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Single Touch Payroll Design Working Group

19 January 2017 meeting held at Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street Sydney.

1. Super Reporting – Channel B Scenarios

- Feedback was requested regarding the Contributions Transaction Request (CTR) extract sent on 22 December 2016 and the On-Boarding design discussed at the Design Working Group on 15 December.
- Further discussions will be held regarding authorisation and declarations for Super Reporting, in particular those using a Channel B solution for Superstream.
- A CTR received from a non-STP enabled employer will not result in them being obligated to report via STP.

Outcomes:

- The ATO will outline the process for handling a CTR sent to the ATO incorrectly.
- Employer interactions for Super, Payroll and myGov with regards to authorisations and declarations need to be mapped.

2. Retail New Employee Commencement – Taxonomy Elements

- The current design of Retail Onboarding is, only an employer can pull the data from the ATO.
- Software developer's guidelines for Retail Onboarding will be released in February.
- ABSIA and Software Industry Partnership Office (SIPO) to conduct a survey of software developer regarding the Retail Onboarding service.
- Tax Practitioner's Board (TPB) has released a paper defining a payroll provider.

Outcome:

- Further discussion to be had between DWG, ATO and TPB regarding definitions of payroll and software providers.

3. Working Holiday Maker - Changes

- All versions of the TFN declarations will need to be consistent across all lodgment channels within the ATO.
- Participants requested a re-classification of the current TFN declaration fields in the payroll event into more accurate groupings.
- ABSIA to provide all the tax components their systems use to calculate withholding so they can be confirmed against the payroll event taxonomy elements.
- TFN declaration information is an optional part of the payroll event
- A SWD can decide to provide the TFN declaration information in every payroll event or only where the information is new or has changed.

Outcome:

- SWD to articulate required tax components used to calculate withholding.

4. Corrections Framework

- Matthew Addison presented his Corrections paper on how he saw the STP corrections framework working.
- The employer period amounts should relate to the current financial year and not prior financial years.
- A small working group will be established to continue the design work.

5. Payroll Event Feedback

- When published the feedback will include the name of the person who provided the feedback.
- A document library will be created to store and/or reference all SWD documentation.
- Consideration should be given to creating a frequently asked question (FAQ) section.
- Responses to feedback will be published in February.

Outcomes:

- Provide status of update event development.
- Full file replacement scenario will be investigated as part of the Technical Working Group (TWG).
- A document library will be created to store and/or reference SWD documentation.
- Data structures for payroll event to be reviewed by the TWG

6. Issue and wash up

- Agreed that the next DWG would be on 16 February, to allow time for detailed work around issues identified by working group members.
- No update to open issues