Response Number 117

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

I think it would possibly make it easier for vat reporting. However not all business have online accounting systems so you will be forcing an extra cost on business.

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

Not all business have online accounting systems. When the revenue write documents to "Help" people with revenue systems it is usually written in language that only Revenue understand. Please write the information in simple language.

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?

You will be forcing all business to get new accounting programmes, at a cost to the business. This is quite a jump for some small business as there are so many accounting programmes out there.

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?

The most important thing is to give people plenty of time and also the necessary help required to do this. Training would also be helpful(Good Training) and any documented help should be written in lay man's terms not in the usual double dutch that is currently in practice.

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?

All prompts are helpful as long as they are easy to understand.