



Combined ABSIA Board Strategic Working Group Key Outcomes

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Event date:	23/10/2019	Start: 9:00am	Finish: 4:00pm
Chair:	Kylie Johnston Karen Lay-Brew	Contact:	Sonia Lark 02 4725 4760
Attendees:	<p>ATO John Dardo Matthew Bambrick Michael Rowell Mark Stockwell</p> <p>Andrew Watson Michael Ferris</p> <p>Kylie Johnston Michael Karavas John Melke Hilary Appleton Sonia Lark Paul Stasinowsky</p> <p>Industry Chris Howard Karen Lay-Brew Marjukka Maki-Hokkonen Matthew Prouse Michael Ross Koustubh Bandyopadhyay Mike Behling</p>	<p>Chief Digital Officer and DC, Digital Delivery AC, Policy, Analysis and Legislation AC, Digital Wholesale Integration Services A/g AC, Digital Partnership Office & e-Invoicing AC, Small Business Experience Director, Digital Wholesale Integration Services Director, Digital Partnership Office Director, Single Touch Payroll Director, Debt, Strategy & Implementation Director, e-Invoicing Digital Partnership Office Digital Communication & Identity Services</p> <p>ABSIA, President ABSIA ABSIA</p> <p>ABSIA ABSIA Commonwealth Bank of Australia</p> <p>MYOB</p>	

	Helena Bone Mike Denniss Simon Foster Kevin Johnson Kirsten Leys Anthony Migliardi Mike Roberts Michael Wright	MessageXchange Class Limited Squirrel Street Reckon Attaché Software Xero TaxLab Sage
Apologies:	Martin Mane Ian Gibson Jack Wee Brett Reed	AC, Digital Partnership Office & e-invoicing ABSIA Catsoft ePayDay

Agenda item: 1 – Welcome and Introduction

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

Agenda item: 2 – Digital Identity Machine to Machine

(AC Jimmy Tzimopoulos and Hosh Elavia attended via telepresence)

Paul Stasinowsky gave an overview of upcoming communications for AUSkey replacement, advising DSPs will soon see user guides as well as videos and webinars targeting each stakeholder group. New scenarios will be available for testing in EVTE in early November.

Kylie confirmed that the communications plan will also be made available in November – Sharna Maltman will be the contact in Kylie's absence.

Paul advised that work was being done on a solution for offshore workers which is expected to be deployed in December. The solution will operate outside of the myGovID app and will be based on Proof of Record Ownership principles. Further details are expected to be available shortly.

Jimmy advised that feedback from DSPs would be welcomed. He also confirmed informative meetings would be split between cloud and desktop providers.

Hosh and Paul provided a few details around the new credential:

- There are no specific requirements detailing how permissions will be physically provided to users
- The new credential will always fail on the first attempt as it needs to be 'primed'
- Cross-entity authorisation (XEA) will still be managed in Access Manager and cannot be done in bulk
- The new credential may be shared as a machine credential or used as a stand-alone on a single device.

Hosh confirmed that there are no specific requirements from the ATO around how permissions were physically provided to users.

Kylie advised that Online Services for DSPs is scheduled to transition to the new credential in February 2020.

Agenda item: 3 – ATO Digital Services Modernisation XBRL to XML

Mick Ferris gave an overview of the work being done on optimising platform performance and the new gateway for APIs:

- The processes will be run separately as it was determined from review a single provider for both the Digital Services gateway and Digital Reporting Channel did not give the ATO the best outcome
- The gateway will be procured first, followed by work on adapting the channel
- There were 30 respondents, with six being shortlisted for both the DRC and DSG outcome
- More information will be provided at the DARG meeting on 7 November.

Kylie Johnston advised that there will be an Expression of Interest sent out for the establishment of a working group.

Mick Rowell confirmed there will be no deployment of services this financial year, but they were planning on API's being available for consumption by June or July next year, with BAU being phased in between July and December.

It was noted that if changes were required to the definition of the approved form, associated legislative changes would need to be communicated at multiple points throughout the process.

XBRL to XML

Karen Lay-Brew wanted assurance that the group are aware of any potential unintended consequences of the change to XML. Mick Ferris advised that this will be discussed in the draft paper for XBRL to XML. The paper will be discussed at the DARG meeting on 7 November 2019.

From a super perspective, changes to XML will not be possible without legislative changes.

Mick Rowell advised there was likely to be a three-pronged approach to the API transition. i.e. lightweight, medium and heavyweight, with multiple channels for multiple purposes.

API and channel strategy documents are to be built as living documents, with the expectation that the first review will be available at the first DARG in the new year.

