rule introduced based on business requirements where instances of a TIN value being incorrect is flagged, will go into Dec production (also previously communicated)
- Later release - updates to LCMSF v3 to not accept lodgments for the new period from 1 January 2025, further details to follow.

November EVTE - CTR 2025, TRT 2025, IITR 2025 (validate/submit) – Initial release of the services. PTR 2025 – artefact release only.

December EVTE - TRTAMI 2025, FITR 2025, SMSFAR 2025, PTR 2025 - Initial release of the services.

TSL rebrand changes

Production deployment dates 8 to 11 November are locked in and cannot be moved as the changes to all other ATO applications and systems will occur in the same release. During the meeting, it was advised that it was possible the old version of the schema for IITR and IITR Prefill may not be used beyond this PROD date, however it was confirmed after the meeting that DSPs should be able to use either schema as the changes are non-functional. SBR should not check the schema version for 2024. DSPs will need

to pick up the new schema when the ATO switches over to the new elements (functional change) for Tax Time 2025.

Agenda item 8 – Platform update

The platforms remain stable. There have been no major issues or incidents, and no adverse behaviours. TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1 is scheduled to be disabled in EVTE for SBR1 and SBR2 in November.

Agenda item 9 – Agent online environment update

There have been no major issues and platforms are performing well.

As advised during the Delivery update, the release during 8-11 November will update TSL to AASL across all platforms.

myGovID is changing name to myID on 12 December 2024.

Agenda item 10 – DSP communications update

Further information on the below topics can be found in issues [40](#) and [41](#) of the DSP newsletter:

- Cyber security is everyone's business
- Reminder: SBR Service Desk phone number decommission
- Administrative Review Tribunal commences
- Reminder: myGovID is changing its name to myID
- Updates to CbC reporting – LCMSF.0004 2024 service
- DSP experience survey
- Conformance suite data refresh
- Reminder: SBR1 SDK (Java and .NET) mandatory update
- Guidance reminder: priming a new machine credential to make it appear in Access Manager
- 2025 Services for Tax Practitioners event: recordings and transcripts now available

Agenda item 11 – General business

An updated version of the [2024 pre-filing report - Importing data into tax agent software specification](#) has been added to the DSP Hub.

Meeting closed.