



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – key outcomes		
Issue date:	11 April 2019		
Venue:	WEBEX		
Event date:	2 April 2019	Start: 1:00pm AEST	Finish: 2:00pm

Chair:	Sonia Lark	Facilitator:	Sonia Lark
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Attendees: names/section	ATO – Mick Ferris, Sonia Lark, Anne Soe, Paul Mosca, Alex Barnes, Danny Figueiredo, Ross Barns, Madhavi Talapaneni, Scott, Rumford, Natalie Perring, Michael Karavas, Karen Greaves, Joel Powell, Amrik Singh, Mick Ferris, Julie Sen, Paul Baker. Industry – Mike Denniss (Class Super), Mike Behling, Scott Reid, Trent Hayes (MYOB), Kevin Johnson (Reckon), Michael Wright, Saiful Larry (Sage), Paul Siriwardana (Thomson Reuters), Grant Whytcross, Samson Palkuri (Wolters Kluwer), Andrew Sprankling, Kelvin Newton, (Xero), Jack Wee (Catsoft), Sandeep Gopalan (Govreports).
Apologies: name/section	Shane Paxton (Thomson Reuters), Anthony Migliardi (Xero).

Next meeting	16 April 2019
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Agenda item: 2 – Action item update

Updates on outstanding items were provided. (see [action items](#))

Updates to the IITR Deductions Schedule 2019 Q&A document will be published soon.

Agenda item: 2 – Action item update

Action Item: DPO will publish the updated 2019 ITR deductions schedule Q&A document when available to Software Developers Website under “Latest News”, send out an update in the daily updates and a direct link to the document to PLSWG members.

Agenda item: 3 – STP prefill for ITR run through

Gerardine Burke outlined the overall changes for this STP prefill in ITR MST for this financial year:

- Employers will be encouraged to finalise their reports through STP. Non STP reporting employers will still need to finalise through the PSAR approach. Prefill information will contain data sourced from STP and PSAR.
- Both finalised and unfinalised data will be visible in pre-fill.
- The ATO is still confirming the date unfinalised data will be available through pre-fill. Any change from 1 July 2019 will be circulated through DPO communications.

PIITR.0006 Response has a change to the MST to support unfinalised STP data:

- Several new elements for each income type defining whether the collection is finalised or unfinalised. For example, “Salary and Wages Provided Data Finalised (ITR6625)”
- Use of the new field which is a Boolean returning TRUE or FALSE. No element will mean the details are being sourced from traditional payment summary information.
- Change to the meaning of PAYGW – Amendment code.
- Change to labels for Date available for prefilling.

Gerardine also presented example use cases to illustrate the new changes, which will be included in the outcomes publication.

Sonia Lark will be accepting out of session questions on Gerardine’s behalf.

Agenda item: 4 – Tax time 2019

Mick Ferris advised there has not been a lot of change this fortnight. EVTE is currently being updated with the new rates, validation testing will occur before moving to production. No major defects have been detected.

Andrew Smith (Xero) asked when the Company Tax Return (CTR) specifications will be updated. Mick confirmed that it will be done as soon as possible, and a roll back process will be available.

Action item - Mick Ferris to confirm when the CTR specs will be available and if the

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DSPs can access this faster.

Agenda item: 5 – Platform update

Madhavi Talapaneni provided an update on the incident in Production on the morning of 1 April at 2:45am which resulted in degraded service. This has been resolved. Mike Behling asked for clarification of when the incident occurred; the update provided was for a past incident, however there is an ongoing incident at the time of the meeting currently being investigated.

Stuck messages are constantly being replayed and work to decrease the amount of stuck messages is ongoing. AWS transition work is also ongoing.

There is a process being developed to proactively work through renewing certificates by notifying DSPs with a 30 day window to renew their certificate.

Agenda item: 6 – DSP feedback

No significant feedback received from the DSPs. Some DSPs asked about the release of the BIGs for large forms such as IITR 2019. Ross Barns commented that they are in the final stages of review and sign off before going to publishing.

David Baker asked DSPs if they have heard of any noise surrounding agents who are unable to access certain reports through the PLS dashboard. There has barely any noise apart from one escalation through the helpdesk; each affected agent has been contacted.

Action item: Follow up on the progress of the BIGs for IITR 2019 and Portal pre-fill specifications for publishing.