Behavioural Insights and Banking

Lessons from the Behavioural Insights Team





Can we improve foreign exchange transactions?



Treatments



Low information (control condition)

You will be charged the following:

- Commission: 0%
- Flat fee: £0.00
- Exchange rate: \$1.185

Choose

Level 1: "+ Interbank rate"

Exchange rate: \$1.185

(Interbank rate is \$1.230)

Level 2: "+ Helpful sentence"

Exchange rate: \$1.185

(Interbank rate is \$1.230. This means you lose £42 for every £1000 you transfer).

Level 3: "+ Total fee"

Total fee is £40.

Exchange rate: \$1.185

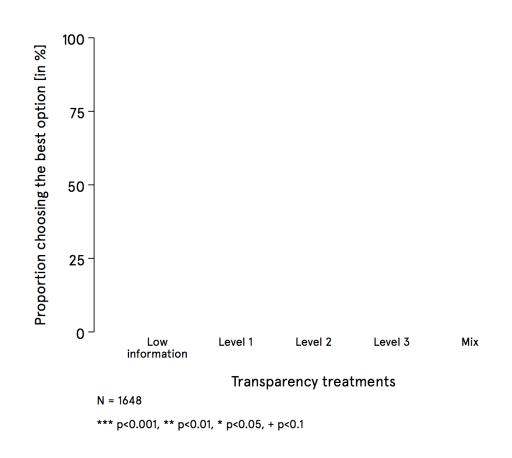
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Mix:

The market contains
3 'low' and 1
'high' provider

Results – foreign exchange





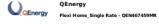
- Information that expresses the exchange rate charge in £ as well as total fee in £ are most effective.
- This positive effect only happens when it is applied consistently across the option set.



Can we improve consumer decision making around energy?



Energy Price Fact Sheet



Offer valid until 30-Jun-2018

Residential Electricity Ausgrid Single rate Market offer 12-Mar-2018	Customer type	Fuel type	Distributor(s)	Tariff type	Offer type	Release date
	Residential	Electricity	Ausgrid	Single rate	Market offer	12-Mar-2018

Electricity offer

Contract term 2 years			
Contract expiry details Energy agreement period is 24 months.			
Bill frequency	Every 3 months		

Electricity pricing information

1 Jul to 30 Jun	Price (exc. GST)	Price (inc. GST)
Peak Anytime		
First 1000 kWh usage per quarter	21.00 cents per kWh	23.10 cents per kWh
Next 1000 kWh usage per quarter	21.00 cents per kWh	23.10 cents per kWh
Remaining usage per quarter	21.00 cents per kWh	23.10 cents per kWh
Daily supply charge	80.00 cents per day	88.00 cents per day
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Price changes						
Are these prices fixed?	No					
QEnergy will notify you of any changes to pricing or contract terms and conditions in writing 10 business days prior.						
Electricity key contract features						
Cooling off period	10 business days					
Eligibility criteria	This electricity offer applies to Residential customers in the Ausgri	distribution network area in NSW.				
Fees						
Late payment fee	Fixed rate - \$0.00					

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Fees	
Late payment fee	Fixed rate - \$0.00 For more information, please visit www.qenergy.com.au
Credit card payment processing fee	Percentage of bill - 0.00% For more information, please visit www.qenergy.com.au
Other fee	Fixed rate - \$0.00 Paper bill charge
Other fee	Fixed rate - \$0.00 Cheque processing fee
Exit fee	Fixed rate - \$0.00 Visit www.qenergy.com.au/frequently-asked-questions for fees in your area
Cheque dishonous payment fee	Fixed rate - \$14.85

For more information, please visit www.qenergy.com.au Additional fee information For information on additional fees, please see the website www.qenergy.com.au

	option	Charge type	Percentage	Description
ſ		uge	\$0.0066 (Inc. GST)	QGreen can be added to your electricity plan as an additional charge. $10\% = 0.66 c/KWh 50\% = 3.30 c/KWh 100\% = 6.60 c/KWh$
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Contact details and more information

Retailer	Phone number	Retailer's website
QEnergy	1300 448 535	http://www.genergy.com.au

Energy Made Easy

Energy Made Easy is an Australian Government website where you can compare energy offers. Visit Energy Made Easy at www.energymadeeasy.gov.au

This information is a guide only and does not recommend a particular offer. You should make your own enquiries with retailers on any offers that interest you.



