



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

Single Touch Payroll

ATO and Service Providers Working together in partnership

ATO and Service Providers Partnership

**Thank you
from
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The journey so far

STP as at 30 June 2021



Over 300 STP solutions
Are available on the market



12.7m
Employees reported through STP
2020-21 financial year



791K
Employers reported through STP
in 2020-21 financial year



16.9m STP records
Finalised 2020-21 financial year

Phase 2 progress as at 10 October 2021



807 Employers are reporting
through STP Phase 2

10,000+ Employees are being
reported through STP Phase 2

What worked and what didn't

DPO CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT | Evolution of our partners

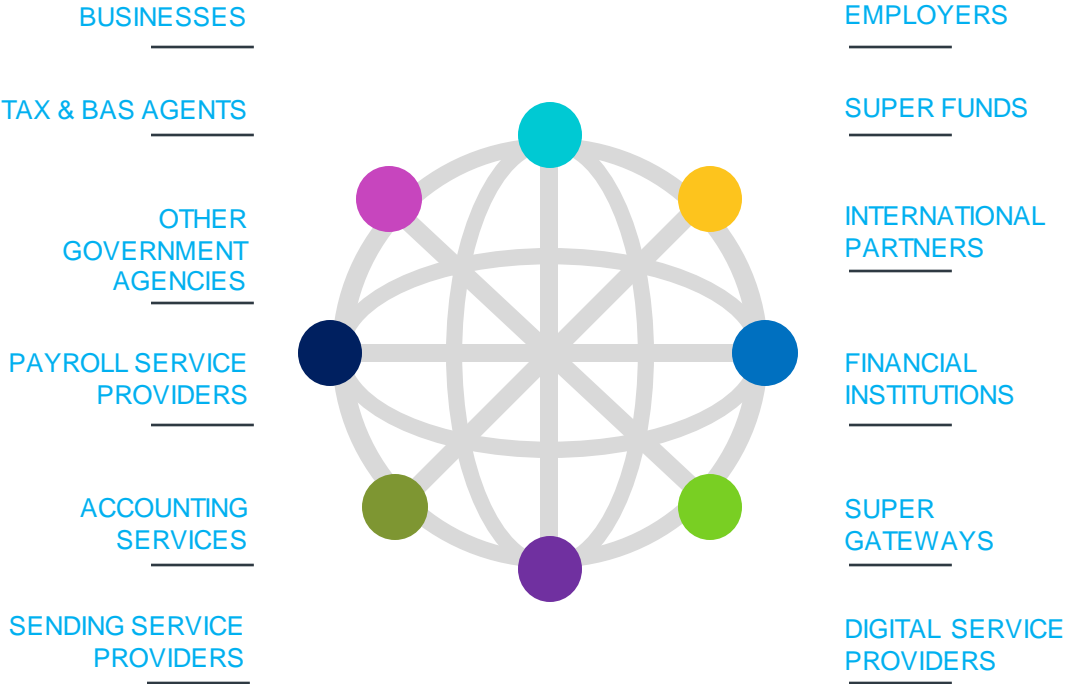
DIGITAL PARTNERS THEN

In the paper/analogue environment, tax practitioners grew to be the key partner in the system



