

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?

I would be happy for more of my clients become Designated Withholders and tax is taken on payment of the invoice, in the way that PSWT is taken at the moment, as this reduces the bulk payment burden at the end of the year

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

I would hope it doesn't introduce too much additional requirements at my end, becoming more time consuming and/or more complicated than it is currently. In an ideal world it wouldn't be a mix and all clients would be DWs / every invoice would have the tax removed but as this won't be the case, I will still clearly have to do self assessment for Form 11 calculations as I do now so too much additional requirements to this would feel like a backwards step.

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?

Generally positive, I like PSWT so an expansion of that is fine with me.

- 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?**

I'd be happy for it to extend to more companies / any companies who wish to register as DWs

- 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?**
- Generally positive, as it reduces the burden of the bulk payment
- 22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?**
- Generally positive, as they appear on the Form 11 pre-populated
- 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?

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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?

Generally positive I think

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?

Generally positive I think

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?

I'm likely to do it 2-3 times during the year, I would hope that it's not a requirement, especially not a monthly requirement (adding to workload)

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

Very few

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

As as sole trader SP I would see it as an expansion of PSWT in a positive way, reducing my end of year bulk tax payment amount

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

A year

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

Reasonably 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)

Reduced administrative workload

Greater certainty in relation to your tax affairs

Better visibility and control of information held by Revenue

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

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?

