



DSP Architecture Reference Group Key Outcomes

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Title:	DSP Architecture Reference Group Key Outcomes		
Venue:	ATO Office Moonee Ponds		
Event date:	7/11/2019	Start: 9:15am	Finish: 3:30pm
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Agenda item: 1 – Welcome and Introduction

Rohan Walder opened the meeting with an acknowledgement to country and welcomed the group.

Agenda item: 2 – ATO Digital Services Modernisation

Mick Ferris advised that the RFI (Request For Information) process has almost been finalised. Successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified in the previous week. Information on the RFI is available on the AusTender website.

The decision was made to move forward on the digital service gateway first, with the digital reporting channel work to follow. The plan is to have the gateway up and running by July 2020. Initial services available will be lightweight APIs. Further discussions with the DARG and either the STP or PLS forums are to be held.

The ATO will be shifting its services off the SBR1 platform. There are still other government departments that may stay on the platform.

Paul Dwyer advised that ABR services are not able to be moved to SBR2 until we have the new gateway.

Agenda item: 3 – XBRL to XML transition update

Paul Dwyer advised that the ATO would like to build the IITR schedule in EVTE as quickly as possible and asked for feedback from the group.

Several DSPs expressed an unwillingness to start testing prior to release of a conformance suite. There was agreement by Paul and Sangitha that there would be sample payload information available by 15 November to allow DSPs to commence testing the fundamentals and provide feedback. The proviso being that any documentation will still be in draft form and may not be complete.

Action item: 20191107_01	Due date: Friday 15 November 2019	Responsibility: Paul Dwyer Sangitha Sivayogora
Sample payload information to be sent to the group		

Paul reiterated that there is no plan to move Superannuation services away from XBRL at this time.

Paul to come back to a group with a mud map and how we will migrate at the next DARG. It was agreed that updates for the transition will be provided in the DARG.

Agenda item: 4 – Consolidated release plan

Sangitha provided a consolidated road map to the group and asked the group to provide feedback about the information they would like to see included in the future.

The map has been split over two pages for readability. Sangitha advised that the document was still being finalised and there would be updates made in the future.

There was agreement that a change to an artefact (rather than a service) should be included on the map.

Feedback on the consolidated roadmap can be provided via an engagement ticket on Online Services for DSPs or email DPO@ato.gov.au.

Agenda item: 5– Channel Strategy & API Strategy

Channel Strategy

The wholesale channel strategy will look at:

- What channel should be used for a service
- The rules for what the gateway will offer
- Principles for moving to the lightweight channel

The new API gateway will take on lightweight services, allowing us to support SBR and BDE (Bulk Data Exchange) to take the more heavy traffic.

The strategy could potentially change the way our APIs are driven. Mick Ferris advised that the channel strategy will consider how to take form-based services and offer them as micro-services. e.g. replacing the Company Tax Return with a number of mechanisms that get the same information in a different way.

Koustubh Bandyopadhyay asked if there was the possibility of services being provided in more than one channel. Paul Dwyer advised that the preference would be to limit wherever possible.

API Strategy

The ATO are part of conversations with the DTA (Digital Transformation Agency) regarding their API strategy and are expecting the two strategies to be fairly well aligned.

Mick Ferris suggested that a small working group be formed to provide feedback on the documentation once it is available.

Some of the questions will need to be discussed at the SWG in order to make the right decision about which data should be available.

The strategy will potentially change the way EVTE operates, including documentation and way DSPs interact with the DPO, potentially decreasing dialogue. The intent is to get maximum benefit with the least impact to DSP consumption.

The suggestions from the group for what they want to see as part of the strategy were:

- Version management
- Backwards compatibility

Moving on our hope is that ATOO do not get any priority and are treated just another DSP. Mick Ferris asked if there was anything specific that the group would like to see included.

Agenda item: 6 – Digital ID and M2M transition

Paul Stasinowsky provided the group with an update on the achievements in the digital space over the last few months.

The ATO will start to ramp up support communications throughout November and December, including instructional videos:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/Online-services/Accessing-online-services-with-myGovID-and-RAM/>

Paul advised that regression testing is happening now and he is confident that it will be up and running on November 15 when the browser extension will be published.

