



Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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PART 3

[^{F1}REPORTING AND PLANNING DUTIES]

[^{F1}Climate change plan

[^{F1}35B Climate change plan: annual progress reports

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must in each relevant year, lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on each substantive chapter of the most recent climate change plan laid under section 35.
- (2) Each report laid under subsection (1) must contain an assessment of progress towards implementing the proposals and policies set out in that chapter, including proposals and policies for supporting the workforce, employers and communities.
- (3) A report under subsection (1) must be laid by 31 May in each relevant year or, if the Scottish Ministers consider that is not possible because the information needed for the report is not available, as soon as reasonably practicable after that date.
- (4) In this section—
 - (a) “relevant year” means—
 - (i) 2021, and
 - (ii) each subsequent year, other than any year in which a climate change plan is laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 35(1), and
 - (b) “substantive chapter” means a chapter of the climate change plan which is included in the plan by virtue of section 35(2)(b) and which contains distinct proposals and policies for meeting the emissions reduction targets during the plan period.
- (5) Until such time as the first climate change plan is laid under section 35, subsection (1) is to be read as if it—
 - (a) applied in relation to the most recent report on proposals and policies for meeting annual targets which was laid by the Scottish Ministers under section 35 of this Act before the date on which section 24 of the Climate

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Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 came into force, and

- (b) required a report on each chapter of that most recent report which contains distinct proposals and policies for meeting the targets to which the report relates during the period covered by the report.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 35-35C and cross-heading substituted for s. 35 (23.3.2020) by [Climate Change \(Emissions Reduction Targets\) \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(asp 15\)](#), **ss. 24(1), 32(2)**; S.S.I. 2020/66, reg. 2

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