

Lesley Griffiths AM
Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs
Welsh Government

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Dear Lesley,

Achieving our low-carbon pathway to 2030

As you know, the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee has taken a keen interest in the implementation and delivery of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 ('the Act') which requires the Welsh Government to set carbon budgets every five years.

I am pleased to see the publication of the Welsh Government's consultation on reducing emissions – 'Achieving our low-carbon pathway to 2030'¹.

The Act requires the Welsh Government to produce a report detailing the policies and proposals that will deliver the reductions demanded by the carbon budgets in relation to each portfolio area. I note that the results of the consultation will be used to help develop the first Low Carbon Delivery Plan, due to be published in March 2019, which will inform the first carbon budget.

We welcome the commitment made by the Government that the carbon budgets will be subject to scrutiny by the Assembly. In order to carry out our scrutiny role properly, the Committee expects the report setting out the proposals and policies for meeting the carbon budgets to be available alongside the draft regulations in the following way:

¹ <https://beta.gov.wales/low-carbon-pathway-wales>



- it should be available at the same time as the draft regulations on the carbon budgets;
- it should provide an analysis by sector, in addition to a breakdown according to each Ministerial portfolio; and
- it should include an assessment and estimate of the impact of each proposal or policy on the carbon budget.

I am writing at an early stage to ensure you have time to consider these requests.

Once this information is published, we will be consulting our stakeholders. It is important to ensure the Committee has sufficient time to carry out our scrutiny, therefore I would be grateful if you could provide an outline timetable of when the regulations and supporting information will be published.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges AM

Chair of Climate Change, Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

