

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:

Professional services

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

Somewhat positive - I think it's a good idea overall

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

Transparency, and I prefer that money owing to Revenue is provided to Revenue at the earliest opportunity.

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

It may cause cashflow issues for service providers.

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?

I think in general it's a good idea and I could live with it, but it may provoke cashflow difficulties for some people.

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.

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:

Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT)

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

Not really, as the money withheld is owing to the Revenue ultimately and I include it in my tax calculations on an ongoing basis.

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

It's difficult initially, as it reduces cashflow, but I am in favour of "paying as you go", as it makes paying the Revenue easier, than facing a significant tax bill at the end of the year. Personally I prefer to pay as I go.

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?

It is probably in or about the actual liability, taking into account expenses etc. which would be deductible from income.

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?

It would mean that I'm not counting on money which ultimately is owed to the Revenue. However, if the amount were more than the actual liability, it could cause a squeeze on cashflow. It takes control from the business and could cause hardship, even make trading difficult or impossible.

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?

The downside is that it doesn't take deductions (business costs) into account. Monies received are not necessarily all profit or income. Significant costs may accrue to third parties. How will this be accounted for.

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?

I'm unclear. Depending on how PDR is calculated, it could. However, as I usually do my accounts early in the year and then pay IT monthly, it would make little difference to me, other than to potentially risk having enough cashflow to carry on my business.

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?

If necessary. Additional time and costs though.

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

N/a.

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

N/a.

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

N/a.

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

N/a.

- 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)**

Reduced administrative workload

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

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)**

Clear guidance for software providers and a testing environment

- 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?**

