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1.1 Statement

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Consumer Protection in the Green Heating and Insulation Sectors Update

Statement made on 21 February 2024

1.2 Debate

Westminster Hall debate - [Cavity Wall Insulation: Government Support](#)

HC Deb 21 February 2024 | Vol 745 c304WH-

- [Cavity Wall Insulation: Complaints](#)

16 Mar 2020 | Proceeding contributions | House of Commons | House of Commons chamber | 673 cc776-8

1.3 EDM

Defective cavity wall insulation

That this House expresses serious concern about widespread reports of defective installation of cavity wall insulation leading to mould, damp and structural damage to homes which leads to those affected taking legal action for damages caused; reaffirms that properly installed cavity wall insulation remains one of the best ways to improve a home's energy efficiency and reduce energy bills in the cost-of-living crisis; and demands that the Government undertake a thorough review of all Government-funded home insulation schemes and identifies the number affected by defective cavity wall insulation.

23 Feb 2024 | Early day motions | Open | House of Commons | 425 (session 2023-24)

Primary sponsor: Hussain, Imran | Party: Labour

Other sponsors: Edwards, Jonathan · Mearns, Ian · Ali, Tahir · Osborne, Kate · Webbe, Claudia

1.4

PQs

Home Insulation: Health and Mortality Rates

Asked by: The Earl of Devon

My Lords, to follow up on the issue of failed government schemes, would the noble Lord care to comment on the green homes grant scheme, which failed in 2021? As I understand it, it failed on account of the lack of trained and skilled people to pick up the grant scheme. What focus do the Government have on essential training in these skills?

Answered by: Lord Callanan

The noble Earl asks a very good question, and there have been a number of studies into why that scheme was not as successful as we would have liked. The fact that it was instituted at the end of the pandemic was one reason; poor choice of delivery contractor was another. I readily concede that there is a general problem in the sector with lack of suppliers and installers, and that is due to the amount of work going on through government schemes and the private sector. We all need to work, together with the installers and the contractors, to build up capacity in the sector. One of the ways we can do that, going back to an earlier question, is to provide long-term certainty of funding.

HL Deb 19 March 2024 | Vol 837 c99

Energy: Housing

Asked by: Stafford, Alexander

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what her Department's annual delivery target is for the number of households applying for the (a) Home Upgrade Grant, (b) Great British Insulation Scheme, (c) Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and (d) Boiler Upgrade Scheme.

Answering member: Amanda Solloway | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The current wave of Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 funding is expected to improve the energy performance of up to 25,000 homes. The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund estimates to upgrade up to 99,500 social homes. The Great British Insulation Scheme target is set in terms of annual bill savings, but it is estimated that it will support the installation of energy efficiency measures to around 300,000 homes.

The annual targets for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS) depends on the grant levels at the time, as we can change them to respond to market conditions.

The Government recently announced further details regarding the £6 billion extension that will be allocated from 2025-2028. This will support an extra 500,000 homes, prioritising those who need it most.

HC Deb 04 March 2024 | PQ 15782

Fuel Poverty

Asked by: Paul Blomfield

I hear what the Minister says about the Great British insulation scheme. It comes after the green deal and the green homes grant, but frankly it looks like another failure. There are 1.4 million people living in South Yorkshire, but just 137 of their homes have been upgraded under the GBIS. My constituents want their bills cut, emissions reduced and their homes insulated, but Government incompetence is standing in the way. When will the Minister get a grip?

Answered by: Amanda Solloway | Department: Energy Security and Net Zero

We are spending £6 billion in this Parliament and a further £6 billion up to 2028 to make buildings, including private rented properties, cleaner and warmer. That is in addition to the estimated £5 billion that will be delivered for ECO4—the energy company obligation—and the Great British insulation scheme up to March 2026.

HC Deb 27 February 2024 | Vol 746 c113

Great British Insulation Scheme

Asked by: Davison, Dehenna

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to improve the access to funding for the installers of Great British Insulation Scheme Flex.

