

REQUEST 16718

I would like to request the following information in regard to The Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015, which implemented Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES).

1. Are you able to keep the money received from issuing penalty notices?
2. If not, what is the minimum percentage of the fine you would require to cover costs and/or provide incentive?
 - a) 100%
 - b) 50%
 - c) 25%
 - d) 10%
3. Briefly, what is the process you take to find non-compliant properties?
4. If the Government was to implement a database which can flag to you when a let property in your area is non-compliant with current EPC standards without an exemption, assuming you could then simply send the penalty notice to the relevant address, would this help you to issue penalty notices?
5. Following from Q4, would this change your answer to Q2, and if so, how?

RESPONSE

The money received from issuing financial penalties in relation to MEES will be used for further Housing enforcement purposes to encourage and obtain compliance.

N/A

When triaging new housing standard cases reported in relation to disrepair, part of the triage process is to check the EPC rating on the government website. In addition to this, a list of non-compliant properties have been sourced from EPC open data communities. This has allowed us to carry out our own checks into the properties identified by acting as a starting point. In addition to this, we now have access to the PRS Exemptions register which we are also working through to ensure that the exemptions that are registered meet the requirements.

Yes, we would welcome such a system.

N/A