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## Government response to the consultation on Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations, 2016

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# Executive Summary

## Introduction and overview

A legal notice to transpose the European directive 10/31 known as the Energy performance building Directive recast in Malta. The legal notice replaces a previous legal notice LN376/2012 which also intended to transpose the EPDB recast, but was however found to be insufficient.

The public consultation ran from 11.04.2016 till 09.05.2016. The objective of the consultation is very limited, since Malta as a member state is bound to implement such directives.

This consultation sought views on:

Requirements to update Minimum energy performance requirements to cost-optimal levels.

Requirements to update minimum performance requirements for building systems.

The introduction of energy performance certificates in Malta for building being constructed sold or rented.

Requirements for advertisement containing EPC

Requirements for heating and air-conditioning inspections.

Requirements for a shift towards nearly-zero energy buildings by 2020 for all buildings and 2018 for public buildings.

Various other requirements emanating from the the EPBD recast

## Responses to the consultation and process used to seek stakeholder views

Consultation was possible through the online system

- One feedback on a personal basis

- One feedback from a public entity

No meetings with stakeholders were done for the purposes of consultation over the proposed legal notice.

The following is a summary of the consultation responses received. We would like to thank all those who took the time to respond to the consultation.

## Summary of responses and decisions

Total of feedback received: 2

Total of feedback received by individuals: 1

Total of feedback received by organisations: 1

Total of feedback submitted through online form: 2

Respondent on a personal questioned the EU directive requirements and their implementation in Malta, particularly with regards to thermal insulation. The respondent stated that thermal insulation may lead to excessive heat gains. This respondent contended that the implementation of the EPBD is driven by commercial interests.

The response from the government entity concern in particular those government entities that should take a leading role to implement particular items envisaged within the legal notice.

## Detailed overview of responses received

Respondent on a personal basis stated that insulation will cause heat gains, citing a typical house in the UK in Summer as an example. This will require more airconditioning, and in the respondent's opinion a fan is more appropriate than air conditioning.

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