Written Answers

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what the definition his Department uses for 'place of worship' is for the purpose of exemption from Energy Performance Certificates.

Stephen Williams (The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; Bristol West, Liberal Democrat)

DCLG does not define the term, "buildings used as places of worship" but allows it to take its common sense meaning. However, those responsible for such buildings may wish to seek advice from their local weights and measures authority to ensure that they, as the relevant enforcement body, share the view that the building in question is exempt from the requirement to have an Energy Performance Certificate on sale or rent.