DIGITAL PARTNERS TODAY

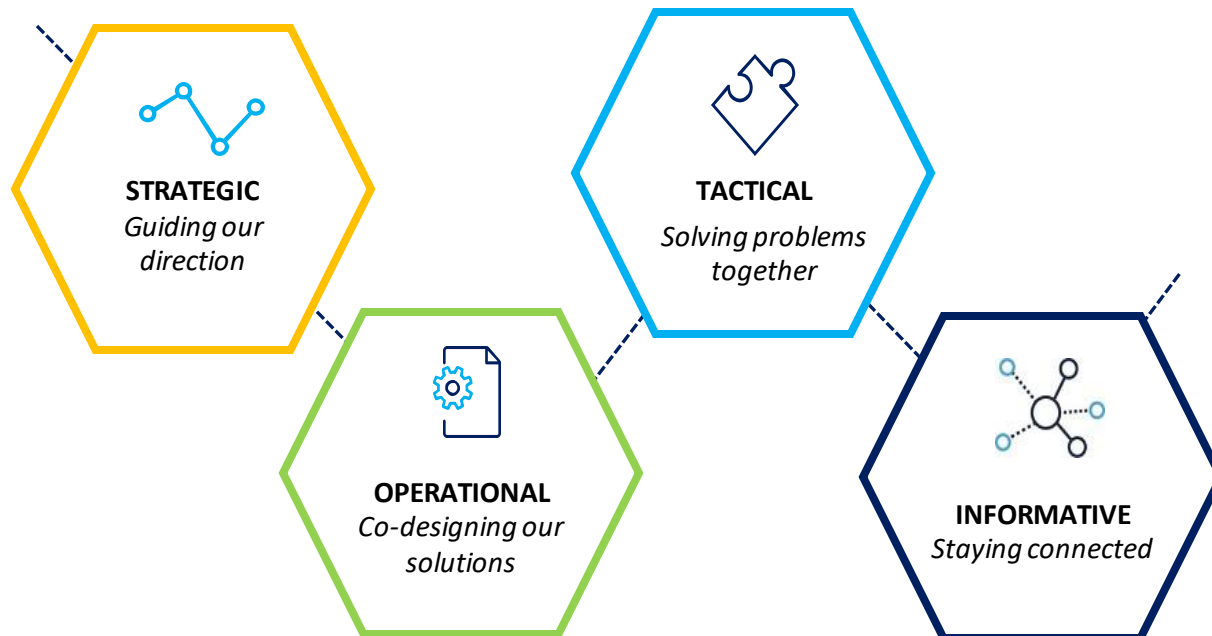
Our partners today are numerous and operate in an interconnected digital environment where data exchanges are multi-directional



CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT | Engagement model

The Digital Partnership Office (DPO) recognises the important role of Digital Partners in the digital ecosystem of Australia's taxation and superannuation systems. Accordingly, we consult and collaborate widely with the Digital Partners and other relevant stakeholders.

DPO's engagement model is designed to provide a consistent approach to consultation activities deliver outcomes throughout engagement and consultation objectives.



Strategic

- Provide advice, guidance and recommendations on the strategic direction of ATO digital
- Provide advice, guidance and recommendations on system wide IT technical issues and direction

Operational

- Program / project working groups established to co-design solutions with Digital Partners and to provide expert advice and recommendations on issues that affect a specific initiative or sub group
- Provide advice and recommendations on IT technical issues that affect a specific initiative or sub group