Answering member: Amanda Solloway | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The Great British Insulation Scheme (GBIS) is not a Government grant or loan but funded by obligated energy suppliers who then recoup the costs from their domestic customers.

The Government sets the overall target and rules for GBIS but does not intervene in how energy suppliers deliver their individual targets.

HC Deb 27 February 2024 | PQ 14712

Housing: Insulation

Asked by: Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth

To ask His Majesty's Government how many households they have helped with home insulation measures in the last 12 months.

Answering member: Lord Callanan | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

From 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 (latest available data), around 97,100 insulation measures were installed in domestic properties under the following schemes: Energy Company Obligation, Great British Insulation Scheme, Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, Green Homes Local Authority Delivery and Home Upgrade Grant. Under these schemes, some households may have had more than one type of insulation measure installed. Statistics for each of these schemes are published on the gov.uk website.

HL Deb 02 February 2024 | PQ HL1843

Energy: Conservation

Asked by: Selous, Andrew

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what plans her Department has to reduce domestic energy consumption by 15 per cent by 2030.

Answering member: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The Government is investing £6.6 billion over this Parliament on clean heat and improving energy efficiency in buildings. In addition, £6 billion of new Government funding will be made available from 2025 to 2028.

The Government will deliver upgrades to over half a million homes in the coming years through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, Home Upgrade Grant, Boiler Upgrade Scheme, Great British Insulation scheme and Energy Company Obligation.

HC Deb 08 December 2023 | PQ 4360

Insulation: Private Rented Housing

Asked by: West, Catherine

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps she is taking to encourage private landlords to retrofit their properties to increase insulation.

Answering member: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The Government is spending £6bn this Parliament and a further £6bn to 2028 on making buildings cleaner and warmer, in addition to £5bn to be delivered through the Energy Company Obligation and the Great British Insulation Scheme up to March 2026.

Last year the Government introduced a zero-rate of VAT for five years on energy saving measures and low-carbon heating, making it cheaper for people to invest in their properties and reduce energy usage.

A brand-new eligibility tool was launched on the 'Help for Households' GOV.UK page that will help people find the support available to them via the Home Upgrade Grant and the Great British Insulation Scheme.

HC Deb 17 November 2023 | PQ 1002

Energy: Housing

Asked by: Carden, Dan

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to raise public awareness of (a) the availability of and (b) support for energy efficiency retrofitting measures for homes.

Answering member: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

In October, the Government launched the new Welcome Home to Energy Efficiency public campaign that provides trusted information on energy efficiency measures, prompting people to identify and take first steps towards improvements. The campaign also promotes the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, the Great British Insulation Scheme and Home Upgrade Grant phase 2 eligibility checkers as well as the 'Find Ways to Save Energy in Your Home' service. The digital services are complemented by a national phonenumber service.

HC Deb 15 November 2023 | PQ 424

Energy: Housing

Asked by: Carden, Dan

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, whether her Department is taking steps to help ensure that people have access to (a) independent and (b) tailored advice when making decisions about retrofitting their homes to make them more energy efficient.

Answering member: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

The 'find ways to save energy in your home' service was launched to offer tailored and independent recommendations for home improvement and retrofit. The Government also launched eligibility checkers for the Great British Insulation Scheme and Home Upgrade Grant: Phase 2 schemes, allowing eligible individuals to create a referral to either their Local Authority or Energy Supplier to take forward the home retrofit. These digital services are complemented by a national phoneline service.

The Government is working on enhancing its independent and tailored advice services to provide a better user experience.

HC Deb 15 November 2023 | PQ 413

Energy: Private Rented Housing

Asked by: Lake, Ben

To ask the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, what steps her Department has taken to support people in the private rental sector to access retrofitting schemes.

Answering member: Graham Stuart | Department: Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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In September, the Government launched a new eligibility tool on its 'Help for Households' GOV.UK page to help people find the support available to them via the Home Upgrade Grant and the Great British Insulation Scheme.

HC Deb 15 November 2023 | PQ 393