

Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011

PART 5

BIODIVERSITY

Reports on compliance with biodiversity duty

After section 2 of the 2004 Act insert—

"2A Reports on compliance with biodiversity duty

- (1) A public body must prepare and publish a biodiversity report within 3 years
 - (a) the base date,
 - (b) the date on which a report was last published by the body under this subsection.
- (2) A biodiversity report is a report on the actions taken by the body in pursuance of its duty under section 1 during the period to which the report relates.
- (3) The base date is—
 - (a) the date on which section 36 of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 6) comes into force, or
 - (b) where the body is established after that date, the date on which the body is established.
- (4) A report under this section—
 - (a) is to be prepared in such form and published in such manner as the body thinks fit,
 - (b) may be incorporated within another report prepared or published by the body.".