

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?

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

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

The real time data is good. It is ok if everyone in the construction industry will have something deducted.

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

How will the flat rate be calculated? Will it change as a business changes? What happens if the DW withholds tax but does not pay it to revenue? Who will be liable if the DW's business fails? Can I recover the tax withheld?

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?

ok, once compliance is monitored. It put more compliance work on businesses which is difficult on small businesses to manage and afford.

- 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:**

- 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?

Negative impact on cashflow as the current RCT rates are too high. We restructured our business a few years ago and our RCT rate reverted to 20%. This caused enormous cashflow issues. Revenue withheld a disproportionate amount of funds which caused genuine hardship and difficulties.

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 is fair enough. The ROS system needs a huge upgrade. It is slow and cumbersome. Our RCT rate changed unexpectedly last year and it caused distress, hardship and embarrassment as it suggests you/the business is "in trouble with revenue" if you're not on 0% RCT rate.

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?**

No the 20% and 35% rates are disproportionately high and caused hardship.

- 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 is not beneficial. I would prefer to receive the full amount I invoice a DW as I can track my sales and expenses myself. I do not like being reliant on other businesses to withhold tax on my behalf. If they operate the WT incorrectly I do not want to be held liable for an underpayment.

- 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?**

n/a

- 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?**

No. I am happy to pay tax as it arises.

- 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?**

50/50

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

Additional time for payments and 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?

12-18 months

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

Fairly confident. Revenue support is crucial.

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

Greater certainty in relation to your tax affairs

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

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?

A fair and proportionate appeals system for businesses of every size. It is crucial that Revenue supports the small business instead of businesses feeling like they are "tax collectors" or "working for Revenue". As a small business owner we are doing our best with limited resources.