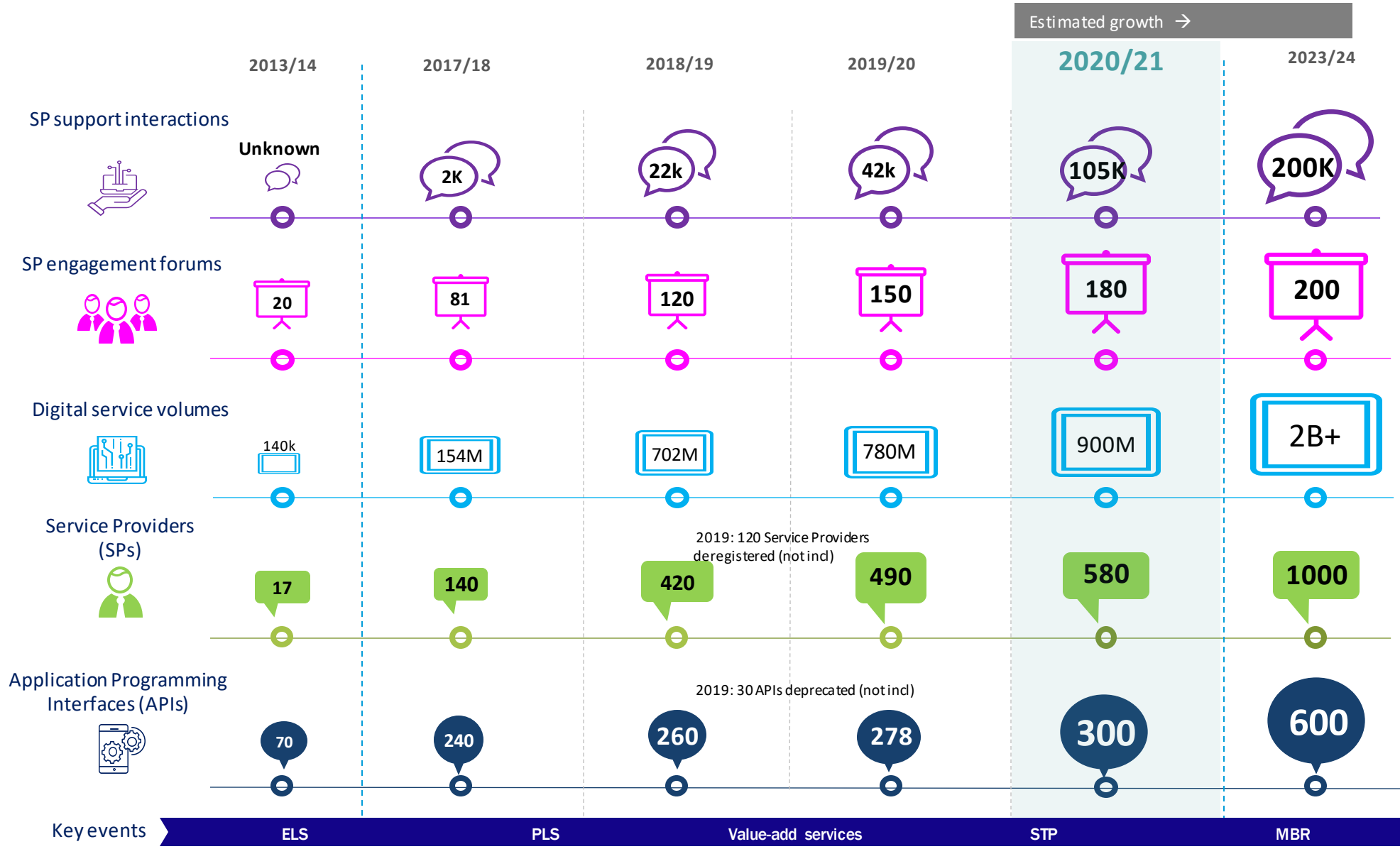
Tactical

- Small (up to 12 DSPs) group established from a working group or technical committee, by expression of interest, to explore and develop recommendations for a specific outcomes
- Very small (up to 4 DSPs) group established from the focus group or 'parent group' where in depth/short term work is required to complete specific tasks

Informative

- Open Information Forums primarily used to disseminate detailed information to a broad group of interested Digital Partners.
- Has a targeted audience and communication is in alignment and collaboration with DSPs.

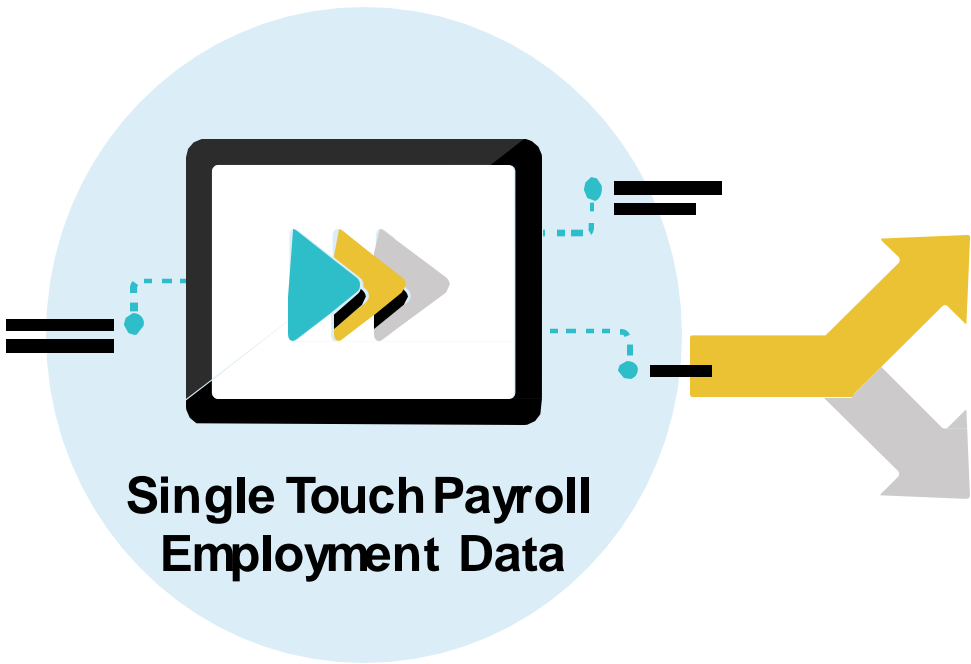
DPO CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT | Growth in digital services



