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Make further provision about energy efficiency and microgeneration in public sector buildings; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Procurement of public sector buildings

A Minister of the Crown must, when procuring any commercial building for the use of—

- (a) his department, or
- (b) any executive agency or non-departmental public body for which he is responsible, 5

ensure that the building has an energy efficiency rating of A or B, calculated on the basis of information obtained within the previous 12 months, and in accordance with the energy rating system used for the purposes of an energy performance certificate. 10

2 Interpretation

In this Act—

“commercial building” means a building procured for use as office accommodation pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Acts or any statutory instrument made under those Acts; 15

“energy performance certificate” means a certificate issued in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 2007/991);

“procure” means rent, lease, purchase or acquire through a private developer scheme, a public private partnership, private finance initiative or similar arrangement. 20

3 Commencement and short title

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Act 2008.
- (2) This Act shall come into force twelve months after the date on which it is passed.

Public Sector Buildings (Energy Performance) Bill

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