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Key Outcomes –
Practitioner lodgment service working group

Venue: MS Teams

Date: 10 November 2026

Start: 1.00pm AEDT **Finish:** 1.30pm AEDT

Chair and facilitator: Julie Seiver

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ATO Attendees:

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ATO Guest Speaker:
Elaine Jackson, Andrew Callaway

Apologies:

Kelly Collins, Adrian Romano, Carl Bennett

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Agenda item 1 – Welcome

The chair opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

The next MTAS meeting has been rescheduled from 17 November to 10 December 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Action item

There were no open action items.

Agenda item 3 – Tax time related documentation

We're continuing to publish the Tax Time event video recordings to the DSP Hub.

The following change advices have been published to Tax Time 2027 page on the DSP hub:

- CA2025-002 Implementation of a global minimum tax and a domestic minimum tax
- CA2024-006 Multinationals Tax Integrity Package amending Australia's interest (thin capitalisation) rules

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

A question was raised as to whether the ASLRPT type C invalid argument error will be fixed in one of the releases as it is going to be impacted by the end of December and the deprecation of the old service.

There are some issues with ASLRPT and also some conformance suite changes. The release date for the fix will be followed up.

Agenda item 5 – Tax Time 2027 International Dealings Schedule (IDS) proposed changes

Proposed IDS Changes for Tax Time 2027:

- The proposed changes to the IDS for Tax Time 2027 were outlined. These changes will impact the SBR service message structure tables (MST) and validation rules, and will support ongoing Thin Capitalisation and Debt Deduction Creation Rules (DDCR) reporting requirements.

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- Changes include over 50 new validation rules and updates to around 110 existing validation rules. The changes are designed to remove transitional elements and improve data quality for ongoing non-transitional reporting.

- Only minor label changes are expected to two IDS questions, with no new form fields proposed.

- DSPs emphasised the importance of receiving draft artefacts and marked-up specifications early to support product design and implementation planning.

- While DSPs noted the April/May 2027 EVTE delivery timeframe is challenging, they indicated it is manageable if expectations and supporting artefacts are provided early.

- Discussion confirmed the changes are largely focused on data consistency and reporting quality rather than introducing significant new reporting behaviours.

- The group was advised that additional MST updates, including country and code list changes, are also expected and may require DSP consideration.

Agenda item 6 – Delivery update

Work is progressing on the December EVT deliverables, with the goal of having all CGTS and all associated child forms ready and available for testing in December.

A change to the Payment Summary Annual Report (PSAR) delivery schedule has been confirmed:

- A new workers compensation payment code is being added as part of the Standard Deduction budget measure.
- As a result, the production release has shifted from March to June.
- The change will be packaged together with the SBR2 upgrade rather than released separately.

Concerns were raised that PS2018 will remain valid until 28 February 2028 but won't include the change, this will affect road maps for delivering PS2027 before June. This raised the possibility that the change may be unable to be delivered by some DSPs.

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Uncertainty remains around:

- The size of the population affected by the new worker's compensation payment code
- Which entities will be responsible for reporting these payments
- Whether the reporting will primarily come through Payment Summaries or alternative channels (such as STP or government agencies).

Related December EVTE changes will include artefact release for IITR, Prefill and Deductions Schedule:

- Workers compensation payment type and update to assessable income calculation
- Standard Deduction new label and calculation changes
- New label for union fees and professional association fees at D5 Work Related Expenses

Members were advised that issues will be followed up with relevant stakeholders and Superannuation Employment Obligations (SEO).

Agenda item 7 – Agent online environment

- System issue currently impacting activity statement lodgment for compromised clients There is no ETA for a fix yet and affected agents will need to contact the ATO to have the compromised accounting treatment temporarily lifted to enable lodgment.

- Online services for agents (OSfA)
  - November integrated release occurring 14 November, amongst other content for OSfA, activity statement transactions view is being fixed and deployment of the supplementary annual GST return online client form will be ready for release to users in March.
  - ATO online rebrand for OSfA on 28 November. No functional changes expected, there is a slight change to how the advanced search navigation works. Our content manager is working with the comms team to update the OSfA user guide for any users who are impacted.
  - The Trust BIG is being updated to include a workaround for when a trust distributes income to a partnership.

Agenda item 8 – DSP communications

Information about the following topics can be found in issue 43 of the DSP newsletter:

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- Reminder: Digital Partners Stewardship Group EOI
- Final reminder: Reforming negative gearing working group EOI
- Trust tax return validation issue
- New SBR ebMS3 PROD2 outbound signing certificate
- Reminder: Physical end point transition
- Super reminders ahead of the holiday period
- Clarification of the 3-business day rule for super funds
- Register now: Pillar Two information session
- Our annual report for 2025–26 is now available
- Urgent planned maintenance

Information about the following topics can be found in issue 44 of the DSP newsletter:

- Final reminder: Digital Partners Stewardship Group EOI
- AS.0001 2009 service decommission
- SBR2 EVTE upgrade
- SBR2 production upgrade
- Payday Super success starts with accurate data
- Reminder: Physical end point transition

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Agenda item 9 – Platform update

EVTE upgrade for the EBMS processor remains on track. No major impacts are expected for DSPs or gateways, however all members were encouraged to participate in EVTE testing to identify any unforeseen issues ahead of the planned March release.

There was an upgrade and several fixes over the weekend, so we can expect to see some marked stability improvements for some of those high severity incidents we've experienced in recent weeks.

Concerns were raised about delays affecting batch services, particularly:

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- BBRP services
- EFT Reconciliation Service – including EFT reconciliation reports taking up to 2 days to become available.

We are aware of an additional load within a number of batch services and are looking at how we increase capacity to better manage that.

Agenda item 10 – DSP feedback/issues

No further issues were raised for discussion.

Agenda item 11 – Close

The next PLS working group meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 November** at **1.00pm AEDT**.

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