

# Upcoming developments in data collection for company purchases on fuels

## Key headline

This article sets out our proposed changes to the Annual Purchases Survey (APS) managed by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in consultation with BEIS on questions relating to purchases of fuels. We welcome your views on these proposals.

## Background

BEIS collect information on deliveries into economic sectors by surveying energy providers. Surveying suppliers has operational efficiencies but not all suppliers know where the fuel they sell is used, particularly for oil products which can be bought and sold numerous times before reaching the consumer.

The Office for National Statistics collects annual data on company expenditure, including on fuels, in the [Annual Purchases Survey](#). This survey offers another way to capture where energy is being consumed and we have been working closely with ONS to consider changes to the survey that will add the most value to our understanding of energy consumption.

We have already agreed a small number of amendments for the 2021 edition of the Annual Purchases survey, but for the 2022 edition of the Annual Purchases Survey we propose wider changes, removing more questions on fuels with only low demand levels and adding questions on fuels with higher demand or where other data sources leave greater uncertainty on where they are consumed. The overall number of questions remain the same to avoid increasing reporting burdens. The proposed changes are outlined below.

## Proposed changes

The current APS asks for expenditure on the following fuels. The table below shows the proposed changes (if any) for 2022.

Fuel	Proposal
Electricity	Retain
Coke oven products	Remove
Biofuels	Expand with more categories (wood, other biomass, see below)
Petrol	Retain (bio elements included)
Diesel	Retain (bio elements included)
Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)	Retain
Gas oil	Retain
Other fuel oils	Remove
Lubricating petroleum oils	Remove
Other refined petroleum products	Remove
Gas supply from mains	Retain

We propose that the following fuels are substituted for the fuels removed from the survey. These fuels have greater levels of consumption than coke over products, lubricating oils, other refined products and other fuel oils that are recorded in the current survey.

Fuel	Details
Kerosene	Include: burning oil, marked kerosene Exclude: kerosene type jet fuel, gas oil
Wood	Include: logs, wood chips (virgin), arboricultural arisings Exclude: Recycled wood
Wood products	Include: Pellets, Sawdust (offcuts) Exclude: Recycled wood
Other biomass (crops)	Include: bioliquids, miscanthus, short rotation coppice, tallow Exclude: Recycled waste, Straw, Husks, Animal Bedding

## User consultation

We will be working with ONS over the summer to seek further views, but we welcome views from all users of energy statistics. Should you have any questions or feedback on the recent changes or proposed developments, please get in touch by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. You can contact us at [energy.stats@beis.gov.uk](mailto:energy.stats@beis.gov.uk)



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