Basic Plan Information Sunny Day Offer at 1 January 2018

To find out more click here or contact us on:
Phone: 13 00 00 (you can quote reference number SUN83837MR) Web: www.sunenergy.com.au



My household is most like:

	kWh/day						Estimated quarterty bill	
							Base price	With all discounts
**	1 to 2 people		1 to 2 bedrooms	0	Weekly washing, little heating and cooling	9 kWh/day	\$350	\$290
***	3 people	=	3 bedrooms	<u>•</u>	Washing a few times a week, regular heating and cooling	19 kWh/day	\$640	\$520
****	4 to 5+ people		4+ bedrooms	0	Daily washing, heating and cooling	26 kWh/day	\$820	\$660

Bill estimates are GST inclusive and exclude solar payments, concessions and bonuses and are based on an average household. Your household's usage may vary.

Key facts about this plan

		① Need to know
Contract	Ongoing contract with 12 month benefit period Flexible billing available 10 day cooling off period	Discount rates only apply during the benefit period Eligibility criteria apply
Discounts and bonuses	Up to 19% discount off usage charges One-off \$50 credit on your first bill	Discount only applies IF you: pay on time (16%) pay by direct debit (2%) use e-Billing (1%)
Fees	Early exit fee: nil Late payment fee: \$12	Credit card payment fee and paper bill fee apply

Key features

Prices can change	Prices can change Ve will advise you of price changes		√ 9 cents per kWh FIT
Off peak savings	√ Cheaper at night and on weekends	Green power	✓ Up to 100% green energy option available. Fees apply

Prices (GST exclusive so that you can compare with your bill)

	Summer:	Other: 1	Other: 1 March – 30 Nov		
Off Peak	10pm-7am Mon-Fri Sat Sun	21.34 cents per kWh	10pm-7am Mon-Fri Sat Sun	21.34 cents per kWh	
Semi-peak	9am-5pm Mon-Fri 8pm-10pm Mon-Fri	37.147 cents per kWh	9am-5pm Mon-Fri 8pm-10pm Mon-Fri	33.24 cents per kWh	
Peak	7am-9am Mon-Fri 5pm-8pm Mon-Fri	38.588 cents per kWh	7am-9am Mon-Fri 5pm-8pm Mon-Fri	35.147 cents per kWh	
Separate meter 1	8pm-8am - 16.61 cents	oer kWh	8pm-8am - 16.1 cents p	8pm-8am - 16.1 cents per kWh	
Separate meter 2	11pm-5am - 22.572 cent	s per kWh	11pm-5am - 23.572 cen	11pm-5am - 23.572 cents per kWh	
Supply charge	84 cents per day	•	84 cents per day	84 cents per day	

To compare plans from all energy providers visit the Australian Energy Regulator's independent website www.energymadeeasy.gov.au or call 1300 585 165

The four "plans"





Small	\$345.29
Medium	\$637.45
Large	\$756.62

Other features:

- 15% discount



Small	\$352.05
Medium	\$653.13
Large	\$782.32

Other features:

- 20% discount



Small	\$339.09
Medium	\$626.72
Large	\$757.68

Other features:

- 15% discount



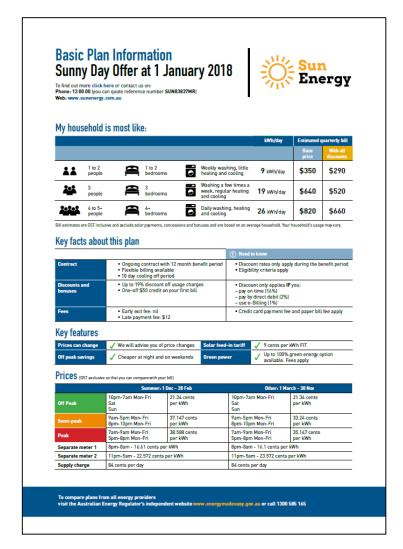
Small	\$329.40
Medium	\$635.40
Large	\$788.40

