



Key Outcomes

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Title:	PLS working group – key outcomes		
Issue date:	10 July 2019		
Venue:	WEBEX		
Event date:	9 July 2019	Start: 1:00pm	Finish: 2:00pm

Chair:	Sonia Lark	Facilitator:	Sonia Lark
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Attendees: names/section	<p>ATO – Mick Ferris, Sonia Lark, Sonya Summers, Steven Holmes, Paul Mosca, Danny Figueiredo, David Andreoli, Paul Walters, Nadeem Shariff, Amrik Singh, Ross Barns, Karen Greaves, David Baker, Grahame Dunncliff, Gerardine Burke, Warren Sturgiss, Ted Simes, Danielle Miller, William Fahd, Russell Siachico, Tania Andrews-Zanozin, Irma Briggs, Kylie Johnston, Sonia Corsini, Martin Kenseley.</p> <p>Industry – Mike Denniss (Class Super), Sandeep Gopalan (GovReports), Lex Edmonds (Microtax), Mike Behling, Scott Reid (MYOB), Kevin Johnson (Reckon), Michael Wright, Saiful Larry, (Sage), Paul Siriwardana, Shane Paxton (Thomson Reuters), Grant Whytcross, Tania Dai (Wolters Kluwer), Kelvin Newton, (Xero).</p>
Apologies: name/section	Jack Wee (Catsoft), Nathan Kerr (One-Click), Trent Hayes (MYOB), Darin Carter (Sage), Briony Campbell, Lisa Kim, (Wolters Kluwer), Andrew Sprankling, Anthony Migliardi (Xero).

Next meeting	23 July 2019
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Agenda item: 2– Action item update

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

Danny Figueiredo gave an overview of the 2019 IITR PVT process. Most developers who requested PVT for the 2019 IITR service have now had their certification notifications issued through Online services for DSPs. A few who have received conditional approval should be finalised in the next few days.

Thank you to all DSPs for working with us throughout this process.

Reckon advised they felt this was a tedious and unnecessary process, and they would like to see the testing move from PVT to EVTE before next tax time.

Sage added that testing for the rental and capital gains schedules, which are being rolled out next tax time, would be much more difficult to test in this way in comparison to the deductions schedule as there are far fewer clients to choose from.

Kylie Johnston advised the feedback would be taken on board and form part of the process improvements.

Agenda item: 3 - Tax Time and platform updates

Mick Ferris advised that it had been a good day, with system status showing 'green' across both SRP and BRRP since 8am. The environment has been strengthened and is showing it can cater for the increased loads coming through for PLS, STP, and Super.

Releases and system fixes will be occurring over the next couple of weeks – Saturday we will see an outage and the systems may see some degradation during the release windows and rolling re-starts. Information regarding planned outages, etc., will be made available on the Software Developer's website.

David Baker recommended referring agents to <https://PLS.status.ato.gov.au> to view the status of PLS services.

David also advised that the BRRP average response time graphs which were previously available on the PLS dashboard were removed due to issues with the data.

MYOB advised that STP business users did not have visibility of STP-related issues.

Kylie advised there was work being done to include visibility of the payevent service on the PLS status dashboard.

Agenda item: 4 – Introduction to new service – Shares and Units

Warren Sturgiss and Martin Kenseley presented an overview of a new service to provide transaction information from the sale of shares and units to assist in tax return preparation. The slide pack presented will be published on the Software developer's website: https://softwaredevelopers.ato.gov.au/PLSWG_20190709

DSPs are keen to be involved in any co-design discussions.

Please send any feedback through to the DPO via Online services for DSPs or email DPO@ato.gov.au.

Agenda item: 5 – DSP Feedback/Issues

The 2019 ASMT service is available now – included with the 2018 service.

Sonia will run through the draft agenda for the Services for Tax Practitioners event at the next meeting. Please advise of any 'hot topics' you would like covered.

Sonia will also give an overview of the outcomes thus far from the 'STP changes to activity statements' co-design group at the next meeting.

She also reminded the group to submit their EOIs to be part of the IITR granular data (income schedule) working group.

Reminder: DSPs will need to reapply to access 2020 controlled information – you will need to reapply each year.