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WINTER HOMES HEAT HELPLINE

Recent research carried for the Energy Retail Association showed that, although 75% of respondents say the credit crunch has made them more concerned about saving energy, more than half admit that they are not as energy efficient as they could be. The research also showed that one third of those surveyed are unaware that there are grants available to fit free or discounted home insulation. Two thirds of those taking part in the same survey were unaware that they might qualify for grants and other assistance from their energy supplier.

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West commented “More information on grants and support for those in most need is available from ‘Home Heat Helpline’ on Tel:0800 33 66 99. With the recent cold spell over the holidays, many people have been suffering. I would encourage as many people as possible who are not sure if they have enough insulation in their homes to contact the helpline. As part of this Winter’s campaign, online enquiries can now also be made at www.homeheathelpline.org.uk. “