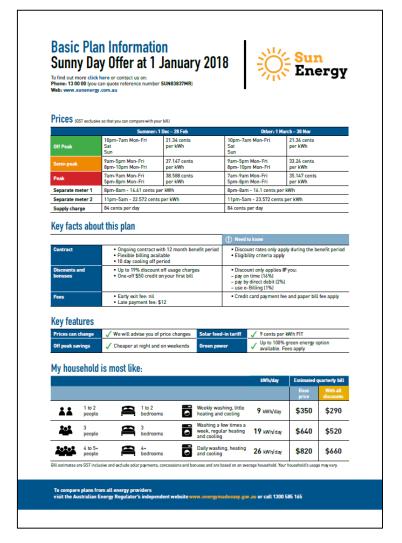
Other features:

- No discount
- Flat pricing

Two of the treatments





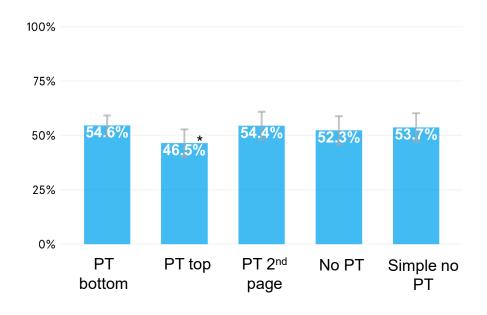


Price table bottom

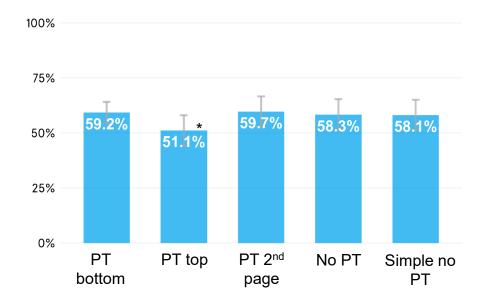
Price table top

Price table at the top makes things worse





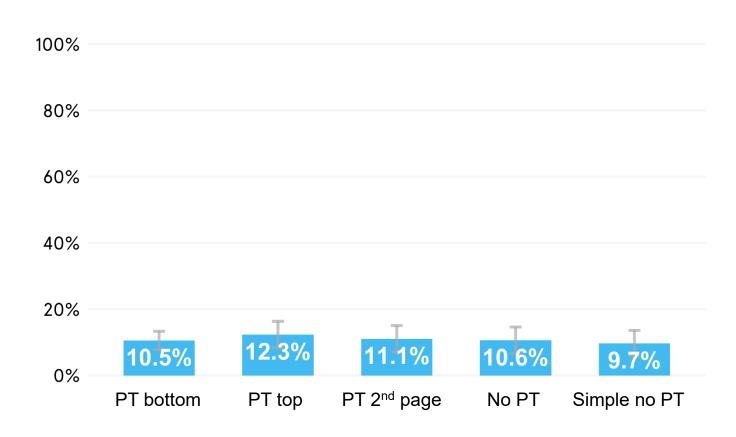
Proportion choosing the cheapest plan (incentivised), by treatment



Proportion choosing the cheapest plan (incentivised), by treatment, where all four plans had been viewed.

