Response Number 606

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

As a 1-person business, I already find that the VAT department places too much pressure on me and people like myself. For this reason I have since the beginning paid a registered accountant to file the receipts and reports I create for him. It is obvious that even the accountant is having an extremely hard time filing the few papers I give him every 2 months because there are many other businesses like me that have to file VAT every 2 months instead on a 6-month or yearly basis. I think that real time could make things worse and I cannot see myself dealing with extra stress. My accountant won't be able to help either.

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

1. Some businesses provide B2B services primarily to clients in other EU countries and not to other Irish businesses.
2. Please be considerate and protect small businesses! Some businesses are made up of 1 or 2 people and not everyone earns millions. However, many small businesses put together make a good chunk of VAT collected by the country.

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?

No. I don't meet the quota.

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

No idea, I am a translator and not an accountant. Please make it simple for those who are not too good in mathematics. The more you complicate things, the more pressure your own VAT officers will have to deal with.

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?

No Idea

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

Read above.

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?

Current system is far too complicated. I get panic attacks every two months knowing that I have work deadlines to meet, and not chase accountants to file my papers which I hand extremely punctually. Warnings and fines should be imposed on the accounting firms [redacted] registered for the particular businesses and not on the businesses themselves. If there is a new system, offer free courses in every town to business owners and free consultation. This could help