

The Government's consultation on Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP)

Introduction

The Government is consulting on proposals for the Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP). The broad policy proposals for the design of the programme include:

- placing an obligation on energy suppliers and electricity generators to meet a CO2 reduction target by providing energy efficiency measures to domestic consumers;
- requiring that this obligation is met by providing these measures to households in areas with high levels of low incomes;
- to offer these measures as a package to homes, to deliver a 'whole house approach' – so that homes can receive all the major energy efficiency measures they need, which could also include district heating schemes;
- specifying that only certain measures are eligible to count towards the CO2 targets, focusing on those measures which can make a substantial difference to a household emissions and fuel bills.

Background

On September 11 2008 the Prime Minister announced a package of initiatives designed to help people to reduce their fuel bills whilst also ensuring that the most vulnerable receive help this winter. One element of this package was the Community Energy Saving Programme. It aims to deliver around £350m of energy efficiency packages. Reducing energy use also helps tackle climate change, and CESP will contribute to our ambition of an 80% greenhouse gas reduction by 2050.

Thank you for all the responses. Consultation has now closed; our response to the comments will be published on the website by the 8th August 2009.

Additional documentation

In order to support stakeholders in the developing responses to the consultation we have produced a number of additional documents, which seek to expand upon or clarify some of the issues under discussion. These documents should be read in conjunction with the CESP consultation document.

[1: Notification of corrections to consultation document](#) Size: [52 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[2: Example CESP projects detailing the measures, costs and carbon savings](#) Size: [81 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[3a: Additional information on measures scores, uplifts and illustrative mixes](#) Size: [22 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[3b: Additional information on measures scores, uplifts and illustrative mixes](#) Size: [69 KB] File Type: [.xls]

[4: Delivering intensive action in target areas – Another Option](#) Size: [74 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[5: Avoiding unintended consequences - Do we need a cap on measures?](#) Size: [64 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[6: Division of the obligation between electricity generators](#) Size: [196 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

Responses to the consultation must be submitted by 8 May 2009, and can be emailed to:

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Consultation documents

[to consultees](#) Size: [118 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[Energy Saving Programme \(CESP\): full consultation document](#) Size: [5.70 MB] File Type: [.pdf]

[Summary](#) Size: [492 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

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[Impact Assessment](#) Size: [793 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[Statutory Instrument](#) Size: [176 KB] File Type: [.pdf]

[: Areas of Low Income](#) Size: [575 KB] File Type: [.xls]

'Areas of low income' is the list referred to in article 2 of the Draft Statutory Instrument.