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Dear Chief Executive

**ENERGY PERFORMANCE OF BUILDINGS (CERTIFICATES AND
INSPECTIONS) REGULATIONS (NI) 2008**

DISPLAY ENERGY CERTIFICATES

You will be aware that the above Regulations, which were made on 10 April 2008, introduced requirements in relation to Energy Performance Certificates and Display Energy Certificates (DECs). It is in relation to the latter that I am now writing.

From 30th December 2008 DECs have been required for buildings with a total useful floor over 1000m² which are occupied by public authorities providing services to and therefore visited by a large number of persons. The DEC must be displayed prominently in the building. At present this Department is responsible for enforcing the Regulations and has undertaken a number of activities to enhance compliance.

However as you will be aware from previous correspondence it is intended that enforcement will be designated to District Councils in the near future, although the Department will retain an enforcement role in relation to District Council buildings. When District Councils take on the enforcement role it will be important for them to demonstrate that their own (relevant) buildings comply.

In advance of designation, I am taking the opportunity to ask you to confirm that all relevant buildings within your area have a DEC and that it is displayed prominently. I should also be grateful if you would advise which of your buildings have a DEC and the progress being made in relation to those which need one but do not yet have it.

This information may be emailed to louise.mccabe@dfpni.gov.uk or posted to Louise at Building Standards Branch, 10th Floor, River House, 48 High Street, Belfast, BT1 2AW.

I should be grateful for a response by 29th April.

Yours Sincerely

Seamus McCrystal

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