A proposal for a Bill to establish standard missives for the sale of new-build homes, including redress for purchasers in respect of defects in construction. The consultation runs from 5 April 2019 to 27 June 2019. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: Consultation document Privacy Notice

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used.

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Professional with experience in a relevant subject

Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:
31 years working as a Clerk of Works. 56 years in the building trade.

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

No Response
Aim and Approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing statutory standardised clauses for builders’ missives?

**Fully supportive**

*Please explain the reasons for your response.*

Long overdue. Housebuilders need to take responsibility for their product new homes.

Q2. Which of the following best expresses your view of providing a statutory route for home buyers to obtain redress for major failings on new-build property?

**Fully supportive**

*Please explain the reasons for your response.*

House builder’s standards in some companies are at an all time low.

Q3. What do you think would be the main practical advantages and disadvantages of the proposed Bill?

Buyer would have legal rights.

Q4. What length of time do you think is most appropriate for a builder’s warranty for a new-build home?

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**Please explain the reasons for your response.**
This would make it law. This should then force builders to produce better quality.

Q5. Which of the following best describes your view of having standard missives that provide a right for buyers to carry out a full survey of the property within a specified period, and a right to pull out of the purchase if severe or very serious defects are discovered?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response**
House purchaser should be allowed to inspect the new build by independent inspector from day 1.

Q6. If you have bought a new-build home in the past, please tell me about your experience, taking care not to name individuals/companies or the location of the property/development.

**Financial Implications**

Q7. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have on:

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**Please explain the reasons for your response.**
Not all house builders employ QA inspectors or Clerk of Works.
## Equalities

Q8. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, maternity and pregnancy, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**
This should have been in place years ago. Building construction skills are currently low.

## Sustainability

Q9. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

## General

Q10. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Positive