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Reference: CER Consultation paper CER/14/131

Dear Tara,

Please see below my comments and observations on the CER document referenced above.

Section 3.2.3 – I believe that the GSSB must remain a not for profit organisation as this will ensure all surplus revenue will be channelled back into the industry. Reserves at the end of the current designation period should be transferred to body designated from 2016 onwards. I also think that some of the surplus revenue should be used to employ one or more additional inspectors whose sole remit will be to target non-registered installers as this the primary concern from the majority of installers I meet on a daily basis.

Section 3.3.2 – I believe that terms of designation for any new body should be limited to five years. I think this is ample time for any such body to prove it's suitability for purpose. This shorter time period will keep focus on its primary function. I also think it appropriate as it would align with the installer registration period before reassessment.

Section 3.5 – I believe that the GSSB should not become involved in training or assessment of installers as I feel that it would be incorrect to allow the same body to train, assess and regulate installers without a major conflict of interest.

Section 5.3 – I believe that training centres that have been providing training programmes and accredited assessments in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024 since the implementation of the scheme should not be prevented from continuing with this role in the future and it should not be a mandatory requirement to have QQI recognition.

Regards,

Martin Hogan