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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05755**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Display Energy Certificates and Energy Performance Certificates.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

This enquiry revolves around the compliance of Display Energy Certificates (DECs) and Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) within your local authority area.

Regulations 34-34A of The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2012 (as amended) deal with enforcement and outline the powers and the responsibilities of the Enforcement Authorities and their officers.

1. Regarding DECs, how many public buildings are compliant with the regulations and have the appropriate DEC in place?

This is not known to Trading Standards, we have limited resources and have to adopt a risk-based approach to conducting inspections. This concentrates on the business activities as opposed to the buildings that they are in. However, if we received a complaint we would consider it.

2. If a member of the public reported a building without a DEC, would Trading Standards issue a penalty for non-compliance?

We would assess/investigate and consider the most appropriate course of action, having regard to our Enforcement Policy.

3. How many enquiries had Trading Standards made in each of the following for potential non-compliance of the EPBD regulations?

a. New Build EPC

One.

b. Dwellings EPC (for sale)

286.

c. Dwellings EPC (for rental)

Two.

d. Non-dwellings EPC

One.

e. DEC

One.

4. Of the above enquiries how many were found to be non-compliant with the regulations?

16 were found to be non-compliant with the regulations.

5. How many of the following has Trading Standards issued for transgression of the regulations?

a. Warning letter

One.

b. Penalty notice

None.

6. How much extra funding Trading Standards receive from Central Government for encouraging compliance of and enforcement of EPBD regulations?

None specifically known, Central Government calculate funding for local authorities.

7. Since May 21st 2010 what work has been carried out by local Trading Standards with regard to enforcing compliance of the regulations for the following:

a. New Build EPC

One complaint.

b. Dwellings EPC (for sale)

128 advert checks, 13 complaints. 146 advice letters sent out (covering properties for sale and rent).

c. Dwellings EPC (for rent)

None.

d. Non-dwellings EPC

Two complaints.

e. DEC

One.

Regarding the responses to question 1 and 6, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

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Yours faithfully

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