



Key Outcomes – Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: MS Teams
Date: 3 February 2026
Start: 1.00pm AEDT **Finish:** 1.30pm AEDT
Chair and facilitator: Julie Seiver
Secretariat: Kaethe Seidel-Wynne
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Attendees:

Sonia Lark, Julie Seiver, Steven Holmes, Felicity-Ann Stokes, Adrian Romano, Joshua Corlett, Carl Bennett, Cara Ly

Apologies:

Bhumi Mandalia, Ziva White, Kelly Collins



Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

An update was provided on the Modernisation of Tax Administration Systems (MTAS) Phase 2 working group meeting held on 21 January. The meeting focused on:

- Law reform for mandatory TFNs for closely held trusts and how we plan to set up the validations to support this
- Updates on the outcome of non-individual pre-fill and nudge messaging, and
- The proposed transition from SRP to BBRP with a focus on DSP feedback received to date.

At our last PLS meeting the group was advised that the PLS Working Group Charter has been published on the DSP Hub and they were invited to review and provide feedback over the past fortnight. No feedback or comments were received. On this basis, the charter was taken as accepted by the group.

Agenda item 2 – Action item

No action items.

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

The [Tax Time rates and thresholds](#) table has been updated to show the 2026 Business industry codes were updated on data.gov.au on 23 January 2026.

An additional changes file has also been published, outlining codes and descriptions that have been added, removed, or amended each year. Feedback on these updates was invited. There are no significant changes to occupation codes for the 2026 financial year; however, significant changes are anticipated for 2027.

The group was informed that the BIC update is a 2026 financial year update and not a mid-year change.

Agenda item 4 – Update on general matters and tax time delivery

An update was provided on the transition from Activity Statement 2009 to the Activity Statement 2023 service. Early engagement was encouraged for any issues, as this allows support to be provided, as it was noted that the Activity Statement 2009 service will be decommissioned in December 2026. For any questions or requests for assistance please [raise a ticket](#) in the DSP service desk.



Agenda item 5 – TLS 1.3

The group was advised that the transition to TLS 1.3 was successfully implemented on 31 January 2026. Of the 431 products in SBR2, 312 have already successfully transacted and are confirmed as TLS 1.3 enabled. Three DSPs reported issues following the transition; two were resolved after identifying minor coding issues on the DSP side, with one remaining under investigation. Overall, the transition has been successful, and appreciation was expressed to the group for their timely action and cooperation.

Agenda item 6 – Delivery update

The EVTE deployment is scheduled to occur over the coming weekend, and related publications will be made available shortly.

Work is underway to finalise an updated roadmap for the remainder of the financial year, which is expected to be shared within the next fortnight. A walkthrough of the updated roadmap will then be provided.

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment update

The group was reminded that the cyclical review of the Business Implementation Guides (BIG) commenced in December 2025, and work is underway with relevant business areas to progress the review.

The BIGs currently being prepared for updates for Tax Time 2026 include:

- Individual Income Tax Return
- Prefill individual Income Tax Return
- Lodgment (GET)
- Company Tax Return 2026
- Fund income Tax Return 2026
- Trust Tax Return for Attribution Managed Investments 2026
- Partnership Tax Return 2026
- Self-managed Super Fund Annual Return 2026
- Trust Tax Return 2026

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications

Information about the following topics can be found in issue [3](#) of the DSP newsletter:

- Transition to TLS 1.3 – only 3 days left
- Payday Super first year compliance approach finalised



- Reminder: system monitoring dashboards

Information about the following topics can be found in issue [4](#) of the DSP newsletter:

- TLS 1.3 transition completed
- Get super resourceful
- Qualifying earnings – get the facts straight!
- STP QE readiness email
- Payday Super FVS Q&A available
- SSPs need to lodge a CAA request
- Appropriate use of ATO production environments
- Contact your clients about the ATO email campaign to SBSCH users
- Fuel tax credit rates
- Reminder: potential impacts following SBR2 EVTE upgrade

For previous editions of the DSP newsletter:

[January 2026 – December 2026](#)

[DSP newsletter archive](#)

Agenda item 9 – Platform update

Platforms have been operating reliably, with no major issues or incidents reported. The group was reminded that the upcoming MEIG upgrade is scheduled to occur shortly. Early engagement was encouraged for any testing issues ahead of tax time.

Agenda item 10 – DSP feedback/issues

There were no issues raised for discussion.

Agenda item 11 – Close

The next PLS working group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 February at **1.00pm AEDT**.