

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?

The abolition of the 0% WHT for sub contractors will effect my cash flow as tax is deducted monthly for 9 months prior to when I would usually pay preliminary tax. reducing the funds available in my business. I do not see this as an advantage. It is not helpful and I see this as an early revenue collection for the Governments advantage from the self employed that have few advantages. There will be additional burden on the small principal contractors administering in real time and complying with this new system.

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?

My comments above are the same for this change. It will unfairly burden small self employed individuals and only serve to collect taxes early.

- 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:**
- 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?**
- No as the rate is 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?**
- RCT is an administrative burden and I do not understand why it exists for self employed individuals as the burden is on the individual to declare and pay their taxes and this should not be transferred to the principal contractor.
- 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?**

N/A

- 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?**

None

- 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 have concerns as to how accurate the PDR will be and as I am required to give my customers 60 - 90 days credit I see it as a huge disadvantage to have Tax deducted as I am already financing my creditors balance and paid in arrears not like a PAYE worker that gets paid weekly or monthly so to compare us is unfair.

- 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?**

There may be less Tax to pay but overall the annual tax liability will not change so how can it make any difference. the Tax return will still need to be done and the correct figures included or updated regardless of the prepopulated figures, my annual accounts will still need to be prepared for 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?**

This will add to my administrative burden to ensure the rate is accurate and this is the main disadvantage to the new system for me.

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

Monthly additional interaction with my accountant to ensure all administration is accurate for the system which will have business cost to me. The use of a new software to enable compliance.

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?

2 years

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

It depends on what a reasonable timeframe is!!!!

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

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

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?

