Response Number 508

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

As a sole trader, one man band, I feel that the rush to using computers, expensive business software, internet security ,e-invoicing, etc and to comply with the relevant legal requirements to provide privacy for clients is placing a tremendous financial burden on small business , costs that are hard to justify passing on to customers when they are suffering financially as well. also with just me working it would be impossible to support the wages of a book keeper on top of everything else.
But I can also see on medium to large businesses that already have computer systems, and book keepers that it would be easier to implement.

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

The ability of small businesses to cover the costs of book keepers , upto date computer systems, expensive software and privacy issues of customers.

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 applicabla

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

the financial cost to small businesses of compliance

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 applicable

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

I would allow an exemption for small business, owner and one employee sort of size

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 think the information at the moment is very helpfull