

Questions and answers arising from the Energy Performance in Buildings workshops

Gavin Peart referred to the consultation document on Energy Certification on the following website: www.sbsa.gov.uk . Comments are welcome before the closing date of the end of May 2006.

Questions

Q: Will historic buildings require certification?

A: Yes.

Q: Why are "minimum standards" always quoted?

A: The new changes will make a difference of approximately 18%.

Q: Why is air testing not required in Scotland?

A: The infrastructure for air testing is not in place in Scotland.

Q: Who will fund enforcement procedures?

A: Not known at the moment, but would encourage stating these concerns in the consultation document.

Q: Who will produce the certification?

A: Would look to the building warrant process to handle new build, and Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to handle "single survey" existing buildings.

Q: Will there be a range of methodologies?

A: SAP will be used for domestic buildings. RD - SAP and SERT on non-domestic buildings which have differing occupancy patterns. SBEM calculates monthly energy use and carbon dioxide emissions of a building given a description of the building geometry may be used. SBEM is a computer program that provides an analysis of a building's energy consumption.

Note:

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Timetable

-Constructed - May 2007.

- for sale - early 2008.

- rental - Jan 2009.

- large public buildings Jan 2009.

Comments on this timetable will be welcomed.