

Energy Trends revisions policy

Energy statistics contained in the annual Digest of UK Energy Statistics (DUKES) and in the quarterly and monthly editions of Energy Trends are classified as National Statistics. This means that they are produced to the high professional standards as set out in the UK Statistics Authority's (UKSA) Code of Practice for Official Statistics. Each organisation responsible for producing National Statistics is required, by the code, to publish a Revisions Policy for those outputs that are subject to scheduled revisions.

DECC's revisions policy for these core energy statistics is published on the DECC section of the gov.uk website at: www.gov.uk/government/statistics/energy-statistics-revisions-policy. DECC is currently working on updating our revisions policy for all of our statistical releases with the intention of re-publishing the document referred to above by the end of October 2014.

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As part of DECC's review of our revisions policy, DECC are introducing clearer guidance for users of Energy Trends to explain which data periods have been revised in any given publication month. Table 1 below shows for each publication month which data periods can be revised for both the monthly and quarterly editions of Energy Trends.

Table 1: Energy Trends data revisions permissible by month of publication

<u>Publication Month</u>	<u>Data to be revised</u>
January	October data of prior year.
February	All data in prior year given first publication of provisional annual data.
March*	All quarterly data of previous two years, so that both levels and growth rates are as accurate as possible for the latest year.
April	January data of current year.
May	January and February data of current year.
June*	Q1 data of current year. For those fuels (oil, gas and renewables) reconciling data with annual DUKES balances the data in prior year(s) may also be revised.
July	Q1 and April data of current year. For those fuels (coal and electricity) reconciling data with annual DUKES balances the data in prior year(s) may also be revised.
August	April and May data of current year.
September*	Q1 and Q2 data of current year.
October	July data of current year.
November	July and August data of current year.
December*	Q1, Q2 and Q3 data of current year.

*Monthly and Quarterly editions of Energy Trends produced.

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In exceptional circumstances significant revisions outside of the data periods specified above may be allowed – if made these revisions will be detailed by DECC on the highlights worksheet of the relevant Energy Trends table Excel workbook, and in the quarterly editions of the Energy Trends publications.

Revision Triangles

DECC will continue to publish revisions triangles for total energy statistics in respect of Production, Supply, Demand, Final Consumption and Seasonally Adjusted Inland Consumption at the same time as the quarterly editions of Energy Trends (March, June, September and December) at:

www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-total-energy-data-revisions, so as to allow users to further analyse past revisions.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Price statistics revisions

As mentioned previously, similar clarifications to DECC's revisions policy for other statistical releases, including those for Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Price statistics will be published in due course on the webpage www.gov.uk/government/collections/decc-statistics-governance, which contains documents that detail DECC's compliance with the UK Statistics Authority's Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

User feedback

We welcome all feedback from users; therefore, if you have any comments regarding this article, please contact Kevin Harris using the contact details below.

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