

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF A DESIGNATED BODY (pg. 18)

- Answer : -
 - a) My fear of a profit making business that the body in question would be more focused on its commercial reality as opposed to the safety and service ethic for which it was originally set up to provide to the industry stake holders
 - b) I don't agree that the reserves should be passed to the new body. I would suggest the monies be redistributed to the contractors through a form or rebate or reduction in membership or certificate costs on a pro rata basis

TERM OF DESIGNATION (pg. 19)

- Answer: -
 - a) Seven years is too long and a shorter term would make the new body more accountable to members/stakeholders

COST RECOVERY (pg. 20)

- I am happy for the status quo to remain as this is fair to contractors based on their volume of work

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES (pg. 21)

- Existing criteria to remain in place

INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENTS (pg. 23)

- The CER currently investigates any incidents. I believe the most suitable person to investigate an incident is the Gas Safety Officer. The cost should be borne by the CER

CRITERIA DOCUMENT (pg. 25)

- I am satisfied with the current arrangement
- As stakeholders I propose that the GSSB publish a) a full set of annual accounts and b) the new body should be required to hold an AGM to which all RGI's should be invited and a full open forum provided for all areas to be discussed

TECHNICAL STANDARDS, TRAINING AND ASSESSMENTS (pg. 30)

- In favour of technical standards to which gas works must be carried out
- In favour of training prior to registration
- In favour of assessment under the CPD idea and the broadening / opening up of the existing training / accreditation bodies. CPD could then be spread over a 12 month period reducing the need for compressed training and the potential loss of income for contractors. The new SSB in conjunction with the carrying out of annual audits could add the auditing of CPD records as part of their remit.

The existing proposal I feel is geared more towards making money as opposed to enforcing training and safety standards. I would also comment that there is not enough accredited training centres nationwide while there has been and continues to be a lack of consultation with participating stakeholders in relation to the assessment up to now.

ELECTRICAL CRAFT CERTIFICATES AND CATEGORIES OF RGI's (pg. 35)

- Not in agreement that this qualification provides a stepping stone for electrical contractors to complete courses which will eventually lead to full membership / RGI status. I would much prefer to see separation of the trades.
- Not in favour of additional categories
- Category should be provided by electrical governing body which should permit them to work on the electrical supply of a gas appliance / installation only.

CERTIFICATION (pg. 40)

- Answer:-
 - b) A dual system is more favourable to contractors who are not electronically or technically savvy.

GAS WORKS BY UNREGISTERED INDIVIDUALS (pg. 43)

- The new body needs to be more proactive in targeting unregistered individuals/contractors. I suggest more of a visible / local onsite presence which might help to deter unregistered individuals.

CER APPOINTED GAS SAFETY OFFICER (pg. 43)

- Agree with CER proposal for them to appoint a safety officer with the cost being covered from their own resources.

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS (pg. 47)

- I would agree with neither option a) or b) and would suggest reviewing the existing criteria document for all interested stake holders both for the contractor and complainant's point of view or basis.

COMMUNICATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS (pg. 48)

- Suggest further more formal and set regular meetings in to the future. Currently meetings are held on an ad hoc basis and it is difficult to plan and organise one's calendar with such short notice.
- Suggest that stakeholders should be members of the new SSB Board.

ANNUAL LOGO (pg. 51)

- Would agree that the year of current membership should be displayed as part of the logo.

JOINT ELECTRICAL AND GAS SSB (pg. 55)

- Do not agree with the option of one process being utilised to designated single organisation for both gas SSB and electrical SSB. Suggest the governing regulatory bodies should be kept separate.