

<b>Request reference</b>	2019/12/01
<b>Date received</b>	16 December 2019
<b>Date responded</b>	24 December 2019
<b>Legislation applied</b>	Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004
<b>Exemption(s) applied</b>	Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, Section 39(2) – the information requested was environmental information for the purposes of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

<b>Question</b>	<b>Forth HA Response</b>
<p>1. Do you currently carry out electrical safety inspections across your social housing stock?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes, across all our housing stock (go to question 3)</li> <li>b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock (go to question 3)</li> <li>c. No (go to question 2)</li> </ul>	a. Yes, across all our housing stock
<p>2. Why don't you carry out regular electrical safety inspections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Not a legal requirement</li> <li>b. Cost prohibitive</li> <li>c. Too disruptive to tenants</li> <li>d. Don't have the time</li> <li>e. Don't know how to go about it</li> <li>f. Other (specify)</li> </ul> <p>Go to question 7</p>	Not applicable
<p>3. How often do you carry out these inspections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Every 5 years</li> <li>b. Every 10 years</li> <li>c. On change of tenancy</li> <li>d. During home improvements (e.g. fitting of new kitchens)</li> <li>e. Other, please specify</li> </ul>	<p>a. Every 5 years</p> <p>and</p> <p>c. On change of tenancy</p> <p>and</p> <p>d. During home improvements (e.g. fitting of new kitchens)</p>

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<p>4. How do you find the electrician that carries out these inspections for you?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Through a trade or certification body (SELECT, SJIB, NICEIC, NAPIT)</li> <li>b. Online web search</li> <li>c. Local advertising media</li> <li>d. Recommended by someone/organisation</li> <li>e. Social media</li> <li>f. Don't know/Don't remember</li> <li>g. Other – please specify</li> </ul>	<p>c. Local advertising media</p> <p>and</p> <p>g. Other – competitive tender for kitchens, 5 yearly Quick Quotes on Public Contracts Scotland</p>
<p>5. Do you carry out any form of interim visual inspection for electrical defects on your properties?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes, across all our housing stock (go to question 6)</li> <li>b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock (go to question 6)</li> <li>c. No (go to question 7)</li> </ul>	<p>c. No</p>
<p>6. How often do you carry out these interim visual inspections?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Every year</li> <li>b. On change of tenancy</li> <li>c. During home improvements (e.g. fitting of new kitchens)</li> <li>d. Other, please specify</li> </ul>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>7. Do you provide any White Goods (e.g. fridge freezers, washing machines etc) as part of your tenancy agreements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes (go to question 8)</li> <li>b. No (go to question 9)</li> </ul>	<p>b. No</p>
<p>8. Do you have any systems in place for checking whether the White Goods you supply may become subject to a product recall?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes</li> <li>b. No</li> </ul>	<p>Not applicable</p>

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<p>9. Are Residual Current Devices (RCDs) fitted in your properties?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes, across all our housing stock</li> <li>b. Yes, but only across part of our housing stock</li> <li>c. Unsure</li> <li>d. No</li> </ul>	<p>a. Yes, across all of Forth HA's housing stock</p>
<p>10. Do you provide advice to tenants regarding electrical safety and how to manage electrical risk in their homes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Yes (go to question 11)</li> <li>b. No (go to question 12)</li> </ul>	<p>a. Yes</p>
<p>11. Please specify which advice you provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Information provided at start of the tenancy</li> <li>b. Leaflets provided or made available</li> <li>c. User manuals provided for all appliances included as part of the tenancy</li> <li>d. Promote details on social media and online channels</li> <li>e. Other, please specify</li> </ul>	<p>a. Information provided at start of the tenancy</p> <p>and</p> <p>c. User manuals provided for all appliances included as part of the tenancy</p> <p>and</p> <p>d. Promote details on social media and online channels – website</p>
<p>12. What, if anything, would you like to see happen with electrical safety regulation in the social housing sector?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Stay the same</li> <li>b. Change to a mandatory regime, similar to requirements in the private rented sector (i.e. mandatory 5 yearly inspections of installations and any appliances provided as part of a let and RCDs fitted in consumer units)</li> <li>c. Undecided</li> </ul>	<p>a. Stay the same</p>