

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Inquiry	Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services - Oversight of ASIC, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation
Hearing Date	23 February 2023
Topic	Historical consultation process
Reference	Pages 53 and 54 of Hansard transcript

Question

CHAIR: It's been put to us that what the ASX called consultation certainly with market participants, Link Market Services, Computershare, Boardroom and also Stockbrokers and Investment Advisers Association, and that what is characterised as consultation in a process is really more appropriately described as information delivery to those participants, and that part of the cultural problem that allowed this to go on for so long was that the ASX essentially wasn't listening in consultation; that it can look like it's there on paper, but it actually didn't occur. Have you received that feedback directly from participants and what have you done to address it?

Ms Lofthouse: Certainly, one of the things I've been doing since becoming CEO has been going to talk to many of our major customers and other stakeholders, including some of the registries.

CHAIR: I'd call that stakeholder management, and I commend you on it; it's a vital part of the work that we all do. But the processes for what's called consultation are a failure point, based on what we've received as evidence today.

Ms Lofthouse: Just to continue answering your question, I would say I absolutely have heard from a number of them that they felt like we weren't listening. That's certainly feedback I've heard directly, and I acknowledge we need to do more to lift the transparency with which we act with stakeholders, and also our skills and effectiveness around that stakeholder engagement. There is certainly more that we can do. I would just specifically note, though, on the consultation process, I would like to take you through some of the process we went through around consultation, because I think it will be helpful to understand that.

CHAIR: I'm absolutely keen to get that, but given the time restraints could I ask you to give that to the committee on notice? I'm going to return to Senator Scarr for another two questions, and then to the Deputy Chair. So, please provide that on notice. Senator Scarr.

Answer

The business requirements for CHESS replacement were driven by feedback from industry stakeholders in consultation processes carried out by ASX between 2016 and 2019.

- At the outset of the CHESS replacement project in 2016, ASX issued a consultation paper that proposed a largely like-for-like replacement system for existing CHESS, with the introduction of global messaging standards (ISO20022)
- Feedback from clearing and settlement participant stakeholders evidenced that they did not broadly support a like-for-like replacement system. The clearing and settlement participants expressed a desire for CHESS replacement to deliver service enhancements and business process efficiencies.
- In 2017, ASX held a series of industry working groups to identify the business requirements that stakeholders thought should be considered for CHESS replacement and their relative prioritisation. These working groups had diverse membership and included custodians, brokers, clearing and settlement participants, industry associations as well as the three largest share registries.

- In April 2018, ASX asked industry stakeholders if there were any other business requirements they wanted
 considered for CHESS replacement that were not already captured by the industry working groups held in
 2017.
- In September 2018, ASX confirmed the Day 1 scope for CHESS replacement based on industry feedback received through the consultation processes undertaken in 2017-2018.

To support the changes in business requirements for CHESS replacement identified through industry consultation, ASX carried out three detailed public consultation processes on draft proposed rule amendments between late 2019 and 2021.

- During the consultations, share registries raised concerns regarding some of the proposed solution designs
 for the service enhancements included in the Day 1 scope, which clearing and settlement participants had
 sought. These related to dividend and distribution reinvestment plan (DRP) elections, bonus share plan (BSP)
 elections and electronic acceptance and payment for entitlement offers.
- In response to this feedback, ASX put forward changes to the solution design for the DRP and BSP elections. In addition, the proposed functionality for electronic acceptance and payment for entitlement offers was not included in the Day 1 scope for the replacement system.
- More broadly, ASX actively made changes to proposed rule amendments based on industry stakeholders' feedback in several other areas.

Attachment A to this response provides a detailed summary of ASX's engagement with industry stakeholders on CHESS replacement from 2016 to 2023. It includes hyperlinks to various supporting documents and presentation materials.



CHESS Replacement: Summary of Stakeholder Engagement

As of 28 February 2023



Stakeholder Engagement

ASX recognised the importance of meaningful engagement with customers and other stakeholders in the management of its Clearing House Electronic Subregister System (CHESS) for the Australian market.

ASX utilised a range of mechanisms and forums to obtain user input, ensuring CHESS meets the needs of the diverse range of customers and other stakeholders in the Australian market. These consultative mechanisms included bilateral customer engagement, industry working groups, broad based public consultation processes and a structured regular engagement through the ASX Business Committee.

An extensive stakeholder engagement strategy was established by ASX, this included the formation of new committees, working groups and focus groups. The CHESS Replacement website will contain further information specific to the project regarding past and future stakeholder engagement activities.

Acknowledging the significance of the CHESS replacement project, its resulting impact on stakeholders and the Australian market, ASX has responded by designing these engagement activities with relevant stakeholders.

Market Consultation (See Appendix A)

Consultation Paper 2016 – Business Requirements

In September 2016, ASX issued a <u>consultation paper</u> seeking industry feedback on their requirements for CHESS replacement. This culminated in a series of industry working groups in 2017.

