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Questions from HBF members relating to Energy Performance Certificates

1. The consultation document on HIPS (25th Jan 2007) proposes that an 'Interim Energy Assessment' will be required for new homes marketed off-plan
 - a) What is the method for producing an Interim Energy Assessment for a new home?
 - b) If you have a Code for Sustainable Homes certificate, do you need an EPC?
 - c) Can it be done in-house?

How can a home builder qualify as an Energy Assessor?
 - d) Will a separate final EPC be required? If so, what is the method for producing it?
2. Will finished properties need to be physically visited by a qualified energy assessor?
3. Can a sale be completed with an Interim Energy Assessment?
4. Will a separate EPC be required for each individual plot on a development even if the specification is the same?
5. How will the EPCs be stored electronically by the Government?
How will a home builder upload the information?
6. Where and when can copy of the Interim Energy Assessment and EPC be viewed?
7. When and how will the register of Energy Assessors be available?
8. Will there be enough Energy Assessors?
9. Will the content of the EPC be the same for second hand homes and new homes?
10. Will there be a consumer awareness campaign for EPCs prior to 1 June?