

In October 2001, **mmbbl** won a major contract to manage a key component of the English House Condition Survey (EHCS). The survey, funded by the Government's Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), ran continuously from April 2002 to March 2008. **mmbbl** were responsible for detailed surveys of over 8000 properties a year and this represented a significant expansion of the company's activities.



The work was undertaken by 200 part-time surveyors, supported by 5 Regional Managers.

Following the success of the EHCS contract, **mmbbl** tendered for and were re-appointed to the follow-on contract, the three-year English Housing Survey (EHS), to run from 1st April, 2008. This contract carries the possibility of an extension for a fourth year in 2011.



mmbbl are working in partnership with the Building Research Establishment (BRE) and the Office for National Statistics (ONS), who have overall management responsibility for the survey, which also comprises a household interview, market valuation exercise and interviews with private landlords. The survey covers all types, ages and tenures of housing in England,

The EHCS/EHS are major sources of information and are used by CLG in the development and monitoring of policies directed towards the improvement of the housing stock. The Department uses the information to:

- Monitor the changing condition of the nation's housing;
- Target resources to those areas and regions where it is needed most;
- Measure key housing initiatives, such as the "Decent Homes Standard".

Now in the eight year of this type of work, **mmbbl** have undertaken nearly 60,000 full surveys during the course of these contracts.



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