Action item:	Due date:	Responsibility:
20191023_01	Next meeting	Kylie Johnston
Kylie will share the Channel Strategy documentation with the working group.		

Agenda item: 4 – Payment Thinking

John Melke spoke about services that are expected to become available in the next 6-9 months, indicating their focus will be on making it as easy as possible for people to make payments on time. John indicated he would be interested in any feedback DSPs could provide.

John advised that details may be stored via tokenisation and sought feedback from the group on whether this is something that should be offered by the ATO

There was agreement from the group that it would be valuable to have representation from the banking industry. Andrew Watson advised that there are meetings arranged with some of the large banks next month to explore payment thinking initiatives.

Kylie noted that there are data sharing and privacy issues that will need to be addressed.

It was suggested it would be valuable for the ATO to facilitate discussions with a wider group of stakeholders as the initiative affects an entire ecosystem (similar to what was done with e-Invoicing).

John went through the use case scenarios with the group and invited SWG members to provide feedback.

Action item: 20191023_02	Due date: To be advised	Responsibility: ATO
Membership of the Payment thinking focus group will be expanded to a wider group of stakeholders.		

Agenda item: 5– Single Touch Payroll Phase 2

Michael Karavas gave an overview of the changes in phase 2 scheduled to commence from 1 July 2020 (mandated from 1 July 2021) including:

- Manual exchange of the existing STP data set with Department of Human Services (currently) until automated exchange goes live around 1 July 2020.
- Expansion of the dataset to provide near real time information to Department of Human Services and Department of Veteran Affairs to facilitate social services use cases
- Streamlining the Separation certificate process (one use case)
- EVTE and PVT will be required for the new pay event but will be based on risk assessment of DSP based on assurance framework
- Phase 2 will be a new version of the pay event, and will likely be in XML format

The draft Business Implementation Guide will be available in November. Face to face sessions with DSPs are planned throughout November and early December.

Kevin Johnson requested additional validation; Michael Karavas advised that he will take the request into consideration.

Kevin also asked if it was possible to remove payee details from the MST. Michael Karavas advised that there could be further discussion in the next SWG.

There will be no new MST or reporting requirement for Phase 3.

Kevin Johnson raised the question of whether additional tuples will be added for other agencies. Michael advised that there will be no change to the information collected and if other agencies want to use payroll data they will need to accept that there are limitations.

The group advised that there was low priority in being able to bring back the most recent PAYEVNT data, and asked to revisit the issue in one year.

Agenda item: 6 – e-Invoicing update

Mark Stockwell provided an update on e-invoicing for the group, advising that we are currently in a good place.

Legislation to enable e-invoicing has been passed. The ATO will be the PEPPOL Authority in Australia, which means we will manage local requirements and local service providers.

Final specifications have been approved by OpenPEPPOL. All final documents will be stored on our new GitHub site: <https://github.com/A-NZ-PEPPOL>

The ATO have been working with OpenPEPPOL to extend their base level (BIS 3.0) specification. In collaboration with New Zealand we are developing:

- Stakeholder engagement and communications
- TIA and Annex 5 alignment
- A-NZ specifications
- Accreditation process alignment & shared services
- Joint service provider forums
- Central Level 1 Technical Support for service providers

Consultation – Summary of changes now available on the ATO Software Developers website

Government adoption is focused on receiving, not sending.

Focus through to mid-2020 will be the PEPPOL procure to pay document suite. From July 2020 - Payment integration with PEPPOL – working with New Payments Platform Australia to integrate PEPPOL standards into Australian payment methods. Hilary advised that we are looking for feedback on whether there documents are missing and how we should prioritise. Services other than invoices have a bit more option to make changes.

Helena asked if there was a targeted timeline for government adoption. Hilary advised that no official timeline has been announced as yet.

Action item:	Due date:	Responsibility:
20191023_03	Next meeting	ATO
ATO to convene e-invoicing consultation groups as required.		

Agenda item: 7 – Strategic Initiative: Shaping the tax and Super system

Matthew Bambrick discussed with the group “what if” scenarios. i.e. what they think the tax system should look like in the future and how we could potentially get there.

There was agreement for Matthew to be invited back for the first SWG in 2020 for further discussion.

Agenda item: 8 – Recap on outcomes from last SWG

Kylie addressed the action items on hand, seeking endorsement to close on several action items.

Agenda item: 9 – Wrap up

Karen asked for members to advise what they would like to see on the agenda for next year.

Sonia invited industry representatives to consider presenting at future SWGs meetings.

Suggestions for next year's agenda items can be sent through Online Services for DSPs or DPO@ato.gov.au.