

Re: Death by Communism

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On 15 May 2006 15:14:01 GMT, "John B"
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Robin scrobe on the papyrus:

The UK is desperately trying to strangle itself by employing as many people as possible to control as many people as possible.

I need to upgrade my domestic electrical supply to 100A but...

Controller "We cannot upgrade your 60A fuse to 100A unless the tails are 25mm."

"But I am not allowed to do that."

Controller "Exactly, you need a qualified part-P electrician."

"But he can't wire up the extra load until the 100A fuse is fitted."

(sung to the tune "there's a hole in my bucket")

Controller "I'll send you out a load investigation form. You fill it in and send it back."

I predict that the load investigation will report "The customer does not have 25mm tails in place therefore he cannot have the 100A upgrade." and then I will dial:

08701 963 090 and press "1" for "upgrade domestic supply" and the reply will be

"you need to dial" 0845 234 0040 negotiate another menu or two, enjoy several minutes of the second movement of BWV 1068 in D major before a human being will tell me that "to upgrade domestic supply you need to dial

08701 963 090 and then I will "hold for general enquiries" while they play "There's a hole in my bucket." and then the Controller will say, "We cannot upgrade your 60A fuse to 100A unless the tails are 25mm..."

Cheers

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Robin

Get in an "Appropriate Person" to upgrade the tails to your existing consumer unit, but remember to leave plenty of slack for later modifications.

The UK regulations are so ridiculous these days. Even though I am a Chartered Engineer with over 30 years experience in electrical machinery, I cannot legally change a wall socket in my own house as I don't have a portfolio of inspected installations and am not willing to pay the requisite 400UKP to get one.

Protectionism gone mad.

In the USA, in Arizona at least, as the homeowner I can do any work on my house, electrical, plumbing, etc.

The only restriction is I must have