Key Outcomes –
Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams

Date: 6 November 2024

Start: 1.00pm AEDT   **Finish:** 1.33 pm AEDT

Chair and facilitator: Karen Greaves

Secretariat: Kaethe Seidel-Wynne

Attendees:

Karen Greaves, Anusha Young, Anupama Duggirala, Sharna Maltman, David Baker, Ziva White, Chanara Fraser

Guest Speakers:

Apologies:

ATO – Felicity-Ann Stokes

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

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

The 2025 Child support and the Protected Earnings amount was published in the DSP Hub on Wednesday 6 November.

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

No update.

Tax time 2024 PLS Additional Information FAQs

Agenda item 5 – Delivery update

The group was walked through the upcoming version of the Release on a page (ROAP). This version should be published within the next fortnight.

Reminder – please review the latest activity statement 2025 draft specifications:

> Updated draft activity statement 2025 Message Structure Tables (MST) specifications are available for review and feedback on the DSP hub for consultation purposes only.
> Submit your feedback by 20 November via the DSP service desk.

Agenda item 6 – Platform update

There were large volumes experienced on 31 October due to end of general tax time lodgment period with any stuck batches being remediated.

Overall, all went well with further details and volumes to be shared next fortnight.

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

There was some degradation experienced however that was resolved. Otherwise, all is performing as expected.

The group were advised that David would no longer be attending PLS working group meetings to provide the Agent online environment update due to a shift of portfolios. David introduced Ziva who will be providing the update moving forward.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications update

Further information on the below topics can be found in issues 42 and 43 of the DSP newsletter:

- Reminder: If you've received the DSP experience survey by email, we encourage you to complete it before it closes on 12 November.

- Reminder - 2025 PTR draft specifications available for review:
  The draft XML specifications (MST and schema) for the 2025 Partnership tax return (PTR) are available for review on the XBRL to XML Conversion Supporting Information page in the DSP hub. Refer to the communication sheet within the PTR 2025 MST for details of the conversion to XML.

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- SBR to stop accepting TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1

- Are you interested in shaping the future of tax administration from a digital perspective? The DSP Strategic Working Group (SWG) and DSP Architecture Reference Group (DARG) expression of interest is open. Submit your EOI via the DSP service desk or email by **15 November**.

- Latest information on the Small Business Superannuation Clearing House (SBSCH) closure.

- Reminder: Trade Support Loan renaming changes – PROD deployment.

Agenda item 9 – General business

- The group were reminded about TLS update 1.2 being released into EVTE and should any issues be experienced, please make us aware. It is expected to be in PROD early December.

- An issue with TRT was raised regarding mandatory business names that should be an optional field. This is not a software issue. DSPs are getting queries as there is no known issue noted on ato.gov.au for agents to refer to. DPO to follow up.

- The next PLS working group is scheduled for 19 November.

Meeting closed.