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**Q.1 What are your views on the proposal to introduce real-time reporting for B2B and B2G transactions?**

If its like the payroll then I'm not for it. I understand why payroll had to change, employers potentially not paying their employees stamp, but with vat there isn't an innocent middle person in the process, just the biz and the govt. We used to do vat every 2 months and it was a total pain. I've been doing 12 mth vat for years now and its 1 pain instead of 6. But if it becomes like the payroll (which we do fortnightly) then it will be too cumbersome for most small businesses.

**Q.2 What matters should be considered in planning for a transition to a new VAT Reporting system?**

How people are going to do it. In our business we deal with 4 different rates of vat between sales and purchases so its not a straightforward task. It will just add to the ever increasing administrative burden that small businesses deal with (usually after the working day has ended). I was using payroll software and was really well organised (whipped by the employees-more like) so that made the transition easier. I've only revenue to whip me re vat and to be honest yer very good, I'm usually a bit late because I have to find extra time outside of my work day to do it, check through all the data, correct mistakes if I can (Sage doesn't always allow so I have to do manually) but I feel confident when I file it that its right.

**Q.3 If your business is currently subject to a VAT reporting programme in another EU or non-EU country, can you please share best practice, recommendations or lessons learnt?**

N/A

**Q.4 Have you any observations, concerns or recommendations on a move to mandatory electronic invoicing for B2B & B2G domestic VAT transactions?**

not aware of eInvoicing on anything we buy from abroad, and we mainly buy from EU as GB now a total pain in the o

**Q.5 Revenue is particularly interested in hearing views from businesses that are already engaged in eInvoicing Public Bodies within Ireland or engaged in B2B eInvoicing throughout Europe and beyond. How did you prepare and what challenges prevailed in your preparations for eInvoicing?**

not engaged

**Q.6 What suggestions would you offer in Ireland's arrangements for a mandatory B2B and B2G eInvoicing programme?**

none

**Q.7 Revenue are cognisant that small businesses may have different perspectives and requirements to large businesses, so what information prompts would you find useful for businesses in completing the VAT return?**

said earlier