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AAPB BAG Meeting Notes March 2007

On 8 March 2007 Maria Benardis attended the BAG telephone hook-up. Issues discussed included:

- An update was provided in relation to the BAS Service Provider visits initiative
- The New BAS service provider subscription newsletter service
- ATO also informed the committee that the new Legislation to regulate the Tax profession would be released either late March or early April.
- On 30 March the ATO forwarded BAG members an email outlining information in relation to the subscription email newsletter. The email stated

"The BAS service provider" which was officially launched on 30 March 2007 and distributed to over 2200 subscribers. We conducted extensive concept and user testing, and the end product reflects the very constructive feedback we received. Thank you to the BAG members that provided feedback.

Information about the newsletter, and how to receive it is available on www.ato.gov.au at 'Bookkeeping Essentials > BAS service provider newsletter subscription service.

The BAS service provider aims to:

- increase awareness of our products and services, with a focus on those specifically designed to meet their business requirements
- raise awareness of significant legislative and procedural developments
- encourage their participation in co-designing tailored products/services for BSPs, and improve *their experience of working with us*".

The ATO has since released the ***New BAS service provider 2007/1 newsletter***.

A key issue discussed in the newsletter is the proposed major reforms that will affect bookkeepers providing BAS services for a fee.

To subscribe to the newsletter please go to:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/businesses/content.asp?doc=/content/00095917.htm&page=10&H10>

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