

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?

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

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

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

I'm concerned that if I need to subscribe to new software to integrate with Revvnuue as a DW then it would be cost prohibitive and I would need to cease being a Principal contractor/DW. I'm also concerned about the PDR as a SP as I feel his personalised rate will allow larger Principal contractors to deduce fairly accurately, the gross profit of SP and use this as leverage! they already squeeze enough. It may cause me to quit subcontracting and focus on private clients only.

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?

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?

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?

for me it's currently minimal admin

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?

I'm getting used to it, but I was in Australia for 10 years and it doesn't exist, so I wonder why it is required and what is the total cost of it to the taxpayer

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

Personally I can't see why it's required at all

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?

it might save some time, but at what cost if my accounting subscription doesn't support it or my subscription costs go up to cover it

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?

increased cost

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

I'm a small operator so not many at all, but have been think of trying to expand it. probably just wait now to see how the new system operates

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

I use Sage Accounting, which does not even support the current RCT system, I worked out a work around with my accountant, to record everything correctly

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

no

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?

construction

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

as mentioned, I don't know why it's required, but I'm used to it now after a few years and it's good to have 20% already offset against preliminary tax and I also save 35% of net profit each month, so I always have a buffer.

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

Personally I can't see why it's required at all

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?

I was on 0% now I'm on 20% and I save 35% of net profit each month so I have a buffer when I need to file and pay

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?

I think it will remain quite the same as it is

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 think a PDR can be used by the DW to estimate Gross profit of the SF and use it as leverage, or possibly overlook them for future work, so not a fan at all. current rates are fine, even if there is a slight over or under payment, it's only slight and sensitive information is protected

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'm happy with current rates

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?

if the new system is to reduce admin, won't this increased reporting just offset that reduction

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

unknown at this time

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

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

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

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

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?

