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

Hopefully it is easy

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

Provide financial assistance for small businesses to pay for add-ons to their accounting software as often the ROS systems are a bit clunky. We use Kashflow for accounts and Simple Pay for payroll but if we were to have a B2B VAT system, I'm not sure that the current software will be able to deal with it. That is a big consideration. Thank you.

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?

As stated previously, our accounting software would need to support it first. ROS isn't the easiest interface to use.

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?

N/A

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

Same as 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?

Small business don't generally have a separate bookkeeeper. It is often the person running the businesss that keeps the books using accounts software in some cases and then sends to the accountant to check and finalise and submit. An audit of book keeping software should be done and then engagement with these companies to see if they can provide add-ons to enable this but financial supports to purchases this should be offered to small businesses. It shouldn't create extra work for the small business owner. It should make it easier and if it doesn't, it may be difficult to bring everyone along.