Consultation Paper 2018 – New Scope & Implementation Plan

In April 2018, ASX released a <u>consultation paper</u> to understand if there were any additional business requirements not captured from the 2017 industry working groups as well as seeking feedback on other focus areas of the project such as the implementation approach.

In September 2018, ASX released its <u>response</u> to consultation feedback including confirming the 'Day 1' scope and implementation timeline.

Consultation Paper 2020 – Business Requirements

On 30 June 2020, ASX released its consultation paper on the CHESS Replacement Revised Implementation Timetable. The paper communicates key project activities and milestones including system development and testing, user testing, technical accreditation, operational readiness, and operating rule amendments.

On 28 October 2020, ASX released its <u>response</u> to consultation feedback from the Revised Implementation Timetable Consultation Paper. This response provides a summary of the feedback received, the key factors driving the project extension and the confirmed implementation schedule for CHESS replacement.

ASX received feedback from 100 organisations who responded to the consultation. The replanning process involved detailed discussions with ASX technology partners, the completion of a comprehensive project review and engagement with the regulatory agencies.

Rule Amendment and Public Consultation Timeline

ASX published three separate tranches of operating rule amendments, including a combined package of all three tranches.



The consultation papers invited feedback from users and other stakeholders, including any unintended consequences.

ASX's response to consultation feedback contained:

- a summary of feedback received in stakeholder submissions;
- ASX's response to such feedback; and
- The draft rules changes made to the ASX Settlement Operating Rules and Procedures and ASX Clear Operating Rules and Procedures, which take into account feedback received.

Public Consultation on Tranche 1

On 15 November 2019, ASX released a <u>consultation paper</u> on the first of three tranches of operating rule amendments required to facilitate the implementation of the new system that was to replace CHESS in April 2021. These related to accounts, participants, securities and pre-settlement aspects for 'Day 1' CHESS replacement system functionality.

Written submissions closed on 17 January 2020.

On 22 May 2020, ASX released its response to consultation feedback received on the tranche 1 draft rule amendments.

ASX received a total of 12 submissions from a range of stakeholders including participants, registries, industry bodies and vendors. Seven of these submissions were provided on a confidential basis. The submissions provided on a non-confidential basis were made available on the <u>ASX website</u>.

Public Consultation on Tranche 2

On 21 February 2020, ASX released a <u>consultation paper</u> on the second of three tranches of operating rule amendments required to facilitate the implementation of the new system that will replace CHESS. These relate to corporate actions, mFund and RTGS payment aspects for 'Day 1' implementation of CHESS replacement system functionality. RTGS will support payments for corporate actions involving entitlement acceptances as well as payments for bilateral demand settlement instructions (addressed in tranche 1 rule amendments).

Written submissions closed on 29 May 2020.

On 24 September 2020, ASX released its response to consultation feedback received on the tranche 2 rule amendments.

ASX received 11 written submissions from a range of stakeholders including registries, participants, payment providers, an industry body and an approved listing market operator. Eight of these submissions were confidential. ASX has published non-confidential submissions on the <u>ASX website</u>.

Public Consultation on Tranche 3 and Combined Rules Package

On 31 August 2021, ASX released a consultation paper on the tranche 3 of operating rule amendments, together with the combined package of rule amendments across all three tranches. The amendments in tranche 3 relate to netting, settlement, reporting and miscellaneous amendments for 'Day 1' implementation of the new system, including as advised in the 2021 consultations, to reflect changes to netting and settlement workflows. As part of the miscellaneous amendments, they also included transitional rules addressing migration features to the new system. The combined package of rule amendments across all three tranches provided stakeholders with the complete set of rules, procedures, explanatory documents and technical specifications for the business functionality to make a comprehensive assessment of the proposed operating rule changes relating to CHESS replacement.

Written submissions closed on 14 December 2021.



On 30 June 2022, ASX released its response to consultation feedback received on the tranche 3 rule amendments.

ASX received 8 written submissions from stakeholders including participants, payment providers, industry bodies and a registry. Five of these submissions were provided on a confidential basis. ASX has published non-confidential submissions on the <u>ASX website</u>.

Consultation Paper 2021 - Proposed Changes to Netting and Settlement Workflow

On 18 February 2021, ASX released a <u>consultation paper</u> that outlined proposed modifications to the CHESS replacement system to support the registration and clearing and settlement of significantly greater trading volumes than had been anticipated at the commencement of the project. The proposed changes were made in response to the extreme record trading activity in March 2020 and the feedback received from the market that the post-trade processing capacity of the new system should not constrain trading activity.

On 30 June 2021, ASX released its response to consultation feedback on the changes to netting and settlement workflows.

The response contained the confirmed solution design including the revisions ASX made in response to the feedback received, a summary of the key themes from the consultation process and ASX's reply.

ASX received submissions from 30 organisations as part of the consultation.

ISO 20022 Technical Committee

ASX established the ISO 20022 Technical Committee to engage with industry stakeholders on the adoption of the ISO 20022 global messaging standard. The ISO 20022 Technical Committee comprised of a large cross section of industry representatives, including clearing participants, settlement participants, payment providers, unaffiliated market operators, software vendors, share registries, Australian Payments Network and SWIFT. (See Appendix B)

The key objectives, activities and governance of the Committee are outlined in the Charter.