Consumers don't understand the price table

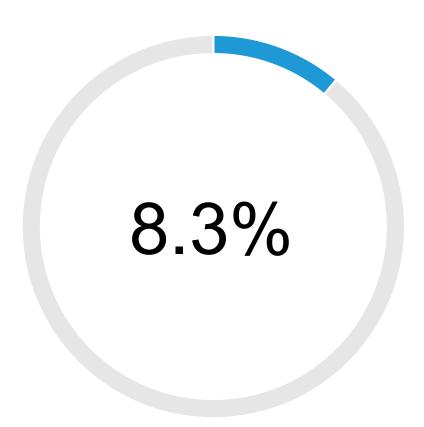




Proportion answering comprehension question correctly, by treatment +=p<0.1, *=p<0.05, **=p<0.01, ***=p<0.001

Discounts cause confusion





8.3% of respondents who saw all four plans – or 1 in 12 - selected the plan with the 20% discount, despite it being either the worst or second worst option



Can we learn more about how consumers think?



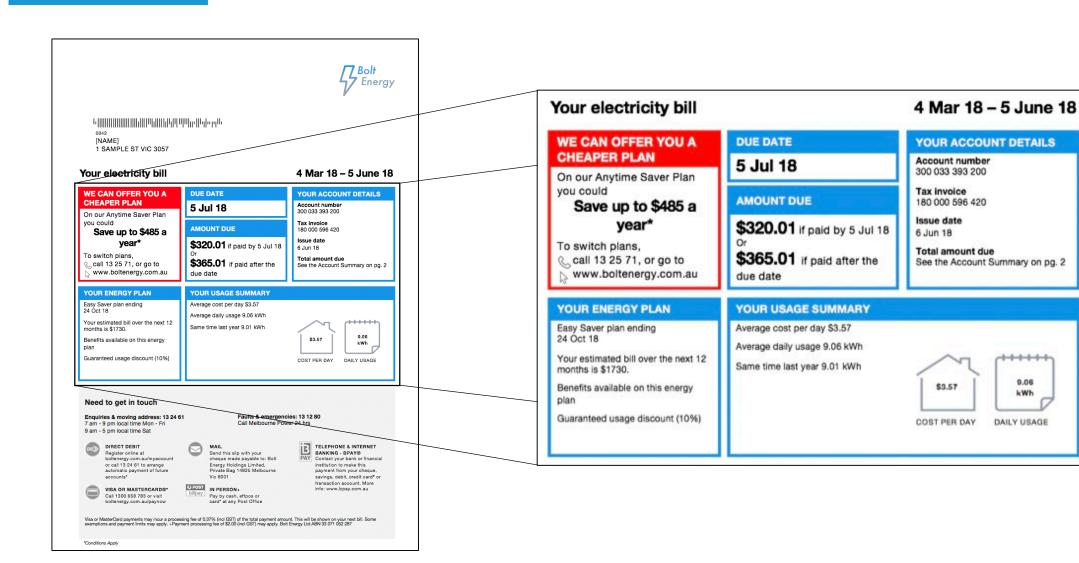
How much do you need to pay?



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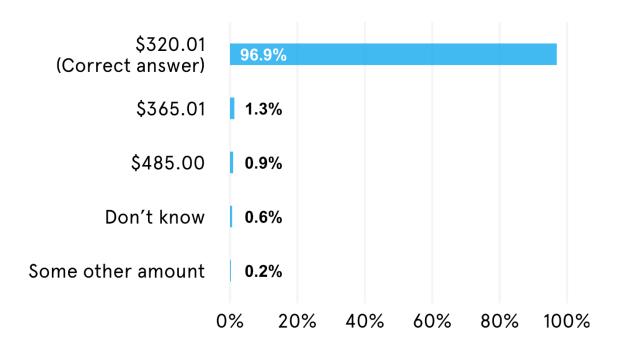
kWh

DAILY USAGE



It's actually very easy





Respondent's answers in Trial 2 when asked what they believed the amount to be paid by 5 July 2018 was, aggregated



What does the future hold?



Expanding the work of the Financial Capability Lab



A behavioural approach to managing money: Ideas and results from the Financial Capability Lab

A partnership between the Money Advice Service, the Behavioural Insights Team & Ipsos MORI May 2018

- Identified a range of potential ideas, some of which have been lab tested
- Recently partnered with Monzo in the UK to test "card controller"
- Many other promising ideas Repay and save, sidecar savings, checkout savings.
- Currently look for partners!

Thank you



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