

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 negative - I do not support the proposed direction

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

None

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

From an accounting perspective if tax is withheld on payments received from our customers how can the outstanding balances be managed, an entry would have to be made on each individual account to balance the account and put the amount withheld into the corporation tax account. Extra work with absolutely no benefit to us

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?

N/A

- 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?**

N/A

- 9. Please indicate if you currently operate:**

- 10. From the perspective of a DW, how does the current application of PSWT and/or RCT impact on your business operations?**
- 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?**
- 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 no impact because we are 0%

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

I can see how it would benefit revenue to collect from tax defaulters but it creates a serious issue with extra work for our business

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?

We are 0%

- 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?**

Not beneficial at all

- 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?**

Extremely negative impact

- 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?**

It will have no impact because it should not be implemented. Our tax liability is always paid in full on time

- 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?**

In small businesses where one person is responsible for several roles it is not possible to constantly update these figures, when the responsible takes annual leave or is out on sick leave there is no one else with the expertise to update figures

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

It will not be possible to implement this scheme in a small business and it has no benefit to the business, it is a burden

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

No benefits whatsoever

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

The proposed system is not practical and should not be implemented

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

No 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)

None of the above, it is a burden with no benefits

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

no support will help, this system is a burden with no benefits

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 existing system works perfectly for us