The last Technical Committee was held on 26 March 2021.

Business Committee

Business Committee meetings are held quarterly, unless the Committee determines that more meetings are required to discuss particular matters. The meetings facilitate regular updates on CHESS Replacement. All agenda, meeting papers and minutes for Business Committee meetings are made publicly available. (See Appendix C)

Further details, including the role of the Business Committee and its members can be found here.

CHESS Replacement Technical Committee

The CHESS Replacement Technical Committee is a sub-committee of the ASX Business Committee, whose members are representative of impacted stakeholders. The CHESS Replacement Technical Committee was established in February 2022 and provides a forum for ASX and industry to discuss the solution redesign and the implementation of the CHESS replacement project. These discussions consist of review, debate and input on project planning, design, assumptions and scope of the CHESS Replacement project. The CHESS Replacement Committee explores the impact on stakeholders regarding the solution and their readiness activities, whilst ensuring transparency of key project risks, issues, constraints and diverse industry demands. (See Appendix D)

A calendar of future meetings can be located on the CHESS Replacement website.



Working Groups

In 2017, ASX held a series of industry working groups to capture business requirements from a range of industry stakeholders.

In October 2018, ASX convened the **Connectivity and Integration working group** to work collaboratively with all relevant stakeholders on their assessment of the different connectivity options for integration, and to assist stakeholders in their own system development and connectivity activities. (See Appendix E)

In March 2019, ASX convened the **Implementation and Transition Working Group** to develop a collaborative, market-wide implementation and transition plan to support all stakeholders with their own timelines. (See Appendix F)

In September 2021, ASX convened the **Software Provider working group** for third party vendors who supplied software to CHESS users or to those CHESS users that developed software in-house that interfaced directly with CHESS. This allowed for an open and transparent forum that discussed specific testing requirements covering system testing, functional testing using migrated data and performance testing. (See Appendix G)

Meeting materials from past meetings of the above Working Groups was published on the CHESS Replacement website.

Focus Groups

In late 2018, ASX commenced a series of Focus Group sessions for ASX to test solution design on selected new business requirements and existing services prior to the release of the functional and messaging specifications as part of the technical documentation release. (See Appendix H1)

The last focus group in a series of meetings was held in December 2019. A calendar of past meetings and topics was published on the CHESS Replacement website.

Appendix



Appendix A CHESS Replacement Communications

The following lists communications since December 2018 about the CHESS Replacement project.

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers
16 February 2023	CHESS Replacement project update - ASX half year results	Stakeholder communication
1 February 2023	CHESS Replacement – Independent Assessment of ASX's Assurance Program – December 2022 Report	Independent Expert Report
1 February 2023	CHESS Replacement – Independent Assessment of ASX's Assurance Program – December 2022 Report	Stakeholder communication
17-Nov-22	CHESS Replacement project – ASX Market Announcement	ASX Market Announcement
17-Nov-22	Publication of Accenture's findings – ASX CHESS replacement application delivery review	Independent Expert Report
17-Nov-22	CHESS replacement project update: Publication of Accenture's findings – ASX CHESS replacement application delivery review	Stakeholder communication
5-Oct-22	CHESS Replacement project update – October 2022	Stakeholder communication
3-Aug-22	CHESS Replacement project – ASX Market Announcement	ASX Market Announcement
3-Aug-22	CHESS Replacement project update – August 2022	Stakeholder communication
20-Jul-22	CHESS Replacement: Assessment of Implementation Options for Cutover – Information Paper	Information Paper
20-Jul-22	CHESS Replacement: Assessment of Implementation Options for Cutover – Information Paper	Stakeholder communication
13-Jul-22	EY - Independent Assessment of ASX's Assurance Program – June Progress Report	Independent Expert Report
13-Jul-22	EY - Independent Assessment of ASX's Assurance Program – June Progress Report	Stakeholder communication
30-Jun-22	Response to consultation feedback received on tranche 3 and combined rules package	<u>Response</u>
30-Jun-22	Response to consultation feedback received on tranche 3 and combined rules package	Stakeholder communication
20-Jun-22	CHESS replacement project update – stakeholder engagement activities	Stakeholder communication



