



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 1

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

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IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Environmental monitoring

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- (1) The Secretary of State must make arrangements for obtaining such data about the natural environment as the Secretary of State considers appropriate for the purpose of monitoring—
 - (a) whether the natural environment is, or particular aspects of it are, improving in accordance with the current environmental improvement plan,
 - (b) the progress being made towards meeting any targets set under sections 1 to 3, and
 - (c) the progress being made towards meeting any interim targets set under sections 11 and 14.
- (2) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament, and publish, a statement setting out the kinds of data to be obtained under subsection (1).
- (3) The first statement must be laid before the end of the 4 month period beginning with the day on which this section comes into force.
- (4) The Secretary of State may revise the statement at any time (and subsection (2) applies to any revised statement).
- (5) The Secretary of State must publish any data obtained under subsection (1).

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects
for the Environment Act 2021, Section 16. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 16 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
I2 [S. 16](#) in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#)

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