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COMMENT

We have tried over the last few years to air various matters—some topical, some not so topical—within this column to increase the correspondence section of the Journal. Response has been limited. Now, without prompting from us, we believe we no longer need worry, the secret lies in a few words included with the October issue to the effect that RICS/IQS unification talks are to formally commence.

Both parties to the discussion, we would suggest, must ensure that the talks, however long they may need to take, must end in unification, for to fail again would be a disaster for the profession. This may mean some long debate on subjects of discontent noted at the last round five years or so ago. The right balance must be established. What is perhaps of paramount importance is not so much that the RICS and IQS should be unified but that the profession as a whole be unified. It must be the aim that all quantity surveyors whether coming into a private or commercial firm, from a full-time course or straight from school, naturally seek membership of one body and not turn to other bodies thus perpetuating fragmentation of the profession. The quantity surveyor faces considerable change in the years ahead and there is an essential need to speak with one voice and plan the future.

However, thoughts of what may be are still some way off and it will be for the membership to finally decide how to proceed. In the case of the IQS a simple majority is not enough, a 75% majority being the legal requirement for any proposition.

In the meantime we look forward to a lively and constructive debate, members' views are essential to enable Council to take a positive lead and act with confidence.

FUTURE EDITIONS

So What is Cash Flow Control?
Speeding up Construction
SMM7—Questions and Answers

IMPORTANT DATES

Council Meeting—11th December 1981