2-Jun-22	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A – 18 May 2022	<u>Q&A – 18 May 2022</u>
2-Jun-22	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 23 May 2022	Q&A – 23 May 2022
11-May-22	CHESS Replacement project update – confirmation of delay to April 2023 go-live	Stakeholder communication
20-Apr-22	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 7 April 2022	<u>I&T – 7 April 2022</u>
4-Apr-22	PISP Readiness Working Group Q&A - 23 March 2022	Q&A – 23 March 2022
31-Mar-22	Clearing & Settlement Readiness Working Group Q&A - 16 March 2022	Q&A – 16 March 2022
28-Mar-22	CHESS Replacement project update – changes to software release timing and implications for project milestones	Stakeholder communication
22-Mar-22	EY - Independent assessment of ASX's Assurance Program for its Implementation of the CHESS Replacement Program	Independent Expert Report
22-Mar-22	EY - Independent assessment of ASX's Assurance Program for its Implementation of the CHESS Replacement Program	Stakeholder communication
7-Mar-22	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 23 February 2022	<u>I&T – 23 February 2022</u>
4-Mar-22	Clearing & Settlement Readiness Working Group Q&A - 16 February 2022	CSPR WG – 16 February 2022
23-Feb-22	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A – 9 February 2022	Q&A – 9 February 2022
31-Jan-22	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A – 19 January 2022	Q&A – 19 January 2022
21-Dec-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - December 2021	Newsletter - December 2021
21-Dec-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 27 October 2021	Q&A – 15 December 2021
21-Dec-21	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A - 17 November 2021	Q&A – 27 November 2021
17-Dec-21	Cutover and Migration Strategy	Information paper
30-Nov-21	ASX CHESS Replacement – Industry Test Environment (ITE1) is now open	<u>Media Release</u>



30-Nov-21	ASX CHESS Replacement – Industry Test Environment (ITE1) is now open	Stakeholder communication
25-Nov-21	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A - 17 November 2021	Q&A – 17 November 2021
2-Nov-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 27 October 2021	Q&A – 27 October 2021
26-Oct-21	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A - 13 October 2021	Q&A – 13 October 2021
15-Oct-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - October 2021	Newsletter - October 2021
11-Oct-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 29 September 2021	<u>Q&A – 29 September 2021</u>
29-Sep-21	ASX CHESS Replacement System Access Pricing	Information sheet
23-Sep-21	Software Provider Readiness Working Group Q&A – 15 September 2021	Q&A – 15 September 2021
2-Sep-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - September 2021	Newsletter - September 2021
31-Aug-21	Public Consultation on Tranche 3 and Combined Rules Package	Consultation paper
31-Aug-21	Electronic delivery of CHESS holding statements and notifications: technical and process factsheet	<u>Factsheet</u>
6-Aug-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 28 July 2021	Q&A – 28 July 2021
12-Jul-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - July 2021	Newsletter - July 2021
9-Jul-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A - 30 June 2021	Q&A – 30 June 2021
30-Jun-21	Industry Test Strategy Information paper	Information paper
30-Jun-21	CHESS Replacement: Confirmed changes to netting and settlement workflow - Response to consultation feedback	Response
11-Jun-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - June 2021	Newsletter - June 2021
10-Jun-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A - 3 June 2021	Q&A – 3 June 2021



23-Apr-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project newsletter - April 2021	Newsletter - April 2021
9-Apr-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A - 31 March 2021	Q&A – 31 March 2021
7-Apr-21	CHESS Replacement Issuer Readiness – Information Sheet	Information sheet
1-Mar-21	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 23 February 2021	Q&A – 23 February 2021
25-Feb-21	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter – February 2021	Newsletter – February 2021
18-Feb-21	ASX Consultation Paper on CHESS Replacement: Proposed changes to netting and settlement workflow.	Consultation Paper
23 December 2020	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 16 December 2020	Q&A – 16 December 2020
18 December 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter – December 2020	Newsletter – December 2020
16 December 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement fact sheet for Payment Providers	<u>Fact sheet</u>
4 December 2020	ASX Data Governance under CHESS & CHESS Replacement	<u>Information Paper</u>
5 November 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - November 2020	Newsletter - November 2020
28 October 2020	ASX response to consultation feedback: CHESS Replacement Confirmed Implementation Timetable	<u>Response</u>
28 October 2020	Media release - ASX announces new scope and go-live date for CHESS Replacement	Media Release
27 October 2020	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 7 October 2020	Q&A – 7 October 2020
25 September 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - September 2020	Newsletter - September 2020
24 September 2020	Response to consultation feedback received on tranche 2 draft rule amendments	<u>Response</u>
4 September 2020	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 26 August 2020	Q&A – 26 August 2020
25 August 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - August 2020	Newsletter - August 2020



7 August 2020	Implementation & Transition Working Group Q&A – 29 July 2020	Q&A – 29 July 2020
5 August 2020	Media release - CHESS Replacement replan consultation early observations	Media release
28 July 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - July 2020	Newsletter - July 2020
27 July 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement fact sheet for participants	Fact sheet
30 June 2020	ASX Consultation Paper on CHESS Replacement Revised Implementation Timetable	Consultation paper
23 June 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement fact sheet for Issuers	Fact sheet
22 May 2020	Response to consultation feedback received on Tranche 1 draft rule amendments	<u>Response</u>
22 May 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - May 2020	Newsletter - May 2020
24 April 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - April 2020	Newsletter – April 2020
27 March 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - March 2020	Newsletter – March 2020
25 March 2020	ASX to consult on CHESS replacement implementation timetable	Media release
25 February 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - February 2020	Newsletter – February 2020
28 January 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - January 2020	Newsletter – January 2020
19 December 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - December 2019	Newsletter – December 2019
22 November 2020	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - November 2019	Newsletter – November 2019
7 November 2019	ASX National Issuer Roadshow Oct/Nov 2019 - CHESS Replacement update	<u>Presentation slides</u>
23 October 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - October 2019	Newsletter – October 2019
20 September 201 9	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - September 2019	Newsletter – September 2019
3 September 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement System Access Pricing	Pricing letter – September 2019
26 August 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - August 2019	Newsletter – August 2019



