



Single Touch Payroll Readiness Working Group

Wednesday 9 May 2018

The Single Touch Payroll (STP) Readiness Working Group met on Wednesday 9 May 2018 via the ATO WebEx facilities. The attendees, topics and outcomes of the meeting are below.

Attendees:

- Daren Glanville, Internal Business Readiness, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Lainie Alexander, Industry Transition, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Christine Morris-Jones, Fast Track
- Amanda Gascoigne, Gascoigne Consulting
- Matthew Addison, Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
- Kitty Tsung, Lion
- Tanya Brock, Woolworths
- Delrene Burton, Woolworths
- Susan Kotler, MYOB
- Ellen Tjahjana, MYOB
- Ray Waughman, Single Touch
- Chris Denney, SuperChoice
- Martin Etherington, Xero
- Carla McNaughton, QLD Health
- Marilena Bressan, Client Engagement, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Matthew Heneker, Client Engagement, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Anna Ryan, Communications, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Kylie Johnston, Digital Partnership Office (DPO) – ATO
- Donna Chapman, People Change Management, Single Touch Payroll – ATO
- Nicole Williams, Journey Management Office, Single Touch Payroll – ATO

Topics discussed:

- STP Project Status update
- DSP progress through Operational Framework requirements
- Outcomes from the Client Engagement Focus Group
- Industry Transition

- STP Readiness Reporting Model
- The recent Tax Professionals Engagement Forum

Key Outcomes:

- Members were provided with the key outcomes from the recent STP Advisory Group meeting.
- The overall status for STP was discussed in detail noting:
 - Employers are gradually onboarding to STP as solutions become available, most substantial employers will transition to STP from 1 July 2018.
 - There have been some delays for Digital Service Providers (DSPs) progressing through the Operational Framework requirements.
- The ATO will be issuing a round of bulk correspondence to company CEO's/executives to ensure awareness of STP Implications.
- Industry members provided their take on the 'hot topics' around STP including, the STP employer guidelines, the level of awareness with intermediaries, positive communication of transition plans coming out now from particular DSPs to their clients. Employer representatives advised that they are continuing to prepare internal processes while waiting for confirmation from their provider on a transition approach to commence STP reporting.
- Updates were provided around the STP Program focus areas noting the progress of DSPs through the Operational Framework requirements, Client Engagement activities and outcomes of the Focus Group meeting and an update on industry transition, looking at the progress of deferral requests coming through.
- Members were walked through the STP Readiness Reporting Model and Criteria and how it has evolved since its development through the Readiness Working Group last year. This criteria was used to assist in the development of the STP dashboard report. The reporting model has advanced to look at onboarding and post onboarding as more employer's transition and start reporting.
- A de-brief of the recent Tax Professionals Engagement Forum was provided noting, over sixty Canberra region tax professionals attended the event in the Canberra office and there were 2,300 registered for the livestream event. Feedback received from the event has been positive. The agenda was interactive and well positioned in partnership with industry.