

**1. Who are you:**

Individual/Business

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

Designated Withholder (DW)

**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 negative - I do not support the proposed direction

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

None of it appeals at all because the only benefactor is Revenue, despite all the "gloss" put out here.

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

The explanation of the system Revenue propose is so convoluted it is difficult to understand what is going to be required of small business enterprises like mine. We do not have the resources or the time to take on all this additional administration, it will make things easier for Revenue, but place extra burdens on small business. The spin that has been put on the material circulated is purely from the Revenue side, this proposal and all the recent previous administration load that has been placed on small businesses like mine has made it nearly impossible not to have to employ professional services to keep on top of it which also incurs additional expense. These initiatives might suit large organisations where they have specialised skill sets assigned to carry the administrative load but Small businesses who do not have these services and who are only carrying out these tasks on an infrequent basis are being disproportionately disadvantaged with an ever increasing burden while still trying to keep their main focus on keeping their own business afloat. Expenses

reporting, pensions, online income tax and the list is growing with this proposal, each are another nail in the coffin of small business in this country.

**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?**

Another administrative headache see previous comment

**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?**

Use of acronyms like "PSWT " are one example of how poorly this survey has been put together. The requirement of contributors to fully identify themselves will also have a negative impact on who will actually contribute, but this will probably benefit Revenues stance.

**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?**

Over loaded administration.

**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?**

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

**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?**

Not beneficial to small business in any way.

**15. In your view, what opportunities could embedding eWHT within natural business systems create for your business or the wider industry?**

If it is anything like ROS it will only provide opportunities for software sellers and accountancy firms.

**16. What challenges do you think your business might face in adopting this embedded within natural systems approach?**

Small business cannot afford the cost or the time

**17. What is the estimated number of payments that you make to SPs each month?**

<1

**18. Do you currently use software for processing payments and or managing the finances of your business? If so, what packages do you use?**

An old SAGE package which provided for all my needs when I started out in business but now practically useless with all the changes implemented by Revenue.

**19. Are you an employer for PAYE? If so, which software package do you use to report payroll taxes to Revenue?**

Have to get an accountant to do all reporting now because the system is now so complicated already.

- 20. Please indicate if you currently receive payments which are subject to deduction of:**
- 21. Where you are currently subject to PSWT and/or RCT, how does the current application of withholding taxes impact on your business operations?**
- 22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?**
- 23. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?**
- 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?**
- 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?**
- 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?**

**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?**

**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?**

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

Too many to make it worth while.

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

None

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

Never

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

Not confident that small business will adapt successfully.

**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)**

None of the above

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

Training or awareness sessions

Helpdesk or dedicated Revenue contact

Adapt a software system that is easy to operate

**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?**

This will not suit already overburdened small business, listen to the people on the ground.

