



# Department of Energy & Climate Change

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Delivering key energy milestones - [Annual Energy Statement](#)

Renewable energy continues to receive [high levels of public support](#)

Switching energy supplier – on the up!

Amber Rudd [speech to the 3rd Annual Heat Conference](#)

More households to [benefit from renewable heating](#)

First national [UK onshore oil and gas college to open](#)

Answering your questions on [shale oil and gas and fracking](#)

New chief executive of Oil & Gas Authority [announced](#)

Helping large organisations cut their electricity use - [ESOS launching in December](#)

## Attracting major investment in offshore wind - creating jobs across the UK

On 30 October, Energy and Climate Change Secretary Ed Davey officially opened [West of Duddon Sands Offshore Wind Farm](#), located off the



Barrow-in-Furness coastline in North West England. This is an important contribution to our energy infrastructure that:

- will power over 250,000 homes
- has employed over 1,000 people
- installed over 200km of undersea cables

In other developments, [Walney Extension offshore wind farm](#) in the Irish Sea has been given consent from the government to go ahead - a further boost to jobs and infrastructure in this sector.

Find out what working in renewable energy is like with short biographies from [Renewable UK](#). Already working in the UK's low carbon energy sector? Tell us your story by tweeting [@DECCgovUK](#) using the hashtag #energise

Green Investment Bank - delivering major investment and jobs growth in its [first two years](#)

## Get involved

Launch of new £10m Urban Community Energy Fund - [apply now!](#)

£100m funding opportunity for low carbon, low emission vehicles, [registration closes 7 January 2015](#)

## Consultations

[Low Carbon Contracts Company and Electricity Settlements Company operational costs 2015/16](#), closes 3 December 2014

[Additional Smart Energy Code \(SEC\) content](#), closes 31 December 2014

[Implementing the Wood Review Recommendations](#), closes 31 December 2014

[Climate Change Agreements target review 2016](#), closes 23 January 2015

## Events

DECC's domestic [Renewable Heat Incentive](#) team will be at the following events:

Southern Home Show, [30 January 2015](#)

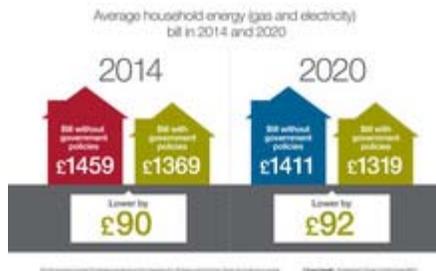
Build It Live North, [7 February 2015](#)

Build It Live South, [28 February 2015](#)

Ecobuild, [4 March 2015](#)

A series of regional events in 2015 will be published in the next DECC Review.

## Warmer homes and lower energy bills



Household energy bills this year are an average £90 lower than they would otherwise have been, thanks to the impact of Government energy policies.

Government policies to support cleaner energy, keep the lights on, support vulnerable households, and promote energy efficiency mean that an average 2014 household bill is £1369 rather than £1459 if these policies were not present. Read more from the report [here](#).

Keep warm this winter. [Follow 4 simple steps](#) to make sure you're getting the best deal from your energy provider and not paying more than you have to.

## UK pledges to help hardest hit by climate change

The UK has committed up to £720 million to the Green Climate Fund, joining other major economies to help developing countries adapt to climate change and go low-carbon.



After the UK's contribution, the climate fund now stands at around \$9bn with 13 countries already pledging, including the following:

- \$3 bn from the US,
- \$1.5bn from Japan,
- \$1bn from Germany, and;
- \$1bn from France

[These pledges](#) should help add momentum to efforts to secure a global deal at the UNFCCC negotiations in Lima this December and in Paris next year.

On Tuesday 25 November, DECC facilitated a 10 hour-long Climate Change Tweetathon using the hashtag #BackClimateAction. Organisations from across the globe laid out their climate change story or perspective, shared engaging content and took questions. The aim was to re-

engage the public on the subject of climate change and the importance of the UK coming together to take action, as well as making it relevant to people's day-to-day lives by talking about it through subjects such as food and sport. As of 21:00 (GMT) 25 November, 13,542 tweets had been sent using the hashtag and total impressions stood at 105 million. See some of the highlights via [Storify](#).

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