SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

Reports on sustainability and energy efficiency

The Climate Change Act (Scotland) 2009 has direct and indirect implications for the Scottish Government's sustainability reporting. Sections 44 and 76 of the Act in particular introduced a range of reporting requirements relevant to the Scottish Government estate.

Public Bodies Duties (Section 44)

The Climate Change Act places duties on Scottish public bodies to carry out their activities and operations in ways which help contribute to the achievement of Scotland’s statutory greenhouse gas emissions targets, which contribute to climate change adaptation and to act sustainably.

The Scottish Government guidance on these duties encourages public bodies to undertake regular reporting of their climate change actions, either through a dedicated reporting process, or other arrangements. The guidance makes clear that it is for individual bodies to determine the details of how they report, depending on their own individual circumstances. The guidance is available online at the following address: www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/02/04093254/0

One of the Scottish Government’s commitments in RPP2 is to review, by October 2013, whether to set a target or targets for Scottish public bodies linked to mandatory reporting of emissions in the context of the section 44 duties.

Civil Estate Energy Efficiency Report (Section 76)

The Climate Change Act also requires that the Scottish Ministers report annually to Parliament on progress towards improving the efficiency and contribution to sustainability of buildings which form part of the civil estate in Scotland. The definition of civil estate applied refers to the core Scottish Government and its Executive Agencies.

The Section 76 reports consider larger office premises and include information on their consumption of energy, the amount of waste that they send for recycling, and water use. The reports also include several measures of efficiency, such as space per person and cost per person.

Our first report under Section 76 covers the financial year 2010-11 and was laid before Parliament on 31st October 2011.

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Environment/climatechange/scotlands-action/lowcarbon/Scottishcivilestate

Our second report under Section 76 covers the financial year 2011-12 and was laid before Parliament on 30th October 2012

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/sustainabilityperformance/reporting/climatechangeact/scottishcivilestate201112
**Public Sector Sustainability Reporting**

In addition to the statutory reports required by the Climate Change Act, the Scottish Government has also published a broader sustainability report which provides information on greenhouse gas emissions, energy use, waste production, business travel, water use, biodiversity and sustainable procurement. The Scottish Government has also published guidance on sustainability reporting for all public sector bodies in Scotland.

The Scottish Government’s first sustainability report and the associated guidance are available online at the following address:


**Consumption-based emissions reporting**

There are significant time lags in the availability of the emissions data that is required to estimate consumption-based emissions (greenhouse gas emissions by industry for Scotland as well as the countries from which we import) and the compilation of the necessary economic and environmental input-output information (domestic and abroad). However, we anticipate being able to report on 2010 consumption-based emissions later this year. There is a significant cost associated with the production of an annual report and it is our current intention to report every three to four years to bring the time series up to date.

The Scottish Government will seek to minimise the delay in the reporting period wherever possible providing this does not adversely impact the quality and validity of the information.

On 1 May 2012 we published experimental data on Scotland's greenhouse gas footprint for 2009. This is available online at the following address: [www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Environment/ExpStats](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Environment/ExpStats)

**Final energy consumption**

The Scottish Government publish quarterly energy updates, the most recent of which reports against the Final Energy Consumption target.


The data for 2010 showed a 1.2% increase in energy consumption compared to 2009 due in part to the economic recovery from the previous year and a particularly cold winter. However consumption in 2010 was still 6.2% lower than the 2005-2007 baseline against which the 12% Energy Efficiency Target is measured. This shows that we are on track to meet that target.

The annual Energy in Scotland Statistical Compendium also contains data on Final Energy Consumption (see page 36):