

## NZ DAG Meeting Minutes & Actions

### Thursday 18 August 2023

<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Co-Chairs</b> - Allen Knight (DSPANZ) &amp; Anil Srinivasa (IRD).</p> <p><b>Members</b> - Chris Cunniffe (Tax Management NZ), Chris Mar (Datacom), Edwin McLean (The Access Group), Jason Langworthy (Xero), Jeromy Meerman (Tax Traders), Karl Farrand (Taxlab), Kathryn Cavanagh (ReadyTech), Katherine Truman (SAP), Mike Behling (MYOB).</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> - Maggie Leese (DSPANZ), Eden Treloar (DSPANZ).</p> <p><b>IR participants</b> - Glenn Richard, Mark Tapara, Nick Wilkins, Shantanu Dutta.</p> <p><b>DSPANZ participants</b> -</p>
<b>Apologies</b>	Dan Blank (Inland Revenue), Eric Troebner (Tax Management NZ), Greg Sheehan (Cinch), Josh Taylor (Tax Traders), Matthew Prouse (DSPANZ), Rian Shearman (Inland Revenue).
<b>Attachments</b>	

Item	Description
1	<p><b>Welcome and karakia</b> Anil Srinivasa thanked everyone for postponing the original meeting and opened the meeting with a karakia.</p>
2	<p><b>Acceptance of previous minutes</b> Allen Knight moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on <a href="#">8 June 2023</a>. The minutes were taken as read and accepted.</p>
3	<p><b>Action item review</b> Anil Srinivasa, Allen Knight and Glenn Richards provided updates on the following action items:</p> <p><b>20.04.2023-1:</b> There was no formal update on the intermediary liability work aside from engaging CAANZ. Once the team has completed internal work, they will look to consult externally.</p> <p><b>20.04.2023-3:</b> Dan was an apology for the meeting. Dan and Maggie Leese to organise the kick-off meeting.</p> <p><b>8.06.2023-2:</b> Anil has contacted the internal design and delivery team and will follow up for a definitive update on when the annual changes working group will restart.</p>

	<p><b>20.04.2023-2:</b> Allen will send information about a terms and conditions working group shortly, with findings to be played back at the next meeting.</p> <p>Additional items that arose after the original meeting was postponed were also addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Platform economy and GST returns:</b> there are no changes to existing GST returns, and an existing field will be used to capture OECD platform economy information. It was raised that if this legislation is extended to cover other entities, Inland Revenue will need to reconsider how this information is reported.</li> <li>● <b>Review of residential income:</b> this item has been pushed out to 2025 and will not be included in annual changes 24.</li> <li>● <b>Gateway services performance issues:</b> Inland Revenue will share an update from Dan Blank with members.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Digital ecosystem strategy update</b></p> <p>Anil presented a draft extract of slides that will be shared with Inland Revenue’s internal governance. The group was reminded the content was confidential and should not be shared outside of the DAG.</p> <p>This update primarily covered the proposed categorisation of ecosystem participants and value outcome framework parameters.</p> <p>Members thanked Inland Revenue for the update and for engaging early with this level of detail.</p> <p>The group then discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How Inland Revenue will decide on whether to build new APIs, repurpose or build upon existing APIs and extend access to existing APIs</li> <li>● How legislation currently prevents the broader use of certain APIs</li> <li>● How Inland Revenue will prioritise areas of work or problems to solve</li> <li>● How Inland Revenue will scale services to support more ecosystem participants</li> <li>● How can Inland Revenue continue to engage with DSPs and externally</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that the group will have an extended session on the digital ecosystem strategy at the face to face meeting. For those who may have commercial sensitivities, taking up a one-on-one session with the team around the face-to-face meeting was suggested.</p>
5	<p><b>Digital ecosystem external drivers</b></p> <p>Continuing the previous item, Allen asked DSP members to provide feedback on the external drivers that should feed into Inland Revenue’s digital ecosystem strategy.</p> <p>The group raised the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Improvements to work items and correspondence</li> <li>● Employers are unable to verify an ID number until they are marked as employed</li> <li>● Estimating Kiwisaver tax component and reducing human decision making in employee payment experiences</li> <li>● Different forms of employment and the split between individual and business</li> </ul>

