



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-136, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

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?
 1. 100%
 2. 50%
 3. 25%
 4. 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides public access to information held by English, Welsh, and Northern Irish public authorities. The type of information that can be requested includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings.

1. We do not feel that this question falls under the scope of a Freedom of Information request.
2. We do not feel that this question falls under the scope of a Freedom of Information request.
3. Current process for identifying non-compliant properties is reactive as a result of a direct complaint from a tenant, or as a result of officers inspecting a property for general disrepair issues and reviewing the EPC as a matter of course. We have access to the BEIS toolkit but have not had resource capacity to currently adopt a program of proactive enforcement of MEES.
4. We do not feel that this question falls under the scope of a Freedom of Information request, as this is asking for opinion and not held data.
5. We do not feel that this question falls under the scope of a Freedom of Information request, as this is asking for opinion and not held data.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-136.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.