



Quarterly Survey of Domestic Electricity Prices (QSDEP) User Survey

Introduction

The Quarterly Survey of Domestic Electricity Prices (QSDEP) is an average price series produced by the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment.

If you are a user of the QSDEP we are interested in finding out more about how you use it, and how it meets your needs currently.

This information will be used to inform any updates to the QSDEP in the future.

We are also looking to review the way that we calculate the 'Transmission' and 'Distribution' components of the QSDEP across lines company areas. A section of this survey seeks feedback on this specific part of the QSDEP in particular.

This survey will close at midnight on Tuesday the 13th of April 2021. If you have any questions about the survey please email us at energydata@mbie.govt.nz with "QSDEP User Survey" in the subject line.

Thank you for participating in our survey, we appreciate your input.



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Participant information

* 1. Which of these best describes the area you work in? [Select all that apply]

- Academia
- Electricity Transmission
- Electricity Distribution
- Electricity Regulation
- Electricity Policy
- Electricity Retail
- Media

Other (please specify)

2. Which of these best describes your occupation?

- Analyst
- Economist
- Journalist
- Market Commentator
- Policy advisor
- Pricing manager
- Researcher
- Student

Other (please specify)



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Current use of the QSDEP

3. How often do you access the results of the QSDEP?

- Every quarter
- 2-3 times a year
- Once a year
- Less than once a year
- Never

4. What do you use the QSDEP for? [Select all that apply]

- Input into business process (please provide more information in the next question)
- Input into research/modelling
- Insight from the results for commentary
- Personal interest

Other (please specify)

5. If you specified "Input to a business process" above, please provide a brief description of this process

6. Which parts of the QSDEP results do you use? [Select all that apply]

- Retail price series – national average
- Retail price series – by region
- 'Lines component' vs 'Energy and other component' breakdown – national average
- 'Lines component' vs 'Energy and other component' breakdown – by region
- 'Transmission' vs 'Distribution' breakdown of 'Lines component' – national average
- 'Transmission' vs 'Distribution' breakdown of 'Lines component' – by region
- Lines company discounts information
- Lines company distributions information

7. Does the QSDEP publication currently meet your needs?

- Yes
- No

8. If you answered "No" to the question above, please specify why the QSDEP doesn't currently meet your needs

9. Would you be impacted if the published file format and/or layout of the QSDEP results changed?

- Yes
- No

10. If you answered "Yes" to the question above, please specify how you would be impacted

11. Does the published QSDEP documentation ([Key Assumptions of the QSDEP](#)) meet your needs?

Yes, it meets my needs

I have never accessed it

No, I would like more information than the documentation provides (please specify)



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Transmission/distribution split methodology review

The QSDEP publication includes an estimated breakdown of the 'Lines Component' of residential electricity prices into a 'Transmission' and 'Distribution' component.

We are reviewing the way that we calculate this across the lines company areas the QSDEP covers to improve consistency.

12. Do you use the distribution/transmission component estimates?

Yes

No

13. We are interested in any feedback you have on the distribution/transmission estimates. Please enter any feedback in the textbox below



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Other comments and suggestions

14. Do you have any other comments on the QSDEP, or suggestions for changes to it that you would like to see in the future? If so please, let us know what these are, and why.



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Staying up to date

If you would like to be kept informed of news related to the QSDEP please sign up to our Energy Data and Modelling mailing list [here](#).