

CLIMATE CHANGE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 1 – Emissions Reduction Targets

Advice before setting annual targets

21. **Section 5** requires that the Scottish Ministers request and publish advice from the relevant body before laying a draft order containing annual targets. That request must ask for the relevant body's views on the topics set out in subsection (2). The Scottish Ministers must also publish a statement explaining why the annual targets are being set at the levels they are and how these annual targets take account of the target-setting criteria described in section 4(4) of the Act. If the Scottish Ministers have chosen to set annual targets at levels which differ from the expert advice provided, they must publish a statement setting out the reasons why. Subsection (7) defines "relevant body" for the purposes of the Part, which will be the UKCCC or a Scottish body designated under section 24.