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

its a good idea the issue may be the cost to small businesses. we use SAGE so its largely autoimated on our end anyway.

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

interfacing with common accounting packages like SAGE which we use.

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 only in Ireland as we only operate here

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

none whatsoever other than the potential cost. most businesses are struggling as it is adding another regulatory cost burden might not be a good idea.
Personally i am in favour but it may be unaffordable for some businesses. Its not just the software cost that needs consideration. its also the technical knowledge - or lack there-of.

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?

we are not - too small

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

not a good idea these software packages are expensive and my force people out of business.

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?

i like the current format because my accounting package (SAGE) uses the same codes as its adapted to Irish Revenue requirements, so completing it is really easy.