

Future of Energy Trends and Quarterly Energy Prices: printed publications

Energy Trends

Energy Trends (ET) which was first published in the 1960s, is a quarterly DECC statistical publication covering all major aspects of energy. It provides a comprehensive picture of energy production and use and contains analysis of data and articles covering energy issues.

Quarterly Energy Prices

Quarterly Energy Prices (QEP) which began in mid-2001, is a quarterly DECC statistical publication covering energy prices to domestic and industrial consumers, as well as presenting comparisons of fuel prices in the European Union and G7 countries.

Publication schedule

Energy Trends and Quarterly Energy Prices are normally published concurrently on the last Thursday of March, June, September and December. In addition PDF versions of both publications and data tables in Excel format are made available free of charge on the DECC section of the gov.uk website from 9.30am on the day of publication.

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions to printed editions of both publications run from June to March and are available at £40 for UK subscribers, £45 for the rest of the world (surface email) and £60 for the rest of the world (airmail) subscribers.

Future plans

Since 2007-08, when there were 107 subscribers, there has been a year on year decline in the number of subscribers purchasing printed editions of the publications, and in 2014-15 there are now only 26 subscribers. This decline reflects the fact that most users now access the publications and associated data for free on the internet. Data from gov.uk shows that in the past year the webpages for both publications received on average around 1,400 hits per month.

As a result of the fall in the number of subscribers DECC have decided that the last printed editions of the publications will be released on Thursday 26 March 2015. From June 2015 onwards the publications will only be available on the DECC section of the gov.uk website at:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/energy-trends and
www.gov.uk/government/collections/quarterly-energy-prices.

Whilst the publications will continue to be made available in PDF format, with data tables in Excel, DECC are keen to explore with users how we could improve both the accessibility of the publications and the presentation of data in the future.

User feedback

DECC would be interested to hear from users how DECC could develop the publications from June 2015 onwards. Therefore, if you have any suggestions, please contact Kevin Harris using the contact details below.

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