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

Business are already trying to cope with the effects of the pandemic, the war in Ukraine, cost of living crisis, VAT one stop shop, the introduction of paid sick leave, auto-enrolment, enhanced reporting. It will drive smaller businesses who are suffering over the edge. For small businesses, it takes a disproportionate amount of time as well as money to deal with the above, both of which are in short supply.

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

Introducing the system gradually to allow time to prepare. Allowing additional time for smaller businesses - maybe stagger the introduction of the regime, so that it applies to larger companies first. Consider excluding very small businesses.

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?

For very small businesses, who keep books on spreadsheets, for example, this will result in additional expenses and time spent. They will need to purchase suitable accounting software and get trained to use it.

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?

Exclude smaller businesses

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?

Clearer instructions and separate boxes regarding VAT on EU acquisitions. Separate boxes for VAT on services purchased from outside the EU.