	<p>incomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sending files as forms rather than the direct information</li> </ul> <p>Allen remarked that high collaboration with the DAG and other ecosystem participants is important for Inland Revenue to prioritise their work.</p>
6	<p><b>Inland Revenue AI strategy update</b></p> <p>Anil provided an update on Inland Revenue’s approach to Artificial Intelligence (AI). Inland Revenue has established an internal AI governance body which is currently creating a staff AI policy. There was no further update besides acknowledging that Inland Revenue’s approach to AI is still maturing.</p> <p>The Government Chief Digital Officer, Paul James, leads the whole of government approach, and there are guidelines for how public sector agencies use AI.</p>
7	<p><b>Face to face meeting update</b></p> <p>Allen reminded members to respond to the survey about the face to face meeting. Anil confirmed the following details about the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be two two-hour sessions with a lunch break</li> <li>• Inviting several officials to join</li> <li>• It will be held at the CAANZ Wellington office</li> <li>• The agenda will be finalised once we have more survey responses.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>The need for the Annual Changes working group to start up again as soon as possible was reiterated.</p> <p>It was raised that Inland Revenue should hold separate income tax and payroll sessions on the APIs they developed during business transformation and how they are currently used to inform future decision making.</p> <p><b>Action</b> Mark Tapara to contact Ange Pearson about running separate presentations.</p> <p>The Annual Changes working group will aim to hold a face to face meeting ahead of the DAG meeting.</p>
11	<p><b>Meeting Close</b></p> <p>Anil closed the meeting with a closing karakia and thanked all attendees for their attendance.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <b>12 October</b> in Wellington. An updated calendar invite with the new meeting time will be circulated shortly.</p>

### Actions

Date Raised	Description	Responsible	Open / Closed
20.04.2023-1	Richard and Anil to speak about next steps for continuing the discussion around intermediary	Richard Braae, Anil	Open

	<p>liability, if required.</p> <p><b>Update 8.06.2023:</b> Anil and Richard will discuss next steps for the intermediary liability discussion and report back at the August meeting.</p> <p><b>Update 18.08.2023:</b> There was no formal update on the intermediary liability work aside from engaging CAANZ. Once the team has completed internal work, they will look to consult externally.</p>	Srinivasa	
20.04.2023-2	<p>Circulate more information to DSP members on the purpose of a terms and conditions working group and how to get involved.</p> <p><b>Update 8.06.2023:</b> Allen to send information about a terms and conditions working group shortly.</p> <p><b>Update 18.08.2023:</b> Allen will send information about the working group shortly, with findings to be played back at the next meeting.</p>	Allen Knight	Open
20.04.2023-3	<p>Establish a security framework working group.</p> <p><b>Update 8.06.2023:</b> Dan Blank provided an update. Members can nominate for the kick-off session and working group by emailing Maggie Leese.</p> <p><b>Update 18.08.2023:</b> Dan Blank and Maggie Leese to organise the kick-off session.</p>	Dan Blank, DSPANZ	Open
8.06.2023-1	<p>Inland Revenue to provide an update on their AI work.</p> <p><b>Update 18.08.2023:</b> Anil provided an update in the meeting.</p>	Anil Srinivasa	Closed
8.06.2023-2	<p>Restart the annual changes working group, beginning with a retrospective review of what worked and did not work previously before covering the specific property changes.</p> <p><b>Update 18.08.2023:</b> Anil has contacted the internal design and delivery team and will follow up for a definitive update on when the annual changes working group will restart.</p>	Dan Blank, Anil Srinivasa	Open
18.08.2023-1	<p>Mark Tapara to contact Ange Pearson about running separate presentations on income tax and payroll APIs developed during business transformation.</p>	Mark Tapara	Open