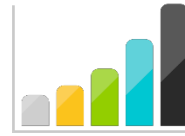
What's on the horizon

Single Touch Payroll (Phase 2)

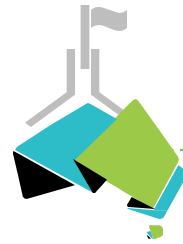
Expanding Single Touch Payroll



1 January 2022
Mandatory start date for Phase 2 reporting



Sharing this **data across government** through updated technology infrastructure



Expanding existing STP data set by collecting additional elements and more granular information to make even **better use** of employment data



Data only shared for **mutual clients**



Some changes made to enable easier implementation of any future government policy – **future proof**

Proposed approach: Flexible, reasonable & pragmatic

Mandatory start date for
Phase 2 reporting is
1 January 2022



If an employers
solution is ready
and they can
commence Phase 2
reporting before **1
March 2022**,
they will be
reporting on time.*

**There is no need to
apply for a deferral.*

If an employers
**solution is not
ready**, they will be
covered by their
software providers
deferral.

**There is no need to apply
for a deferral.*

A deferral will be
available to
employers and their
registered agents
who need
more time to get
ready.

No penalties will be
applied for genuine
mistakes for the first
year of Phase 2
reporting.

**1 Jan 2022 – 31
Dec 2022**

Phase 2 update

As at 26 September 2021

186

products registered to use EVTE

83

Service Providers registered for ECT

20

Service Providers
whitelisted

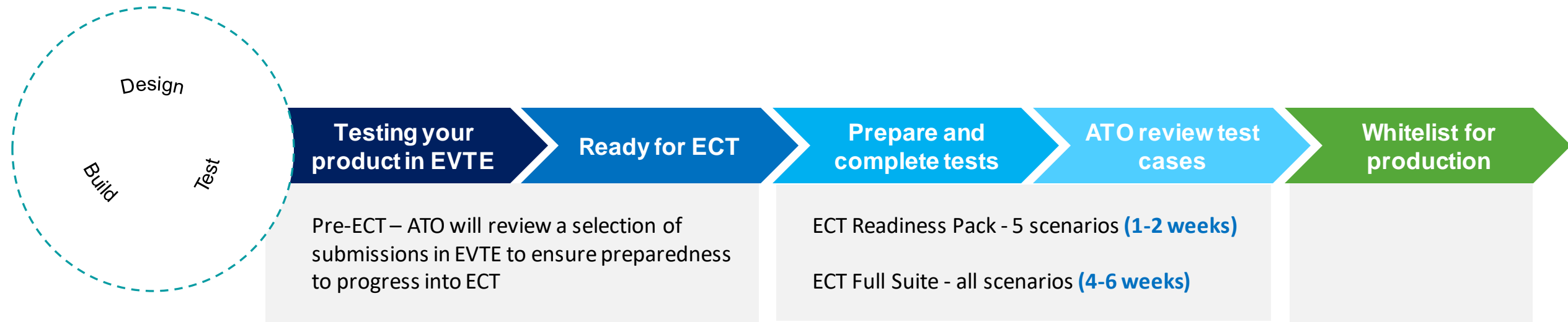
651 ABNs reporting
8,679 Individuals

- Early adopters have commenced reporting 2020 data
- ATO and Services Australia are receiving data as expected
- Register for EVTE now and let us know when you plan to be ready
- Check in with your Sending Service Provider to see when they will be ready
- STP Phase 2 deferral submissions due 31 October
If you anticipate your STP Phase 2-enabled solution won't be ready by 1 January 2022, you'll need to lodge a deferral submission by 31 October 2021.