26 August 2019	ASX Media Release - ASX, Digital Asset & VMWare join forces on DLT	Media release
19 July 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - July 2019	Newsletter – July 2019
17 July 2019	Toronto Centre Podcast: Introducing the Newest Technology to Capital Markets: The Industry's Perspective - July 31, 2019	Podcast – July 2019
5 July 2019	Technical Documentation - What's New update	What's new
20 June 2019	ASX CHESS Replacement Project Newsletter - June 2019	Newsletter – June 2019
7 May 2019	ASX Media Release – Successful opening of CDE for DLT testing	Media release
30 April 2019	Technical Documentation update – Direct Connectivity & Testing	What's new
4 April 2019	Digital Asset Media Release – DAML Open Source	Media release
29 March 2019	Technical Documentation – Release 2	What's new
13 March 2019	Technical Documentation update – Connectivity, Environments & Testing	What's new
12 March 2019	ASX details on the costs to access the CHESS Replacement system for clearing and settlement participants	ASX letter
20 December 2018	Technical Documentation update – Revisions	What's new
12 December 2018	Overview of Technical Documentation	Webinar recording Presentation slides
3 October 2018	Overview on connectivity options	Webinar recording Presentation slides



Appendix B ISO 20022 Technical Committee

Date & Time	Meeting agenda and attendees	Meeting documents	Meeting minutes
Friday 26 March 2021, 2- 4pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 7 April 2020, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 25 February 2020, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 28 January 2020, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 10 December 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 26 November 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Friday 1 November 2019, 2pm-4pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 1 October 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 27 August 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes



Tuesday 23 July 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 25 June 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 28 May 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 7 May 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 26 March 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 8 February 2019, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 27 November 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 9 October 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 4 September 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 31 July 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 26 June 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes



Tuesday 22 May 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 17 April 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 6 February 2018, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21 November 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 10 October 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 22 August 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 18 July 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 6 June 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 2 May 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 14 March 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation SWIFT MyStandards overview	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 7 February 2017, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation SWIFT ISO 20022 overview	Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 13 December 2016, 3pm-5pm	Meeting agenda	Meeting presentation	Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 24 September 2014, 3pm-5pm			Meeting Minutes

Source: https://www2.asx.com.au/markets/clearing-and-settlement-services/chess-replacement



Appendix C Business Committee

Meetings of the Business Committee are held quarterly, unless the Committee determines that more meetings are required to discuss particular matters. The meetings facilitate regular updates on CHESS Replacement. All agenda, meeting papers and minutes for Business Committee meetings are made publicly available.

C1 The 2023 Business Committee meeting dates:

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers	Minutes
30 January 2023	1:30pm – 3pm	Agenda & papers	(to follow)
22 March 2023	12pm – 2pm		
19 July 2023	12pm – 2pm		
11 October 2023	12pm – 2pm		
7 December 2022	4pm – 6pm		

C2 The 2022 Business Committee meetings, agendas, papers and minutes:

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers	Minutes
13 April 2022	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	Minutes
13 July 2022	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	Minutes
5 October 2022	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	Minutes
7 December 2022	4pm – 6pm	Agenda & papers	(to follow)

C3 The 2021 Business Committee meetings, agendas, papers and minutes:

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers	Minutes
14 April 2021	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
14 July 2021	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
6 October 2021	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
8 December 2021	4pm – 6pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>



C4 The 2020 Business Committee meetings, agendas, papers and minutes:

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers	Minutes
8 April 2020	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
22 July 2020	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
28 October 2020	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
7 December 2020	4pm – 6pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>

C5 The 2019 Business Committee meetings, agendas, papers and minutes:

Date & Time	Time	Agenda & Papers	Minutes
27 November 2019	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
19 September 2019	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
18 July 2019	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>
4 April 2019	12pm – 2pm	Agenda & papers	<u>Minutes</u>

Source: https://www.asx.com.au/cs/business-committee-meetings.htm



Appendix D CHESS Replacement Technical Committee

Date & Time	Meeting agenda and attendees	Meeting documents	Meeting minutes
Wednesday 22 February 2023, 12pm – 4pm	<u>Agenda</u>	(to follow)	
Wednesday 8 March 2023, 12pm – 4pm	<u>Agenda</u>		
Wednesday 12 April 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 10 May 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 7 June 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 12 July 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 9 August 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 13 September 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 4 October 2023, 12pm -4pm			
Wednesday 8 November 2023, 12pm -4pm			



