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UK Official Publications - UKOP becomes DOI enabled

TSO (The Stationery Office), the first Registration Agency for Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) in the UK, has just applied DOIs to the entire UKOP (UK Official Publications) database, creating a new and multi linking capability for improved resource discovery and information citation.

UKOP is the comprehensive catalogue of UK official publications and is recognised as "the official catalogue" by Government. The UKOP catalogue contains over 450,000 records. It combines the entire TSO publications catalogue together with COBOP (The Catalogue of British Official Publications that are not published by TSO). As all Government departments are mandated to provide copies of their non-TSO publications for cataloguing within COBOP, the comprehensive extent of the coverage is guaranteed.

UKOP includes Parliamentary publications, legislation - including Acts and Statutory Instruments, the publications of central government departments and devolved bodies and the output of quangos, agencies and selected international bodies, such as the UN and the WHO and the European Commission.

Robin Wilson, Director of DOI and Metadata Services, TSO, commented:

" Assigning DOIs to the UKOP metadata not only improves the discoverability of the information within the database, but creates citation opportunities with much wider resource discovery, resolving and linking to other associated information. This makes UKOP an essential online resource for public, academic and corporate organisations."

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