

# Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Deemed Scores Consultation Questions

## Background

The questions below relate to the ECO2 consultation on deemed scores which can be found on our website :

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/eco2-consultation-deemed-scores>

## Notes For Completion

Please complete all relevant sections of the document by selecting an answer for the question and then providing reasons/evidence for your response in the box provided. The questionnaire should be completed in typeface and returned via email to [eco.consultation@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:eco.consultation@ofgem.gov.uk) by **close of business on 8 July 2016**.

## 1. Respondent Details

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## 2. Methodology

**Q1.** Do you agree with our selection of the key variables to use as the main inputs for calculating the deemed scores?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify which aspect you do not agree with and suggest an alternative, with reasoning.

The National Audit Office undertook a review in April 2016 and the proposals contradicts the advice given. <https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Green-Deal-and-Energy-Company-Obligation-Summary.pdf>

The calculation of deemed scores applies a tick box approach with little accuracy (no measurement involved)

### 3. Property Archetypes

**Q2.** Do you agree with the method used in developing typical property archetypes in order to remove the need for measuring property dimensions?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify which aspect you do not agree with and suggest an alternative, with reasoning.

The use of property archetypes can only ever be broad brush estimation of the carbon savings and is not as accurate as RdSAP.

Number of bedrooms is open to fraud (this will go full circle as CERT & CESP)

#### 4. Primary Heating Sources

**Q3.** Do you agree with the approach to accounting for all primary heating sources present in the housing stock?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please explain your reasoning and evidence your preferred approach.

The deemed score approach removes any form of reasonable measurement, which is carried out by a DEA.

DEAs are trained to establish the primary and secondary heating. In some cases it is not obvious.

**Q4.** Do you agree that we have appropriately accounted for heating systems present in the housing stock either as an input for the deemed scores or in Table 1?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify which additional heating systems you believe need to be accounted for.

Heating systems vary greatly and Table 1 stifles the benefits of an accurate calculation by a DEA.

## 5. Measure Types

**Q5.** Do you agree that the deemed scores include all main measure types?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify which additional measure type you expect will be installed.

If RdSAP is applied then options would be available for all households

**Q6.** Do you agree with our proposals for differentiating within measure types?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify where alternative differentiation should be applied.

Higher performing and innovative measures will be disadvantaged. The innovation of new, high performing building products will be curbed.

**Q7.** Are there any measure types where you think that further differentiation is warranted? If so, please clarify which measure type could benefit from further differentiation and suggest an approach.

All require further differentiation, in particular cavities

**Q8.** Are there any areas where you could benefit from further guidance in using deemed scores?

See above

## 6. Scores

**Q9.** Do you agree with the deemed scores produced?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify which particular score(s) that you believe do not accurately reflect the savings for a measure.

Deemed scores apply average findings. Building stock is not like that!  
RdSAP data should be used

**Q10.** Do you agree that it would be useful to also provide the deemed scores as lifetime savings (i.e. after applying all relevant multiplication factors), to make the relative value of each measure easier to identify?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree

- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

## 7. Percentage of property treated

**Q11.** Do you agree with the proposal to use 'percentage of property treated' to identify whether 100% of a score should be claimed?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please explain your reasoning.

Deemed scores are inaccurate



## 8. New Scores

**Q12.** Do you agree with our proposed approach for applying for a new score from April 2017?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☒ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please explain your reasoning, which specific parts of the process you do not agree with and inform us of your preferred approach.

RdSAP should be used  
Stop changing requirements as this is difficult for the industry

**Q13.** Do you agree that we should determine whether or not to accept an application, and specifically what is a 'significant' improvement in score, on a case-by-case basis?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☒ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree

## 9. Score Monitoring

**Q14.** Do you agree that a DEA is not required to check inputs used when identifying a deemed score for a measure?

- ☐ Strongly Agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☒ Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Don't Know

If not, please clarify why you do not agree and provide an alternative approach with your reasoning.

An EPC is a recognised document by the public and should be incorporated at the end of the process  
Home owners can see improvements and benefits of the work carried out.

DEAs using the RdSAP and EPCs should be included in the policy

- ☐ Don't Know