Appendix E
Connectivity & Integration Working Group

Date & Time	Topic	Attendees*	Venue/Format	Presentation Material
Wednesday 13 May 2020, 2pm- 3pm	CDE 7 updates	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 13 May 2020</u>
Wednesday 19 February 2020, 2pm-3pm	CDE 6 updates	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 19 February</u> <u>2020</u>
Wednesday 4 December 2019, 2pm-3.30pm	Browser and reporting	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 4 December</u> <u>2019</u>
Wednesday 20 November 2019, 2pm-3.30pm	ISO 20022 message signing High Availability / Resiliency	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 20 November</u> <u>2019</u>
Wednesday 9 October 2019, 2pm-4pm	Security & Ledger API updates	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 9 October 2019</u>
Wednesday 4 September, 2019, 2pm-4pm	Product Issuer Settlement Participants (PISPs)	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 4 September</u> <u>2019</u>
Wednesday 7 August 2019, 3pm-4.30pm	CDE 3 Testing	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 7 August 2019</u>
Thursday 11 July 2019, 2pm-4pm	AMQP design patterns (cont.)	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I - 11 July 2019</u>
Wednesday 3 July 2019, 2pm-3pm	AMQP design patterns	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 3 July 2019</u>
Wednesday 5 June 2019, 2pm-3pm	CDE updates, multichannel support and general Q&A	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 5 June 2019</u>



Wednesday 1 May 2019, 2pm-3pm	CDE environment update, update on Digital Asset DAML SDK, Direct (Node connectivity) and general Q&A	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 1 May 2019</u>
Wednesday 3 April 2019, 2pm-3.30pm	CDE update, Accreditation and Infrastructure Requirements	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 3 April 2019</u>
Wednesday 6 March, 2019, 2pm-4pm	CDE Overview and Application process	By invitation	Webinar	<u>C&I – 6 March 2019</u>
Tuesday 5 February, 2019, 2pm-4pm	ISO message signing, ASX Net onboarding, Working Group member topics and general Q&A	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 5 February 2019</u>
Wednesday 12 December 2018, 2pm-4pm	Technical Documentation	By invitation	Webinar	<u>C&I – 12 December</u> <u>2018</u>
Tuesday 4 December 2018, 2pm-4pm	Direct (node) Connectivity	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 4 December</u> <u>2018</u>
Tuesday 13 November 2018, 2pm-4pm	SWIFTNet	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 13 November</u> <u>2018</u>
Wednesday 31 October 2018, 2pm-4pm	AMQP Messaging	By invitation	ASX Office/Skype	<u>C&I – 31 October</u> <u>2018</u>
Thursday 18 October 2018, 2pm-3pm	Direct Integration, Ledger API, mutualisation of data, data streaming and example applications	By invitation	Webinar	<u>C&I – 18 October</u> <u>2018</u>
Wednesday 3 October 2018, 3pm-4pm	General project update	By invitation	Webinar	<u>C&I – 3 October, 2018</u>

^{*} Invitees: includes representatives from clearing and settlement participants, AMOs, software vendors and share registries Source: https://www2.asx.com.au/markets/clearing-and-settlement-services/chess-replacement



Appendix F
Implementation & Transition Working Group

Date & Time	Topic	Attendees*	Venue/ Format	Presentation Material	Webinar Recording
Wednesday, 23 November 2022, 2- 3.30pm	Independent ASX CHESS replacement application delivery review	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T –</u> 23 November 20 22	1&T – 23 Novembe r 2022
Wednesday 3 August 2022, 2-3pm	Project update	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T – 3 August</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>I&T - 3</u> August 2022
Monday, 23 May 2022, 1-2pm	Project update	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T – 23 May</u> 2022	<u>1&T - 23 May</u> <u>2022</u>
Thursday, 7 April 2022, 2-3pm	Project update	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T – 7 April</u> 2022	<u>1&T - 7 April</u> <u>2022</u>
Wednesday, 23 February 2022, 2-3pm	Overview on how to create service accounts and associated certificates for ITE2.	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 23</u> <u>February 2022</u>	<u>I&T - 23</u> <u>February 20</u> <u>22</u>
Wednesday, 15 December 2021, 2-3.30pm	Update on ITE1, operational readiness scenarios, and key themes on the feedback provided from the recently held focus groups on migration & cutover	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 15</u> <u>December 2021</u>	<u>1&T - 15</u> <u>December</u> <u>2021</u>
Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 2-3pm	Project update, focus group objectives, recap on the approach to cutover & migration	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T - 27 October</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>I&T - 27</u> <u>October</u> <u>2021</u>
Wednesday, 29 September 2021, 2-3.30pm	Update on the consultation paper on the third tranche & combined package of operating rule amendments & market documentation.	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T – 29 Sept</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>I&T – 29 Sept</u> <u>2021</u>
Wednesday, 28 July 2021, 2-3:00pm	Update on access pricing for service providers, connectivity guide for ITE1, migration considerations for mFund & replacement of the current Signal B service	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T - 28 July</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>I&T - 28 July</u> <u>2021</u>
Wednesday, 30 June 2021, 2-3pm	Industry test Strategy	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 30 June</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>I&T - 30 June</u> <u>2021</u>



