Response Number 832

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

I'm in favour of streamlining how systems work, so long as it does not place an increased burden on small businesses such as mine in handling transactions or software costs.

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

Cost to the business in terms of time and overheads e.g. bespoke software, delays in processing or approving transactions, etc.

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?

Currently UK Vat registered, but UK has not yet introduced such a system.

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

None as long as it doesn't create the need for expensive software.

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?

Consider the impact on small businesses as well as multi-nationals.

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?

Plain language on forms/software rather than technical terms.