

Many years ago when I employed contractors I would send 20% tax on their behalf when paying them which worked very well for people who are not brilliant at controlling money as they were not faced with a massive tax bill at the end of the year, I did not agree with the provisional tax component of that policy but I am sure a great deal of the tax offices time is wasted chasing tax from people who are simply not good with money and that is compounded if they collect gst and are not passing it on so I think a simple system where a contractor has his payment details on his invoice include a tax office number specific to them and when an invoice is paid 20% is paid directly to the tax office with provision for contractors to apply for an exemption or adjustment if materials form a large part of their invoices etc. I wish you all the best and thanks for everything you are doing.

Regards Jon