

Sustainability Committee

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Dear Colleague

The Assembly's Sustainability Committee is conducting an inquiry into Carbon Reduction in Wales.

The Committee's inquiry will be broken down into topics for the purpose of focussed gathering evidence. The first topic will be residential carbon reduction.

The Committee would like to call for written evidence outlining your organisations views on the questions on the attached questionnaire.

Please submit any written evidence by **19 October 2007** to Virginia Hawkins at:

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or

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Full terms of reference for the inquiry will be published shortly.

Further consultations on each of the topic areas will be issued to coincide with the committee's evidence sessions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick".

Mick Bates
Chair, Sustainability Committee

CO2 Consultation Questions (Household Emissions)

This consultation is the first in a series of consultation documents to inform discussion by the National Assembly for Wales' Sustainability Committee in its inquiry on carbon reduction. Later consultations will cover transport, industry and public sector, agriculture, energy production, and planning.

Not all consultation questions will necessarily apply to all consultees. Please answer any questions that you feel are most relevant.

General questions

1. Is the proposed 3 per cent annual reduction target by 2011 'in areas of devolved competence'¹ sufficient to enable Wales to make its full contribution to meeting UK-wide targets? If not, what targets should be put in place?
2. Should the emission reduction target be based on Welsh consumption, or production, or both (ie should it take into consideration the carbon dioxide generated in Wales (production), or the carbon dioxide emissions that Wales' residents are responsible for, regardless of their source (consumption))?

Questions specific to household emissions of carbon dioxide:

3. What particular challenges does Wales face in reducing carbon dioxide emissions from households, and how can these challenges be overcome?
4. To what extent has the Welsh Assembly Government been successful in utilising the powers available to it in order to reduce household carbon dioxide emissions?
5. Could alternative targeting of Welsh Assembly Government financial resources lead to greater household emissions reduction than is currently being achieved? If so, where could additional resources lead to greatest impact? (Please provide detail to support your evidence).
6. What examples from other administrations (devolved, UK, and overseas), where other means have been used to achieve reductions

¹ Welsh Labour Party and Plaid Cymru, *One Wales: A progressive agenda for the government of Wales*,
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/shared/bsp/hi/pdfs/27_06_07_owales.pdf

in household carbon dioxide emissions, could be adopted in Wales under current powers?

7. In the context of the Government of Wales Act 2006, which further means of reducing carbon dioxide emissions from households could *only* be achieved with the introduction of further legislative competence for the National Assembly for Wales.
8. If specific carbon dioxide emissions targets are to be set for Wales, should those targets be subdivided into shares by sector? If so, what share of the total should reductions by households comprise?