

Thank you for your email of 20th May 2012 in which you request information about the Community Energy Saving Scheme (CESP) and the Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT). Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I have responded to the specific points you raise below, however it may also be helpful if I say something about how both schemes operate. CERT and CESP set statutory carbon emissions reduction targets on all domestic energy suppliers with a customer base in excess of 250,000 customers. Under CESP both electricity suppliers and electricity generators are set carbon emissions reduction targets. These targets are met by the companies promoting and installing energy efficiency measures in homes in accordance with the rules of the scheme. Within the terms of the legislation how the companies meet the targets is a matter for them. It is also a matter for the energy companies, and where applicable their partners, to decide which areas and properties they treat under the schemes. Though under CERT they are also subject to subject to sub targets which require them to treat the homes of vulnerable customers in certain priority groups.

Accordingly, whilst local authorities may invite energy suppliers and/or electricity suppliers to promote energy efficiency measures in their particular areas and thereby seek funding from energy companies, there is no guarantee that such an invitation by a local authority will be accepted. It is for the energy companies to decide whether they wish to promote and install energy efficiency measures in a particular area. In other words, local authorities do not apply for funding from energy companies according to a set of criteria, which if met results in a successful award of funding for energy efficiency measures.

Both CERT and CESP are administered by the regulator, Ofgem, who are the appointed administrator for the schemes under the legislation. The obligated companies are required to provide Ofgem with certain information under the legislation. However, energy companies are not required to provide information on the amount of money they have spent on a particular project. Additionally, energy companies do not have to provide information on how much money was spent on any project in particular local authority area and in any case, as far as we are aware, do not make this information publicly available. This situation will though change under the new Energy Company Obligation (ECO) which will come into effect later this year. Under the ECO obligated companies will be required to provide information on what they have delivered and how much it has cost.

In light of the way both CERT and CESP operate and in the absence of a requirement for energy companies to report on the amount of money they have spent promoting energy efficiency measures in a particular area, the information which you have requested is not held by the Department. It is possible, although in our view unlikely, that Ofgem may hold some information of the type you are seeking. Should you wish to approach OFGEM regarding any information they may hold the contact details are:

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The Energy Saving Trust's Homes Energy Efficiency Database available at <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Professional-resources/Existing-Housing/Homes-Energy-Efficiency-Database> provides details of the spread of insulation measures installed across Great Britain and these may be broken down by Local Authority, Parliamentary Constituency and Government Office Region.

Turning to the particular questions you asked:

I would like a list of how much CESP funding has been awarded to all UK local authorities and how much per council for insulation measures.

This information is not held by DECC.

The Impact Assessment for CESP *estimated* that overall the scheme would cost around £365 million to deliver, but does not break this figure down on a local authority level.

Could you please provide me with figures of how many local authorities have claimed CESP for leaseholder properties.

This information is not held by DECC.

Could you please provide me with the figures as to how many authorities are not passing this CESP money to leaseholders?

This information is not held by DECC.

Could you please provide me with figures of how many authorities have claimed CERT money for Leaseholder properties, and how many leaseholders have received this assistance.

This information is not held by DECC.

Are there rules concerning the status of a body to be eligible to apply to the energy companies for CESP funding in particular.

CESP schemes can be delivered to eligible areas specified under the legislation and all residential properties, of any type of tenure, within a specified area are potentially eligible for treatment under the scheme.

Commonly energy companies will set up partnerships with social housing providers to deliver schemes in particular areas. However, there are no restrictions on who the companies can partner with to deliver schemes.