Extended Conformance Testing

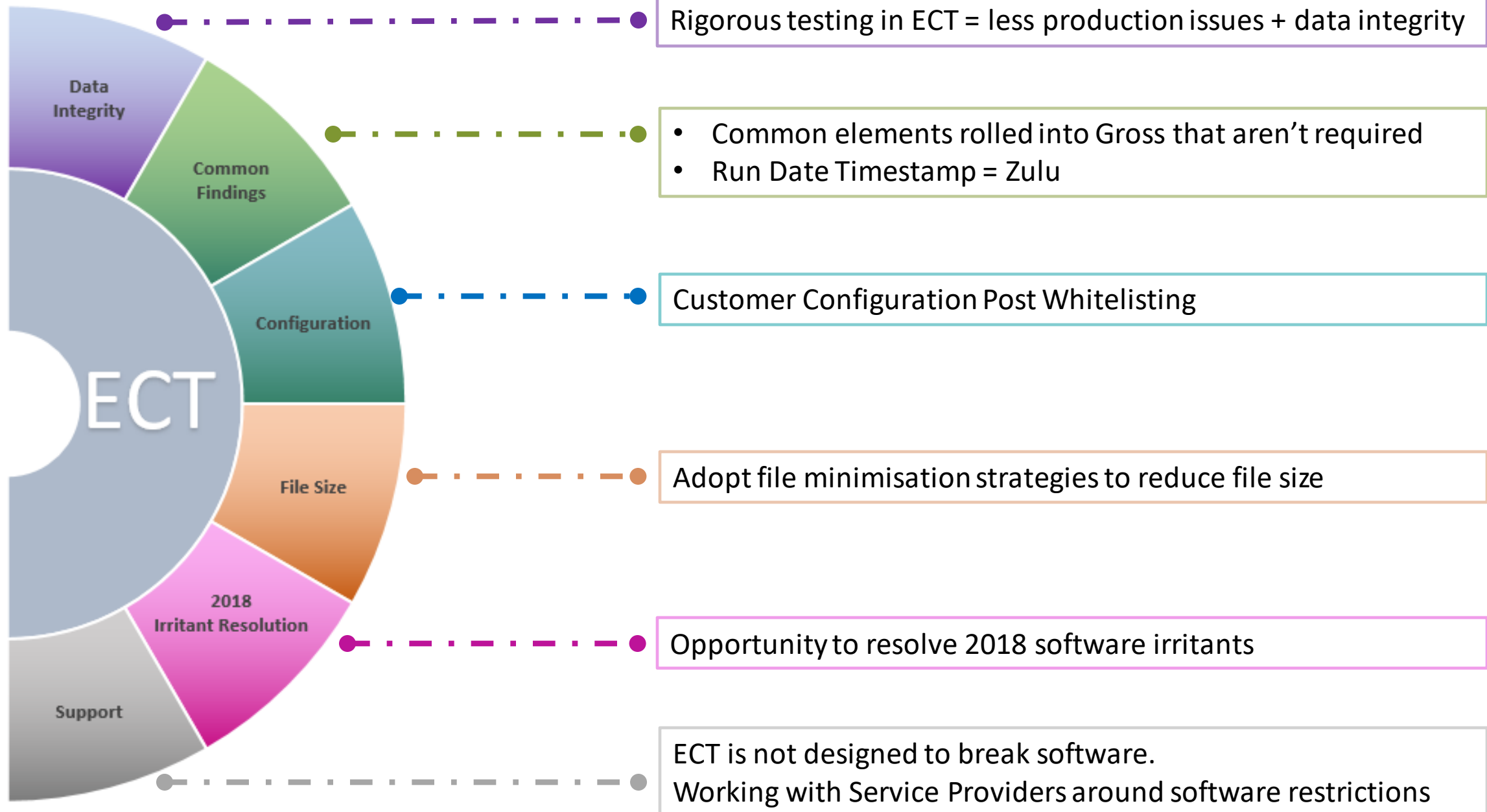
ECT Testing and preparation



Post Production Whitelisting – Go Live Support



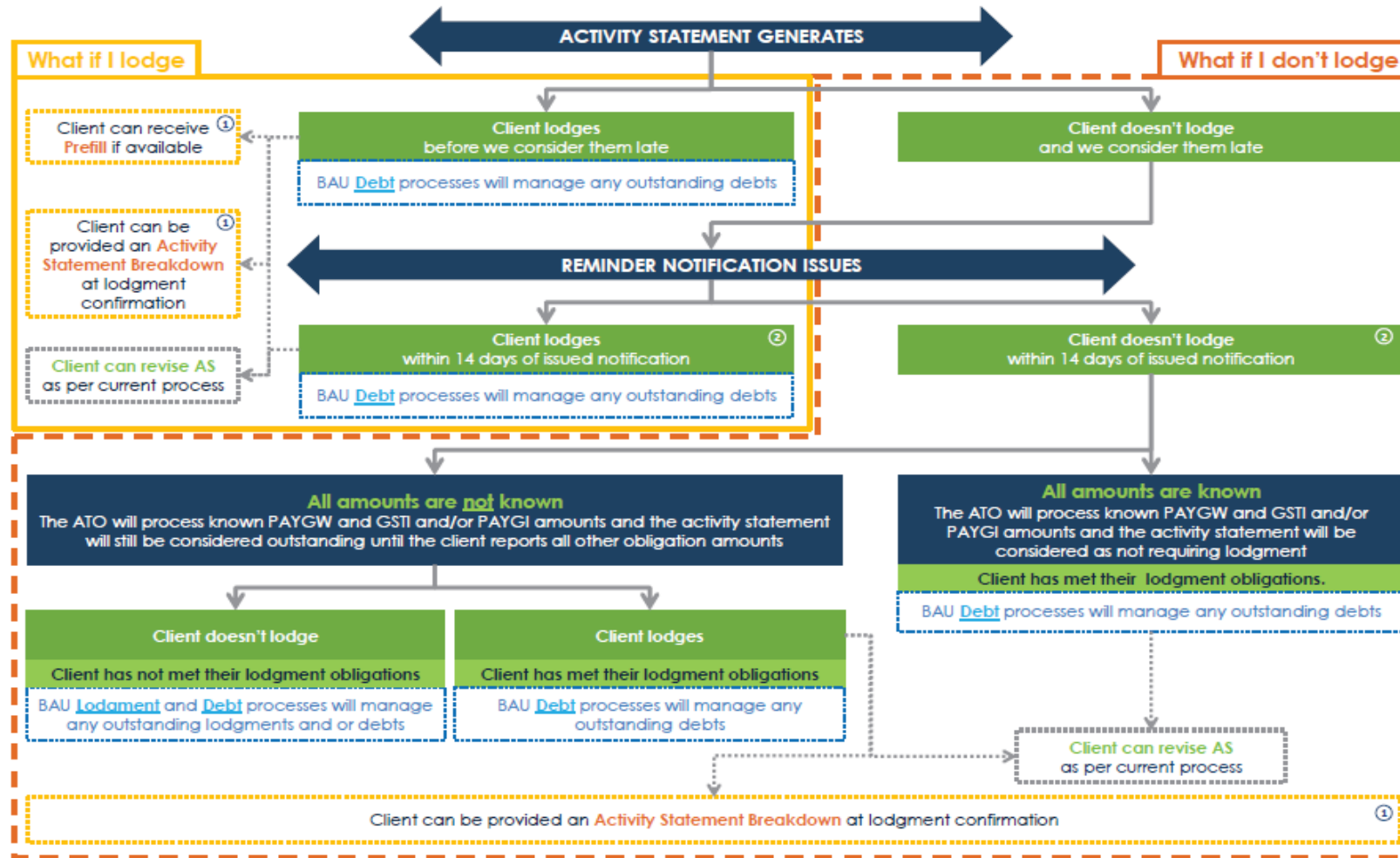
ECT Common Issues



Activity Statement Changes

OVERVIEW AND HIGH LEVEL EXPERIENCE MAP

STP REPORTER - ACTIVITY STATEMENT LODGMENT



SEP -DEC 21

JAN 22

FEB 22

MAR 22

APR 22

MAY 22

JUN 22

JUL 22

AUG 22

SEP 22

OCT 22

NOV 22

DEC 22

March 2022 Release
Prefill (Retail)#

June 2022 Release
Prefill (Wholesale) & Process Known Amounts#

September 2022 Release
Pay Event List#

I am a monthly PAYG withholder

I am a quarterly PAYG withholder



Clients and Agents

When I lodge my Activity Statement, my PAYGW is prefilled*

I will receive a reminder notification if I haven't lodged my AS**

I can view the STP reports included in my PAYGW prefill****

Known amounts will be processed onto my account, if I haven't lodged my AS***

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- I can view STP reports included in my prefill****

I will receive a reminder notification if I haven't lodged my AS**

Known amounts will be processed onto my account, if I haven't lodged my AS***

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I have the information to plan and design any Activity Statement changes I want to offer in my software product

I can begin external vendor testing for the new AS Service

I can register to be whitelisted for the new AS Service

2

