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# Single Touch Payroll Program

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## Single Touch Payroll Phase 1: June 2014 – July 2015 engagement

**66x**  
Intermediaries

Tax professionals, payroll providers, Superannuation intermediaries including clearing houses, funds and Government

We engaged them via...

Focus groups, face to face, phone, forums and contextual interviews

**31x**  
Developers

Including Software developers, accounting and payroll software companies

We engaged them via...

Workshops, face to face, phone, video conference, interviews, and working groups

**102x**  
Businesses

Employers of varying sizes made up of...

**84x**  
Business contextual interviews & focus groups

**2x**  
Not for Profit

**16x**  
Large

We engaged them via...

Workshops, face to face, phone, video conference, interviews, and working groups

“ We have consulted with **237 members** of the community across a variety of audience Groups. ”

**17x**  
Employees (individuals)

We engaged them via...

Usability testing and focus groups and contextual interviews

**21x**  
Industry reps

Business and tax association groups

Tax Institute, CPA Australia, NSW Business Chamber, BAS agent association, Tax Practitioner Board, Institute of certified Bookkeepers, Small business liaison group + many more

We engaged them via...

Focus groups, face to face, phone, forums and contextual interviews

“ A Single Touch Payroll Discussion Paper ran from 12 February 2015 to 6 March 2015. 135 written submissions were received. ”

## Our Journey



**Extensive Consultation** was undertaken across all segments of the community between June 2014 – July 2015.



**We listened to feedback** - SWD's across multiple interactions participated. In addition we reviewed feedback gathered from the Reinventing Future Experience Planning Workshop with Software Developers.



**We continued to consider options** - pending a government decision on the single touch payroll proposal we further considered reporting solution and design options.

## Feedback from consultation with Software Developers

Design needs to cover consideration of an employer's payroll process

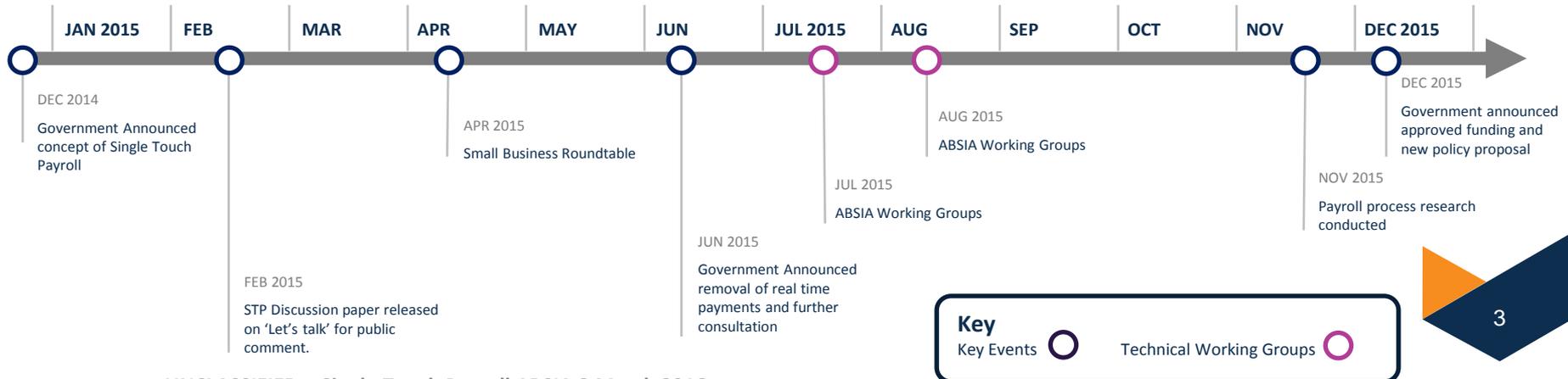
Most were supportive of an STP concept

Legislation certainty before committing to a build

Clarify the scope of the reporting and data requirements

Certainty of start dates and sufficient lead times are critical

## 2015 Key Dates



## Moving Forward

**We recognise** there is a lot of change planned or occurring across the ATO as part of digital transformation.

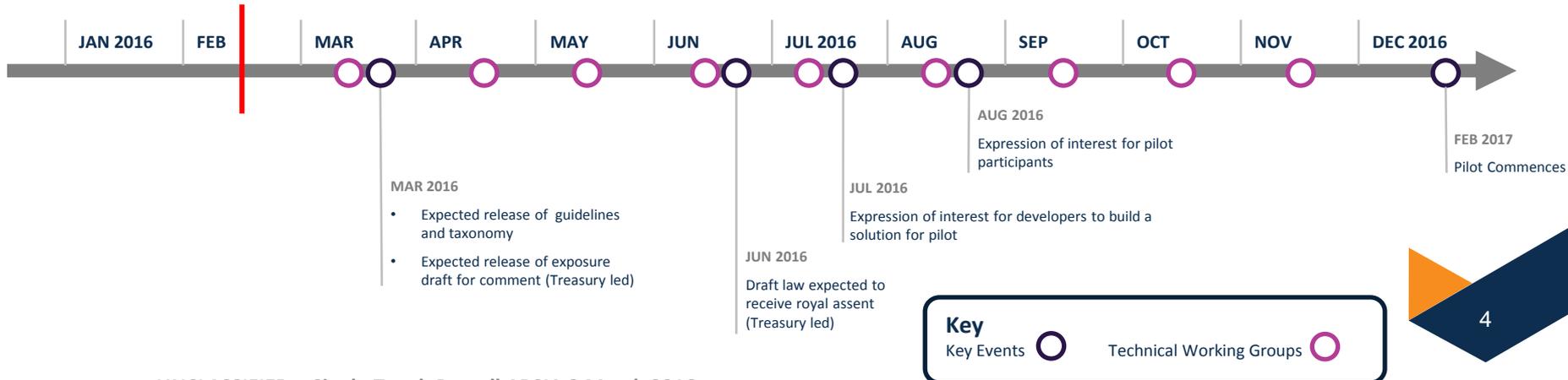


**Government announcement** – certainty of implementation dates and scope for single touch payroll reporting.



**We will continue to work with you** – draft and reviewing reporting requirements and specifications.

## 2016 Key Dates



## 2016:

- Co-design and consultation with software developers and the community.

## Dec 2016:

- STP program deployment.

## Early 2017:

- Pilot to demonstrate deregulation benefits for business, focussing on smaller employers. Outcomes of pilot will be reported back to Government (19 or fewer employees).

## 1 July 2017:

- All employers able to commence STP reporting (with optional payment – PAYGW in real-time).
- Individuals can complete TFN dec and Super Choice Form using myGov or through employers software.

## 1 July 2018:

- Larger employers (20 or more employees) required to adopt STP via SBR enabled software.

