

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Consultation on the draft Climate Change Bill

Response proforma

Please use this proforma to answer the questions in the above document. The closing date for the submission of responses is **12 June 2007**.

Responses should be clearly marked in the subject field "**Consultation on draft Climate Change Bill**", and should be sent:

- by email to: climatechangeconsultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk
- or by post to: Patrick Erwin / James Hardy, Climate Change Legislation Team, Area 4/F5, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE

The email address may also be used for general queries relating to this consultation. Please mark the subject field **Consultation on the draft Climate Change Bill**.

To help us analyse responses, please provide details of yourself or your organisation (* if appropriate) below.

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NB: on the form below, please leave the response box blank for any questions that you do not wish to answer. Any other comments can be recorded in the box at the end of this form. All boxes may be expanded as required.

Targets and Budgets

Setting statutory targets

1. Is the Government right to set unilaterally a long-term legal target for reducing CO₂ emissions through domestic and international action by 60% by 2050 and a further interim legal target for 2020 of 26-32%?

2. Is the Government right to keep under review the question of moving to a broader system of greenhouse gas targets and budgets, and to maintain the focus at this stage on CO₂?

Carbon budgeting

3. Should the UK move to a system of carbon management based upon statutory five-year carbon budgets set in secondary legislation?

4. Do you agree there should be at least three budget periods in statute at any one time?

Reviewing targets and budgets

5. Do you agree there should be a power to review targets through secondary legislation, to ensure there is sufficient flexibility in the system?

6. Are there any factors in addition to, or instead of, those already set out that should enable a review of targets and budgets?

Counting overseas credits towards the budgets and targets

7. Do you agree that, in line with the analysis in the Stern Review and with the operation of the Kyoto Protocol and EU ETS, effort purchased by the UK from other countries should be eligible in contributing towards UK emissions reductions, within the limits set under international law?

Banking

8. Do you agree it should be permissible to carry over any surplus in the budget? Are there any specific circumstances where you consider this provision should be withdrawn?

Borrowing

9. Do you agree that limited borrowing between budget periods should be allowed?

Compliance with carbon budgets and targets

10. Is it right that the Government should have a legal duty to stay within the limits of its carbon budgets?

The Committee on Climate Change

The need for an independent analytical organisation

11. Do you agree that establishing an independent body will improve the institutional framework for managing carbon in the economy?

Functions of the Committee on Climate Change

12. Do you agree that the Committee on Climate Change should have an advisory function regarding the pathway to 2050?

13. Do you agree with the proposal that the Committee on Climate Change should have a strongly analytical role?

Factors for the Committee on Climate Change to consider

14. Are these the right factors for the Committee on Climate Change to take into account in assessing the emissions reduction pathway? Do you consider there are further factors that the Committee should take into account?

Membership and composition

15. Do you agree the Committee on Climate Change should be comprised of technical experts rather than representatives of stakeholder groups?

16. Are these the appropriate areas of expertise which should be considered? Do you consider there are further areas that should be considered or any areas that are less important?

Enabling powers

Extending the suite of domestic trading schemes

17. Do you agree with the principle of taking enabling powers to introduce new trading schemes?

Benefits and structure of enabling powers

18. Do you consider that these powers are sufficient to introduce effective new policies via secondary legislation? If not, what changes would you make?

Reporting

The need for regular, independent monitoring of the UK's progress

19. Do you agree that the Committee on Climate Change should be responsible for an independent annual report on the UK's progress towards its targets which would incorporate reporting on a completed budget period every five years?

Adaptation

20. Is statutory reporting the best way to drive forward progress on adaptation while at the same time ensuring Government is able to develop flexible and appropriate measures reflecting developments in key policy areas?

Other responses or comments

(Please use the following space for any other responses or comments)