

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

Professional services

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

Neutral/undecided - I need to know more before forming a view

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

Real time information is a bonus but other than that we are struggling to see the benefits

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

We have a very efficient work process at the moment and as we are unsure as to how this would play out in real time, we have reservations

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?

Not enough information to make a decision

- 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?**

Again not enough information to provide an opinion

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

Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT)

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?**

It's a seamless process for us

- 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.**

n/a

- 12. From the perspective of a DW, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?**

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

PSWT is deducted from vendors providing us with a professional service as per revenue guidelines

- 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?**

We already do this

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

n/a

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

Our current process works so well at the moment and vendors are set up on the system liable to PSWT where required. Concerns that this process will unravel with new changes

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

40 to 100

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

Yes we use SAP

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

Yes we use Core (The Access Group) for payroll and submissions are made through ROS

- 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?

PSWT is deducted from vendors providing us with a professional service as per revenue guidelines

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?

We would hope that not many changes will be required. Will we need IT to provide access / support?

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

At the moment we are unsure of what benefits the new regime will have on our business processes

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

We would need more information to provide a timeframe for our business to adapt to the new proposed system

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

Very 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

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

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

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?

not at this time