Thursday, 3 June 2021, 2-3.30pm	Update on the netting and settlement workflow changes & the CHESS holding statements project	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 3 June 2021</u>	<u>I&T - 3 June</u> <u>2021</u>
Wednesday, 31 March 2021, 2pm-3:00pm	ASX Registration Details tool demo	By invitation	Webinar	1&T - 31 March 2021	<u>I&T - 31 March</u> <u>2021</u>
Tuesday, 23 February 2021, 2pm-3:30pm	Proposed changes to netting and settlement workflow	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T - 23 February</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>I&T - 23</u> <u>February 2021</u>
Wednesday, 16 December 2020, 2pm-3.30pm	NBO re-design, data governance, CDE 9, DRP & BSP functionality & forward stakeholder engagement plan	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T – 16</u> <u>December 2020</u>	1&T – 16 December 2020
Friday, 6 November 2020, 1pm-2.30pm	ASX's response to consultation feedback & confirmed implementation timetable	By invitation	Webinar	1&T – 6 November 2020	1&T – 6 November 2020
Wednesday, 7 October 2020, 2pm-3pm	Electronic CHESS Holding Statements, CDE8, new ASX website	By invitation	Webinar	1&T – 7 October 2020	<u>I&T – 7</u> <u>October 2020</u>
Wednesday, 26 August 2020, 2pm-3.30pm	Inflight transactions, accounts and registration details	By invitation	Webinar	1&T - 26 August 2020	<u>I&T - 26</u> August 2020
Wednesday, 29 July 2020, 2pm-3pm	CHESS User Interface	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 29 July 2020</u>	<u>I&T - 29 July</u> <u>2020</u>
Monday, 13 July 2020, 2pm-3.30pm	Consultation paper on the revised implementation timeline	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 13 July 2020</u>	<u>I&T - 13 July</u> <u>2020</u>
Wednesday 27 May 2020, 2pm-3pm	ITE	By invitation	Webinar	<u>1&T - 27 May</u> 2020	<u>I&T - 27 May</u> 2020
Wednesday 1 April, 2020, 2pm-3pm	Implementation timetable	By invitation	Webinar	<u> 1&T - 1 Apr</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>I&T - 1 Apr</u> 2020
Wednesday 26 February 2020, 2pm- 3pm	Accreditation	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 26 Feb</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>1&T - 26 Feb</u> <u>2020</u>
Wednesday 29 January 2020, 2pm-3pm	Inflight transactions	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 29 Jan</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>1&T - 29 Jan</u> <u>2020</u>



Wednesday 18 December 2019, 11am -12pm	ASX responses to market questions & feedback	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 18 Dec</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>1&T - 18 Dec</u> <u>2019</u>
Friday 29 November 2019, 11am -12pm	Preparation activities for account migration, registration details & weekend cut-over activities	By invitation	Webinar	1&T - 29 Nov 2019	<u>1&T - 29 Nov</u> <u>2019</u>
Friday 25 October 2019, 11am-12pm	Key activities & milestones for cutover & transition	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T - 25 Oct</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>I&T - 25 Oct</u> <u>2019</u>
Wednesday 20 March 2019, 3pm-4pm	Kick off meeting	By invitation	Webinar	<u>I&T – 20 March</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>I&T - 20</u> <u>March 2019</u>

The date and time for future meetings will be advised in due course.

Source: https://www.asx.com.au/services/chess-replacement.htm

^{*}Invitees: any stakeholders impacted by CHESS Replacement (including but not limited to representatives from all clearing and settlement participants, PISPs, AMOs, software vendors, share registries, payment providers and relevant industry associations.



Appendix G
Software Provider Readiness Working Group

Date & Time	Topic	Venue/ Format	Presentation Material	Webinar Q&A
Wednesday, 14 September 2022, 2-3.00pm	Initial message accreditation phase	Webinar	SPRWG- 14 September 2022	SPRWG- 14 September 2022
Wednesday, 27 July 2022, 2-3.00pm	Update on ITE1 and Technical Accreditation	Webinar	SPRWG- 27 July 2022	SPRWG- 27 July 2022
Wednesday, 18 May 2022, 2-3.00pm	Update on ITE1, Ledger API and Technical Accreditation	Webinar	SPRWG- 18 May 2022	SPRWG- 18 May 2022
Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 2-3.00pm	Update on ITE1, Ledger API and Technical Accreditation	Webinar	SPRWG- 9 March 2022	SPRWG- 9 March 2022
Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 2-3.00pm	Update on ITE1 release code drop (v1.2) & Accreditation	Webinar	SPRW- 9 Feb 2022	SPRW- 9 Feb 2022
Wednesday, 19 January 2022, 2-3.30pm	ITE1 update, Registration Details Tool update and project Q&A	Webinar	SPRW-19 Jan 2022	SPRW-19 Jan 2022
Wednesday, 8 December 2021, 2-3.30pm	ITE1 Update, Future Registration Detail Changes & Accreditation Updates	Webinar	SPRW - 8 Dec 2021	SPRW - 8 Dec 2021
Wednesday, 17 November 2021, 2-3.30pm	CDE10 Corporate Actions Frequently Asked Questions, ITE1 Opening, ITE1 Test kit overview & Accreditation Updates	Webinar	SPRW - 17 Nov 2021	SPRW - 17 Nov 2021
Wednesday, 13 October 2021, 2-3.30pm	Netting and Settlement Changes (FAQ), ITE1 On-boarding, ISO Messaging (BIC and business service naming convention in environments) and Q&A.	Webinar	SPRW - 13 Oct 2021	SPRW - 13 Oct 2021
Wednesday 15 September 2021, 2-3pm	Overview of key software provider phases, CDE10 test tooling overview & AMQP changes to be introduced in ITE1.	Webinar	<u>SPRW - 15 Sept 2021</u>	<u>SPRW - 15 Sept 2021</u>



