

Privacy Impact Assessment – Summary Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia

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The Australian Tax Office (ATO) will continue to provide Single Touch Payroll (STP) data to the ABS to support the production of Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages statistics beyond September 2020. This publication will move from a COVID-19 response product to become a standard Australian Bureau of Statistics release with data published fortnightly in the Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (cat no 6160.0.55.001) publication.

This dataset continues to draw on administrative data collected through the STP system managed by the ATO. This information is provided to the ATO by businesses with STP-enabled payroll or accounting software each time the business runs its payroll system. STP data includes both business and job level tax and superannuation information. There have been no fundamental changes to the production process of these statistics.

The ATO has also approved the integration of STP data as part of a jobs related data integration project. The STP data will be linked by ABS to other employment and labour market information and the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). The project will have the full protections of the MADIP data integration infrastructure and arrangements to ensure the data is kept safe. A summary of the <u>Jobs related data integration project -Privacy Impact Assessment</u> for this integration project was published on the ABS website in September 2020.