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Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information:

1. Under the Green Deal initiative how many assessments in peoples' homes have been carried out on energy efficiency measures.
2. Under the initiative how many assessments have been budgeted for, and provide me with a breakdown of the firms that will be paid for providing this advice and how much it has been budgeted that each firm will receive.
3. How many people have actually successfully applied for the Green Deal money, what energy saving devices have they had installed, and how much money has been provided to these people in total?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you require
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

In response to question 1, we can confirm that the Department holds information on the number of Green Deal (GD) Assessments lodged and number of GD Plans. At 30 June, there were 44,479 GD Assessments lodged in total in Great Britain.

On question 3, following a GD Assessment, householders who choose to take on all or some of the recommended measures have a number of options open to them in terms of financing. Green Deal finance is one, although it has only been possible for Green Deal Providers to request plans following commercial agreements between them and the Green Deal Finance Company. Because of the need for Providers to prepare their businesses, Plans have really only been created from May onwards.

There are three stages in the life cycle of a Green Deal Plan for which reports are generated. In total, there were 306 Green Deal Plans in the system for individual properties as at 30 June.

- the first stage (a 'new' Green Deal Plan) is after a customer has obtained a quote from a Green Deal Provider and confirmed they wish to proceed. The Green Deal Provider has then successfully requested a Green Deal Plan record prior to



signature by the customer. It is possible that more than one Green Deal Plan may be requested for each household. There were 270 households with a 'new' Green Deal Plan reported up to 30 June.

- the second stage (a 'pending' Green Deal Plan) is when a Green Deal Plan has been signed by the customer, progress is being made to install Green Deal Plan measures and the Plan is being finalised so that charging can start. There were 36 households with 'pending' Green Deal Plans reported up to 30 June.

- the final stage (a 'live' Green Deal Plan) is after the measures have been installed in the property, the information required to disclose the plan to future bill payers has been attached to the Plan and the energy supplier has all the information required to bill Green Deal charges. At this stage the daily charge has been confirmed along with the date from when the charge will be accrued on their electricity bill. There were no 'live' Green Deal Plans up to 30 June.

More information can be found in the following statistical release:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/green-deal-and-energy-company-obligation-eco-monthly-statistics-july-2013>

Regarding your second question, this information is not held by DECC. GD Assessments are not delivered by the Government, and so are not budgeted for by DECC nor are firms paid for by DECC for providing this advice; the Green Deal is a market-based scheme. The first step in the Green Deal process involves a Green Deal Assessor coming to the home, talking to the owner/occupier about their energy use and seeing if they can benefit from making energy efficiency improvements to their property. The main output from this process is that a Green Deal Advice Report (using information from an Energy Performance Certificate and Occupancy Assessment) will be produced and will be lodged on a national register. The customer is then able to view the energy efficiency measures which have been recommended and understand the potential costs and savings.

Appeals Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to the Security & Information Rights Unit at:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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