Paul confirmed that there will be a manual certification process for IP1 (Digital Identity Proofing level of 1) plus. Peter Karouzos confirmed that these users will have restrictions compared to IP2. I.e. they will be able to view and prefill but unable to lodge.

Paul also confirmed that auto renewal of the machine credential is on the roadmap for the future.

There was a question from the group regarding OSP (Open Settlement Protocol), Paul advised that we only considering SROM (Serial Read Only Memory) at this stage but the request would be taken into consideration.

Action item: 20191107_02	Due date: Next meeting	Responsibility: Paul Stasinowsky
ATO to confirm whether the ability to have more than one ABN for a keystore.		

Peter Karouzos confirmed that when an ABN is cancelled the credential is cancelled and asked the group to provide feedback on whether there should be a warning provided in software.

The group questioned whether there was an option to use the myGovID credential in a retail space (i.e. C2B).

Action item: 20191107_03	Due date: Next meeting	Responsibility: Peter Karouzos
ATO to track down and clarify the legal reasons previously given for why it was not possible to use the credential in a C2B scenario.		

Agenda item: 7 – ReST Services & Protocols

Lachlan McKenzie provided an overview of the discussion held at the last DARG regarding ReST services and sought advice from the group about the best way to move forward.

There were several opinions on the best way to move forward. Andrew Smith advised to pick a service from the bottom and work up to use cases. Karl Farrand suggested that call centre operatives are often able to provide insight into the demand for services.

Karl Farrand advised that his top 3 would be:

- Agency list with balance, date and other tax years
- Payments transfers
- Correspondence – anything sent out by paper

Kevin Johnson advised his top 3 would be:

- STP elections and deferrals - currently available on portal
- Clearance certificate for real estate
- Information on first home saver accounts

Kevin also mentioned Div 293 and Release of Superannuation – both currently available on the portal.

There was agreement that the decisions should be driven by use cases. Lachlan confirmed that the APIs will be built with a versioning strategy and that Operational Framework requirements will still apply.

Action item: 20191107_04	Due date: Next meeting	Responsibility: DARG members
DSPs to send through any further feedback or suggestions via the DPO to be forwarded to Lachlan.		

Agenda item: 8 – Update on e-invoicing

Hilary Appleton provided an update on e-invoicing.

ATO applied for PEPPOL authority on the day of Royal Assent, specifications localised for Australia have been published.

Senators' Cormann and Cash [announced](#) on 7 November that from 1 January, Commonwealth Government agencies will start paying e-invoices sent via the Peppol network within 5 days, applying to contracts valued up to \$1 million.

Hilary confirmed for Karl Farrand that there is no requirement to have a purchase order to ensure the 5 day turnaround. Hilary reiterated that normal business processes apply and businesses still need to ensure that they maintain their current relationship and communication with their business partners.

Hilary advised that if you are choosing to be accredited as a Peppol Access Point in both Australia and New Zealand, to advise on the application.

Where service providers are already accredited with an overseas authority, they will still need to meet local requirements to enable the provider to sign the annexe 5 with Australia or New Zealand.

Peppol will introduce a centralised reporting function in the future, as an interim there will be a requirement to email statistical information monthly to the local authorities.

Karl Farrand questioned whether New Zealand sole traders are able to get a NZBN. It was confirmed during the day by other DARG members that this is the case.

<https://www.nzbn.govt.nz/get-an-nzbn/>

Hilary requested feedback from the group on the documents included in the post award documents listed on slide 29 of the presentation pack.

DSPs can provide suggestions for additional documents or the order for delivery via an engagement ticket on Online Services for DSPs or email DPO@ato.gov.au.

Agenda item: 9 – Direction of technology – Open Discussion

Rick Harvey advised that encouragement for adoption of e-invoicing would be needed as he had confirmation that the ATO did not intend to make e-invoicing mandatory.

Agenda item: 10 – Wrap up

Sonia advised that we would welcome anyone from industry who would like to present at the DARG next year.