When clients lodge Activity Statements from my software product I can offer an Activity Statement Breakdown

1

I can offer ATO PAYGW Prefill to clients within my software product****

3

I will know if the ATO has processed known amounts and can offer my clients a revision if they need to change it

ATO AS2022 BIG

- Activity Statement Breakdown
- PAYGW Prefill
- Indicate if ATO has processed known amounts and finalised the AS or if it remains outstanding.



All STP Reporters



STP Reporters selected for limited Process Known Amounts roll-out stage 1



Prefilled AS available for STP reporters

Time frames are estimates and could change if critical priorities emerge

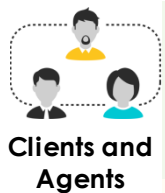
*Most **Monthly reporters** will begin to see PAYGW prefill when they lodge their Activity Statement by the 21 August 2022. Some may see prefill from mid July 2022 if they view their Activity Statement before it's time to lodge.

Most **Quarterly reporters** will begin to see PAYGW prefill when they lodge their Activity Statements from 21 October 2021. Some may see prefill from mid September 2022 if they view their Activity Statement before it's time to lodge.

****Reminder notification** is a call to action to prompt the client to lodge (confirming or correcting their PAYGW amount) and pay.

*****Known Amounts** includes PAYGW reported through STP, GST Instalments and PAYG Instalments. A staged roll-out approach will limit the number of clients that have the experience at this time.

******Digital Service Providers** can choose to offer this experience, its not mandatory.



Clients and Agents

I am a monthly PAYG withholder

I am a quarterly PAYG withholder



September 2022 Release
Parent Adjustment Service and Pay Event List[#]

I can view STP reports included in my PAYGW prefill*

I can adjust Parent level PAYGW amounts for a period previously reported in STP*



I can view STP reports included in my PAYGW prefill*



Service Providers

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ATO PAYEVNT.0004
2020[#]

I have the information to plan and design any STP reporting changes I want to offer in my software product

I can begin external vendor testing for the STP Parent Adjustment Service

I can begin product vendor testing and register to be whitelisted for STP Parent Adjustment Service and Pay Event Service

4

I can offer a view to the STP reports the ATO has processed from within my software*

5

I can offer the ability to adjust Parent notified amounts without impacting Child notified amounts within my software product*

ATO PAYEVNT.0004 2020 BIG:
• Parent Adjustment Service
• Pay Event Service

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Questions about Phase 2?

[Online services for DSPs](#)

Are you registered to use Online services for DSPs ?

It is the best way for you to access our support. It offers a quick and simple way for you to log and track your requests with the Digital Partnership Office (DPO).

Register today to minimise any delays in actioning your requests.

Thank you