

# Climate Change (Sectoral Targets) Bill

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**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Purposes

The purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to help ensure that any targets for the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions in the United Kingdom that are specified in any Act are met;
- (b) to ensure that the energy needs of the United Kingdom, as determined by the Secretary of State, are met; and 5
- (c) to contribute to international efforts to combat climate change.

## 2 Sectoral targets

- (1) The Secretary of State must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the targets specified in this section are met. 10
- (2) The targets referred to in subsection (1) are—
  - (a) an increase in the general level of energy efficiency of residential accommodation by a minimum of 20 per cent from the 2010 baseline figure by the end of 2020;
  - (b) a decrease in the general level of energy usage in the commercial and public sector by— 15
    - (i) a minimum of 10 per cent from the 2005 baseline figure by the end of 2010, and
    - (ii) a minimum of 10 per cent from the 2010 baseline figure by the end of 2020; 20
  - (c) an increase in the proportion of electricity generated from renewable sources to a level of—
    - (i) 10 per cent by the end of 2010, and
    - (ii) 20 per cent by the end of 2020;

- (d) a total of 10 gigawatts of combined heat and power capacity to be installed by the end of 2010;
  - (e) an increase in the number of dwellings with one (or more than one) microgeneration installation to a total of eight times the number of such dwellings which existed at the end of 2007, to be achieved by the end of 2012; 5
  - (f) 80 per cent of dwellings to achieve a Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) rating of 80 or above by the end of 2016; and
  - (g) all new dwellings built from the beginning of 2016 to be zero carbon.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, a “baseline figure” shall be calculated in such a manner as the Secretary of State may by order specify. 10

### 3 Revised sectoral targets

The Secretary of State –

- (a) may by order amend any of the targets specified in this Act;
- (b) must consider amending any of the targets specified in this Act if advised to do so by any body established by an Act of Parliament with a duty to advise the Secretary of State on climate change. 15

### 4 Strategy

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within 2 years of the passing of this Act, prepare and lay before Parliament a strategy (“the strategy”) setting out – 20
- (a) the Secretary of State’s best estimates of the energy needs of the United Kingdom up to 2050;
  - (b) the targets necessary to meet those needs for –
    - (i) the sectors specified in section 2, and
    - (ii) energy generated from fossil fuels using carbon capture and storage; 25
  - (c) such policies and measures as will, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, ensure that the targets in the strategy are met.
- (2) When preparing the strategy the Secretary of State must consult – 30
- (a) any body established by an Act of Parliament to advise the government on climate change;
  - (b) such bodies or persons representing environmental interests as the Secretary of State considers appropriate;
  - (c) such bodies or persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate representing business interests in the following sectors – 35
    - (i) the energy efficiency industry,
    - (ii) the renewables industry,
    - (iii) the combined heat and power industry,
    - (iv) the carbon capture and storage industry, and
    - (v) the microgeneration industry; 40
  - (d) the devolved administrations; and
  - (e) such other bodies or persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) The Secretary of State must, before the end of 24 months after a strategy has been laid before Parliament under subsection (1) and every 24 months 45

thereafter, prepare and lay before Parliament an updated version of the strategy.

- (4) In preparing the updated version of the strategy under subsection (3) the Secretary of State must act in accordance with the consultation requirements set out in subsection (2).

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## 5 Orders and regulations

- (1) Any order under this Act shall be made by statutory instrument.
- (2) No order under this Act shall be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, both Houses of Parliament.

## 6 Financial provisions

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*There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—*

- (a) *any expenditure incurred under or by virtue of this Act by the Secretary of State, and*
- (b) *any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.*

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## 7 Interpretation

For the purposes of this Act—

“commercial and public service sector” includes—

- (a) commercial and business premises, excluding industry,
- (b) retail premises, including warehousing,
- (c) hotels and restaurants,
- (d) premises used for the provision of any service or function by or on behalf of a public body;

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“microgeneration” has the same meaning as in the Energy Act 2004;

“renewable sources” means sources of energy other than fossil fuel or nuclear fuel;

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“vulnerable household” means a household occupied by—

- (a) a householder who is 60 or more years old,
- (b) a family with children, or
- (c) a householder who is disabled or has a long-term serious illness;

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“zero carbon” means zero net emissions of carbon dioxide from all energy use in the property.

## 8 Short title and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Climate Change (Sectoral Targets) Act 2010.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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