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Dear Mr Bentley,

Thank you for your e-mail of 18 May 2008 requesting information on how many qualified Home Information Pack surveyors there are currently in UK and how many qualified Domestic Energy Assessment surveyors there are currently in UK and if available how many are self employed in each case.

I can confirm that Communities and Local Government does hold some of the information that you have requested and that I am able to provide you with information on

*"how many qualified Home Information Pack surveyors there are currently in UK and how many qualified Domestic Energy Assessment surveyors there are currently in UK"*

The number of accredited Home Inspectors is 873 and the number of accredited Domestic Energy Assessors is 7,057. These figures are up to date at 23 May 2008.

I am unable to provide you with the information you asked for regarding how many [Home Inspectors and Domestic Energy Assessors] are self employed because Communities and Local Government does not hold this information.

Communities and Local Government as an organisation aims to be as helpful as possible in the way it deals with requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If, however, you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled or the outcome, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Information about the Department's review procedures and how to apply for an internal review of your case is contained in the enclosed leaflet. This also explains your right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision in the event that you remain dissatisfied following the authority's review

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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