

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

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 current system is streamlined and very easy to follow. I don't see why compliant subcontractors should have any payments withheld from them. It is easy to track on ROS what the RCT deduction that needs to be remitted to Revenue each month is.

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:

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 works incredibly easily, our ERP system is linked directly with Revenue which makes it very easy to report payments made to subcontractors.

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?

It is fine the way it is.

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

It is a system that works very well. It punishes subcontractors that are not compliant with their tax affairs.

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?

This is already the case, there is no need for change.

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

This literally is already a thing. RCT payments are linked to ROS and our accounting software.

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

It will be a hard hit on cashflow and the cost of doing business may well go up unnecessarily.

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

50-60

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 Advanced Business Manager.

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

Yes we are, we use Sage Payroll.

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?

It is a system that works very well. It punishes subcontractors that are not compliant with their tax affairs.

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?

Have more cashflow as subcontractors may raise prices.

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

There is no benefits.

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

no idea

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

Not very.

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

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

Industry/professional body support

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?

Don't bring this in.

