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

For Large firms, I see no problems. For Self-Employed persons who's turn-over can vary for Moth to month, it is not a runner. At present in my case VAT is returned at half year bases. Income-Sales can vary very much, so the small firms like mine, will be forced to install Software that may be used only 5-8 time in a half year.

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

As the answer to Q1, Small Firms, will be forced to purchase Software that require a Support Agreement costing € 1,000.00 year and is never used, If you do not pay for this service, the software will lock you out.

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?

I only operate in Ireland, so I can see no reason to change from the present system.

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

You will force small- one man firms- to to go Cash In Hand.

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?

I do not fall into this box. So no answer

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

Have an arrangement for small firms to operate as they have for years, manual returns.

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?

The present system should remain for small firms (One Man Firms) who have a good record of making returns, remain with the existing system. Do not force this group to purchase Software that costs a lot and requires a "Support Service" each year to keep it running. The cost of these Software Programs are quire high.