



Outcomes

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Title:	Focus Group - Securing the broader ecosystem				
Issue date:	19 September 2019	Venue:	WebEx		
Event date:	18 September 2019	Start:	11:00am	Finish:	12:00pm

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Key outcomes

Progress to date

The ATO worked with a number of DSP's with an add-on marketplace, in particular Xero and Intuit, to develop a detailed set of security requirements. These have been published on the ABSIA site.

ABSIA update

Matthew Prouse from ABSIA/Xero provided an overview of the published [Security Standard for Add-on Marketplaces \(SSAM\)](#). This included the scope of the standards (who they apply to) and the differences between the applicability of the [ATO Operational framework](#) and SSAM (see [DSP or Add-on developer](#)).

Clarification on data breach requirements

The focus group were comfortable with the clarifications for 3rd party data breach obligations (in the operational framework), however further clarification was requested for the requirement to immediately report a data breach to the ATO. In particular, does immediately effectively mean as soon as practical – especially where DSPs may not be notified by an Add-on provider straight away.

Security questionnaire updates

The focus group noted that the information requested in the proposed E2 question would not be available for this year's annual review. It was suggested that information could be provided on a best estimate basis for this annual review, and provided in full in the 2020 annual review.

Overall the focus group were comfortable with the security questionnaire updates.

Next steps

Given the launch of the Security Standards for Add-on Marketplaces and discussed updates to the DSP Operational Framework – the ATO recognised the achievements of the focus group on meeting its intended purpose. Accordingly the Securing the Broader Ecosystem Focus Group will conclude and the ATO will continue to work with ABSIA on promoting the Security Standards for Add-on Marketplaces (SSAM).

ABSIA will deliver a webinar on 2 October at 10am (Sydney time) to explore SSAM and will also include as a key agenda item for their Annual Conference.

The ATO would like to thank focus group for their work, especially for the individual efforts of Matthew Prouse, David Martin, Michelle Lease and Simeon Duncan.

Actions

Action item:
20190918_1

Due date:
2020

Responsibility:
ATO

The ATO will consider a definition of “immediately” for timeframes covering when a data breach should be reported. This will be included into a broader update of the operational framework in 2020.

Action item:
20190918_2

Due date:
Tuesday 1 October 2019

Responsibility:
ATO

The ATO will update the DSP Operational Framework to include the 24 hr phone number to report data breaches.

Action item:
20190918_3

Due date:
Tuesday 1 October 2019

Responsibility:
ATO

The ATO will update section E2 to allow for the details on add-on providers assessment details to be provided on a best estimate basis for 2019 as a transition year.

Action item:
20190918_4

Due date:
Tuesday 1 October 2019

Responsibility:
ATO

The ATO will update section E2 to clarify that the small business connections and or a connection to a tax agent / practice applies to only Australian based business/tax agents.

Action item:
20190918_5

Due date:
Tuesday 8 October 2019

Responsibility:
ATO

The ATO will produce a guidance note to accompany changes to the Operational Framework and security questionnaire – as per action item three and four.