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**GOVERNMENT MINISTER SAYS:
"THE ONLY REASON WE'RE NOT GOING AHEAD WITH FULL ROLL OUT IS
MARKET VOLATILITY"**

Dominic Toller, Director of Marketing & New Business at LMS, commenting on today's speech from the Rt. Hon. Iain Wright, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Housing and Planning, speaking at the AHIPP Annual Conference:

"LMS welcomes today's acknowledgement that the only reason the Government are not rolling out HIPs for all properties is because of volatility in the financial and property markets.

"We have known for a long time that the industry is absolutely ready for the full roll out of HIPs across all properties and we are pleased to hear that they are monitoring closely the effect HIPs have had so far. This news will also be welcomed by the many Home Inspectors and Domestic Energy Assessors who are ready to support the final phase of implementation. With over 7,000 trained and accredited, we now look forward to this critical next stage where, at last, the real benefit of HIPs will be felt and real reform can begin."