

1. Who are you:

Individual/Business

2. Are you making a submission in relation to the proposals for a:

Specified Person (SP)

3. Please tick the sectors that apply to you:

Construction

4. After reading about the proposed new eWHT system, how would you describe your overall reaction?

Very positive - I strongly support the proposed direction

5. What aspects of the proposed model appeal most to you, and why?

It will make maintaining tax liabilities so much easier from a business point of view.

6. What concerns or reservations do you have about the proposed approach?

I would like to be able to set my own deduction rate so that it covers PAYE liabilities as well as any corporation tax and preliminary tax. If the system can calculate the likely liability over the whole year then the automatic deduction rate may work.

7. The proposed eWHT model seeks to expand withholding tax to payments to service providers where a suitable withholder exists. How do you feel generally about this type of expansion?

okay

8. In relation to PSWT specifically, this currently applies to payments made by state and semi-state bodies for certain services. Do you have a view on

how it is targeted and if the types of payments it applies to should be reviewed?

No real view as it doesn't really have any bearing on my day to day business.

9. Please indicate if you currently operate:

Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)

10. From the perspective of a DW, how does the current application of PSWT and/or RCT impact on your business operations?

Having to pay RCT on behalf of a subcontractor can sometimes be problematic due to cash flow. Having a individual rate set as a sub contractor can allow me to off set against any future liabilities I may have.

11. If you are a Platform Operator, does your organisation have any experience of applying taxes to transactions, for services operating on your platform, in other jurisdictions? If yes, please provide information of the jurisdiction and details of the tax.

12. From the perspective of a DW, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?

It is fairly straight forward as i currently is. It is just not as effective as it could be.

13. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?

The withholding tax model is there to ensure that sub contractors are compliant in their tax liabilities and withhold a percentage of their payment is a method of reducing their tax burden in the future.

14. The proposal aims to embed eWHT processes directly into accounting, payroll, or other business management systems. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?

Extremely.

- 15. In your view, what opportunities could embedding eWHT within natural business systems create for your business or the wider industry?**
- 16. What challenges do you think your business might face in adopting this embedded within natural systems approach?**
- 17. What is the estimated number of payments that you make to SPs each month?**
- 18. Do you currently use software for processing payments and or managing the finances of your business? If so, what packages do you use?**
- 19. Are you an employer for PAYE? If so, which software package do you use to report payroll taxes to Revenue?**
- 20. Please indicate if you currently receive payments which are subject to deduction of:**

Relevant Contracts Tax (RCT)
- 21. Where you are currently subject to PSWT and/or RCT, how does the current application of withholding taxes impact on your business operations?**

It has a negative impact as I am generally set at 0% but find it hard to keep up with PAYE liabilities. Then when I am behind I move to 20% and struggle with cash flow as 20% of one payment could be more than all of my liabilities.
- 22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?**

The application of RCT is fine in general. The problem is not being able to set my rate at something that will allow me to remain tax compliant while remaining cash positive.

23. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?

The withholding tax model is there to ensure that sub contractors are compliant in their tax liabilities and withhold a percentage of their payment is a method of reducing their tax burden in the future.

24. Where you are an SP operating as a corporate/partnership or other entity, do the current rates that apply to PSWT and RCT reflect your actual liability on the income received?

No

25. The proposal aims to embed taxation directly into how you get paid by the DW. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?

Extremely

26. Where you are an SP operating as an individual worker, the proposal aims to implement personalised deduction rates (PDR), which means you will pay tax on your income as you go, similar to how employees are taxed under PAYE. What impact do you think PDR will have on your cashflow and financial management?

I am not an individual worker but I have been in that situation before setting up a company and I can say that it would be very positive for cashflow and financial management.

27. Do you think this new regime, including the PDR will have a positive effect on your end of year Income Tax return filing and preliminary tax payment obligations?

Yes

28. The accuracy of PDR is improved by the regular reporting by you to Revenue of your income and business expenses. How likely are you to report your income and expenses to improve the accuracy of your PDR?

Very likely

29. What changes do you expect to have to implement in your business in order to be ready for the proposed eWHT regime?

Not much

30. What benefits do you expect the new regime to have on your business processes, costs and delivery of your business services?

31. What would you consider a reasonable timeframe for your business to adapt to the proposed new system?

3 months

32. How confident are you that your business could adapt to the new system within a reasonable timeframe?

Extremely confident

33. In terms of the management of your business, which outcomes from this new regime are the most important for you? (Select a maximum of 3)

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

Greater certainty in relation to your tax affairs

Seamless integration of taxation with your business systems

34. What supports from Revenue would be of most benefit to you in transitioning to the new regime? (Select a maximum of 3)

Helpdesk or dedicated Revenue contact

Clear guidance for software providers and a testing environment

Mailshots and guidance on the Revenue website

35. Is there anything else you'd like to share about how the proposed eWHT system could best meet the needs of your business or sector?

The PDR should also be allowed to be set by the individual once they remain in compliance with future taxes.

