Response Number 849

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

My views are that it will cause a lot of work for businesses to implement eInvoicing. Its ok for large businesesses who have up to date technology and staff to carry out this. But for the smaller business i do not believe this is a good idea. A lot of tradesmen still use handwritten invoices so this also needs to be taken into consideration that a lot of these people do not operate with computers.

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

the Consideration for the impact on the costs to businesses in relation to developinf eInvoicing and staff costs. This needs to be considered and not just the benefit it will have for Revenue

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?

Yes i do have concerns about the time it will take to complete a VAT return if implemented. The majority of business still post invoices or some even hand write them so to have to scan in invoices would be time consuming

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 have not engaged in eInvoicing yet

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

to consider everyone in this and not just large companies

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 find the way vat returns are completed now is good