SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM PROFESSOR SEAN SMITH

Sadly I see the Annex A “additional technical fabric etc..” within Homes and Communities, still has the same “speculation” fudge factor, which I queried during the EET committee hearing and which has not been answered. If the Government does not know how they will achieve this – then it’s best to show as a “gap” which needs to be addressed.

It’s very worrying that the largest reduction measure in “Homes and Communities” is effectively a “Made up” number with no evidence. This is very serious and worrying and still remains in the document.

Of course I wish to see abatement measures met and achieved and my research institute works closely to deliver new methods and measure effectiveness. However, these RPP2 values are without foundation and the Chair of the EET should request that they are removed, otherwise the RPP2 becomes a document of “smoke and mirrors”.

It may also interest the EET Committee that these gaps in targets or areas where we need to find better solutions for energy performance and carbon reduction are some of the reasons behind the proposed 11 Scottish Universities partnership with the construction sector called the “Construction Scotland Innovation Centre”.

We are at present waiting to hear from the Scottish Funding Council if the 5 year program will receive funding, working with Scottish industry and government to tackle these very issues. We are targeting to support a £250 million growth for the sector over the 5 years by combining these leading Scottish University experts.

We hope to hear in August sometime.

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