



Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: Teams
Date: 28 January 2025
Start: 1:00pm AEDT **Finish:** 1:30pm AEDT
Chair and facilitator: Karen Greaves
Secretariat: Corina Noble
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Attendees:

Karen Greaves, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Adrian Romano, Craig Hughes, Carl Bennett, Scott Rumford

Guest Speakers:

Anusha Young, Karen Spicer

Apologies:

ATO – Anupama Duggirala, Ziva White, Kaethe Seidel-Wynne

Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

Agenda item 2 – Action item updates

An update was provided on the open [action items](#).

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation



The following updated Change advices have been published in the DSP Hub:

21 January 2025:

[CA2025-005 Increasing the integrity of the foreign resident capital gains withholding regime](#)

23 January 2025:

[CA2025-007 Personal income tax - Exempting lump sum payments in arrears from the Medicare Levy](#)

28 January 2025:

[CA2025-001 Multinational Tax Integrity Package - improved tax transparency \(Public CBC reporting\)](#)

The following new Change advice was published in the DSP Hub 21 January 2025:

[CA2025-015 Modernisation of Tax Administration Systems \(MTAS Phase 2\)](#)

[Tax Time – rates and thresholds table](#) is currently under review, updates to be notified.

[2025 Tax Time draft forms and instructions](#) are underway and going through ATO internal process, these will be published when available.

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

No update for the Tax Time delivery.

Agenda item 5 – ASLRPT and ITCRPT 2023 discrepancy solution options

The group decided to go with solution option 2 for ASLRPT and ITCRPT 2023: **Update MST and schema to align with current response.**

Update the ASLRPT/ITCRPT 2023 MST and schema to align with the service response.

DSP impact:

- Updates to MST (update nesting of information and XML-Xpath) and schema
- Minor version update of the schema.

Pros:

- No impact service response (including CS response) in EVTE or Production
- No impact to conformance testing or whitelisting.

Cons:



- DSPs will need to consume the latest schema version and regression test.

Discussions confirmed this is not a breaking change as the structure of the message will not be amended. This proposal will see the MST and Schema aligning with the current structure of the service response message.

Agenda item 6 – Delivery update

February EVTE: 6 February publication and 8 February code deployment.

Activity statement 2025 service: Artefacts Package – MSTs, VRs, and Schema

2025 ITR services:

- Housing build to rent changes– Artefacts – MST and schema will be available for CTR, PTR, TRT, TRTAMI and TRTAMIS - code for all impacted services in future EVTE release.
- Thin capitalisation and debt deduction changes – IDS MST, schema, VR, CTR, TRT and TRTAMI MST changes. PTR – MST and VR changes. DTA country code changes for IDS planned for March EVTE.
- Small business energy incentive and skills and training boost removal for PTR.
- SMSFAR 2025 – Rollover of the initial SMSFAR 2025 service, Better Targeted Super Concession (BTSC) label changes – Accumulation phase value and Retirement phase value updated to Value of accumulation account and Value of retirement account - MST/taxonomy only.
- Currency code updates for CTR.
- Alignment of industry codes for CTR, TRT, TRTAMI and IITR.
- Removal of Obsolete preservation age Label F - From 1 July 2024 nobody will be 'above preservation age but below 60' when doing their 2025 tax return. Anyone born after 30 June 1964 has a preservation age of 60. Label F is now obsolete and needs to be removed. IITR MST and VR removal.

2020 service: Client communication 2020 List service changes to include a new delivery channel “ATO app” – Feb EVTE and Prod now in June 2025 (previously communicated as May 2025).

March EVTE: 28 February

- IDS Schedule – updates to the labels for the Schema and VRs.

An updated Digital Wholesale & Integration Services (DWIS) [Product and Program Delivery roadmap](#) will be available in early February.

Agenda item 7 – Platform update



- Unplanned outage for SBR2 on 19 January 2025 which was addressed quickly
- SBR will stop accepting TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1 in PROD by 1 February which is on track as per comms sent out from the DPO.

Agenda item 8 – Agent online environment update

- No issues apart from the short SBR2 outage on the 19 January 2025
- 2025 service Business Implementation Guide (BIG) being reviewed
- [ATO Common Business Implementation and Taxpayer Declaration Guide](#) is being updated at section 6.4 – Declaration;
 - Update to wording in section 6.4 (taxpayer declarations) and figure 2, ensuring clarity in legal requirements for agents to lodge their own “declaration” when completing a lodgment of an approved form. If you have any feedback, please log a ticket via the [DSP service desk](#).
- The following BIG’s have formatting and hyperlink references updated:
 - ATO SMSFVRFY.0002 2020 Business Implementation Guide
 - ATO SMSFMBRVRFY.0002 2020 Business Implementation Guide
 - ATO ASMT.0003 2018 Business Implementation Guide
 - ATO PMTPLN.0003 2020 Business Implementation Guide

Agenda item 9 – Activity Statement 2023 service remediation working group update

First meeting held on 28 August 2024: Introduced the ATO team, discussed options on remediating the AS2023 service

September 5: After TT event, held a workshop in Canberra to discuss the preferred option – build a new service

19 September: First insights into the technical artefacts and XML schema, requested feedback at this stage

31 October: Discussed feedback on the first draft technical artefacts for AS2025

16 January 2025: Discuss the finalisation of the AS2025 service design intent and the updated conformance suite test case scenarios

Core build of the new AS2025 service has been completed, and ATO internal testing currently in progress

The project is progressing as per the plan with delivery of AS2025 on track for March EVTE release, and PROD release in June 2025

The group requested confirmation of the deprecation of AS2009 service, which is currently noted for 31/12/2026.

If there are any changes, we will let you know.



For more info, please see DSP Hub - [Activity Statement 2023 service remediation working group - Online services for DSPs - DSP hub - Confluence](#)

Agenda item 10 – DSP Communications

The group was informed that there was an issue last week that resulted in some subscribers not receiving the newsletter until days after it was issued but this has since been resolved with the vendor. If you didn't receive issue 2, please get in touch with the DPO.

Further information on the below topics can be found in issues 2 and 3 of the DSP newsletter:

- SBR to stop accepting TLS 1.0 and TLS 1.1 in PROD by 1 February
- Priming a new machine credential to make it appear in Access Manager
- System monitoring dashboards.

The group was also reminded of the below topics from issue 1 of the newsletter:

- Request for feedback on use of the C version of SBR ADK by raising a [feedback](#) request via the DSP service desk by 31 January.
- LCMSF Schema v4.0 available for PROD whitelisting.

Agenda item 9 – DSP feedback

- The next PLS working group is scheduled for 11 February.

Meeting closed.