

1. Who are you:

Individual/Business

2. Are you making a submission in relation to the proposals for a:

Both DW & SP (for tax professionals, representative bodies, RCT middle principals)

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?

Somewhat positive - I think it's a good idea overall

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

Yes be good getting a PDR

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

Confusing say changing Principal Contractor to Designated Withholder, Subcontractor to Specified Person.

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?

I think it might work for subcontractors.

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?

We would not do much work for state bodies.

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 would be more time consuming in the office logging into ROS to do contract notifications and payment notifications.

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.

No

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

I think some subcontractors do not like RCT being taken but it does help them in long run as they can put it against their income tax.

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

Subcontractors and Principal Contractors will get a real time personalised deduction rate according to their tax affairs. It means if they owe any taxes these payments can be offset against them.

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?

That would be helpful less paperwork.

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

If everything is connected people will be more up to date with their taxes and will owe less big lump sums.

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

Just understanding how it actually works in real life, maybe if we got a video demonstration of how it will actually look.

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

15-20 a month roughly

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

Brightbooks

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

Yes, Brightpay

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?

We are on 0% so no financial impact.

22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?

We are on 0% so no impact.

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

Subcontractors and Principal Contractors will get a real time personalised deduction rate according to their tax affairs. It means if they owe any taxes these payments can be offset against them.

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?

Yes as we are up date and on 0%

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?

Will be helpful as tax will be paid if it other than 0% and not a big tax bill at end of year.

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?

It will depend on what PDR is as we on 0% at moment so no impact on our cashflow.

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?

Well if it all ties in together and runs smoothly it should help.

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?

Yes we would but would have to tie in with accountant too.

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

Explain to office staff how it all works and subcontractors.

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

Less paperwork, less office hours. Run smoother. Taxes up to date.

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

Couple of months.

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

Farely 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

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?

I think training or video demonstrations would help to get started.