Appendix H **Focus Groups**

F	igure H1			
	Date & Time	Topic	Attendees*	Summary of feedback
				and response
	Thursday 4 March 2020	Software Vendor session - Proposed changes	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	to netting and settlement workflows	stakeholders	and ASX response
	Wednesday 3 March 2020	Clearing & Settlement Participants session -	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Proposed changes to netting and settlement	stakeholders	and ASX response
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	Tuesday 2 March 2020	Settlement Participants session - Proposed	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	changes to netting and settlement workflows	stakeholders	and ASX response
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	Thursday 12 December	Excess Cash & Margin Settlement	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2019, 10am-11am	Excess cash & Margin Settlement	stakeholders	
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	Thursday 21 November	Demand Reporting	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	, 2019, 10am-12pm	, 0	stakeholders	and ASX response
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	Friday 15 November 2019,	Settlement (Vendors)	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	11am-12.30pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
	Thursday 14 November	Payment Providers	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2019, 9.30am-11am		stakeholders	and ASX response
	Tuesday 12 November	Settlement	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2019, 10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
	Thursday 31 October 2019,	Corporate Actions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	1pm-3pm	corporate Actions	stakeholders	and ASX response
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	Tuesday 15 October 2019,	Investor information	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
	Tuesday 17 September	mFunds	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
	2019, 10am-12pm	iiii uiius	stakeholders	and ASX response
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Friday 6 September 2019,	Corporate Actions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2pm-3.30pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Friday 6 September 2019,	Corporate Actions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
10am-11.30am		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 27 August 2019,	Payment Providers	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
11am-12.30pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Monday 26 August 2019,	Corporate Actions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 13 August 2019,	Corporate Actions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 9 July 2019,	Electronic acceptance of entitlement offers & holding adjustments	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 18 June 2019,	Electronic elections for DRP and BSP	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
1pm-3pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 18 June 2019,	Payment Providers	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
11am-12.30pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 7 May 2019,	Transfer of Novated Equity Transactions between Clearing Participants	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
10am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Wednesday 10 April 2019,	Transfers & Conversions, SRN Enquiry	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2pm-4pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 26 March 2019,	Accounts & Standardisation of Registration Details (Vendors)	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
11am-12pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 19 March 2019,	Accounts & Standardisation of Registration Details (Participants & Registries)	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2pm-4pm		stakeholders	and ASX response



Tuesday 12 March 2019,	Payment Provider Workflows & Connectivity	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
11am-12.30pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Thursday 14 February	Transfers & Conversions (follow up to 8 Feb Technical Committee)	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2019, 2pm-4pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Tuesday 29 January 2019, 10am-12pm	Trade registration and AMO connectivity	Impacted stakeholders	Summary of meeting issued to regulators
Wednesday 28 November	Payment Providers	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2018, 3pm-5pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Wednesday 7 November	Demand & Settlement Instructions	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2018, 2pm-4pm		stakeholders	and ASX response
Wednesday 31 October	Accounts & Registration Details	Impacted	Stakeholder feedback
2018, 9.30am-11.30am		stakeholders	and ASX response

^{*} Invitees: varies each session, having regard to representation from a range of stakeholder cohorts relevant to the particular topic, including heavy users of functionality or because of feedback received via consultation/prioritisation survey.

Figure H2

Additional information regarding Focus Group process:

- 1. For significant new and materially changed functionality, solution designs are first presented to a Focus Group for discussion and any feedback.
- 2. Taking into account any feedback from the Focus Group, the solution designs are then taken to the ISO 20022 Technical Committee for discussion and any feedback.
- 3. Taking into account any feedback from the ISO 20022 Technical Committee, the solution designs are then set out in technical documentation and provided to Digital Asset for development.
- 4. Technical documentation is released approximately three months prior to the associated code being released in the customer development environment, with some exceptions to this time-frame. From June 2019, ASX published a summary of Focus Group and ISO 20022 Technical Committee feedback and ASX responses in conjunction with the relevant technical documentation release.

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