

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide details of the overall cost of subsidising the Home Energy Audit scheme since its inception?

Answer

The costs for this ongoing scheme are provided in two categories

1. Direct subsidy grants for applicant - £87,050

The scheme is current and continues to offer subsidies of between £200 - 250 to any homeowner on the island.

The use of energy assessments and the production of certificates is a key part of uplifting the energy efficiency of buildings. This scheme applies to private homes but a similar programme for commercial buildings is being developed.

Applicants have been able to apply for subsidised audits since January 2019. To date 395 audits have been carried out with total subsidy awarded to islanders of £87,050. This is an average of £220.38 per property.

2. Scheme costs - £86,957

This includes:

- Developing the bespoke Jersey scheme with the Buildings Research Establishment E.g. Software development for Jersey Energy Audit tool including amendment of the SAP/RdSAP tool, ongoing updates of the tool including updated fuel prices;
- Developing and delivering a training programme for 20 local energy efficiency assessors who now offer HEA as a service alone or as part of a wider architectural package. This includes direct training provision to local candidates by the Building Research Establishment, verification of local auditors, costs of training provision (room hire etc);
- Promoting the scheme through various media channels;
- There are ongoing costs to the provisioning of this scheme. Quidos manage the software which holds the Energy Performance Certificates.

Please note – this scheme is different to the Home Energy Scheme that previously offered a turnkey service to low-income householders to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. This scheme ran for 6 years installing 100% grants for energy efficiency measures, such as insulation and heating system improvements and upgrades in over 1700 households.