Response Number 1089

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

I find that this will consume more time for me as I have already experienced it with the Vat 58 for Farm Vat. I used to complete the form offline and copy all for myself but now I have to scan each invoice in and do up a spreadsheet offline and then upload all to revenue. Takes about two hours longer to complete, without any questions in need of answers.

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

Time. Efficiency of any modules to be provided, accounts packages available that can integregate with revenue. Worked on one in a previous firm and lots of issues which slowed down the returns. Also any issues with internet can be a problem.

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?

Not relevant to me

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

My main concern is the extra time required in moving to this system.

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 relevant

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

Smaller business should be exempt due to costs and time involved.

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 - I find they are usually missing purchase invoices, especially if they have a credit problem with their suppliers, these have to be chased up, they have a lot of receipts for diesels and minor items, small parts etc. Petty Cash receipts etc.