



Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

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PART 1

EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGETS

Citizens assembly

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After section 32 of the 2009 Act insert—

“PART 2A

CITIZENS ASSEMBLY

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- (1) The Scottish Ministers must establish a panel to be known as a “citizens assembly” to exercise the functions mentioned in subsection (5).
- (2) The citizens assembly is a panel made up of such persons as the Scottish Ministers consider to be representative of the general populace of Scotland.
- (3) The citizens assembly is to have two conveners who are independent of the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Parliament.
- (4) There is to be a gender balance between the conveners.
- (5) The functions conferred on the citizens assembly are to—
 - (a) consider how to prevent or minimise, or remedy or mitigate the effects of, climate change,
 - (b) make recommendations on measures proposed to achieve the emissions reduction targets,

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (c) make recommendations about such other matters in relation to climate change as the Scottish Ministers may, in accordance with subsection (6), refer to the assembly.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may refer matters to the citizens assembly under subsection (5)(c) only if those matters have been approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers must, before the first meeting of the citizens assembly, lay before the Scottish Parliament a report on the arrangements for the administration and operation of the assembly.
- (8) The citizens assembly is to—
 - (a) set out its recommendations in a report,
 - (b) lay the report before the Scottish Parliament, and
 - (c) send a copy of the report to the Scottish Ministers.
- (9) The Scottish Ministers must, within 6 months of receiving a copy of the report, publish a statement setting out how they intend to respond to the recommendations made in it.
- (10) The citizens assembly is to—
 - (a) lay its report before the Scottish Parliament under subsection (8)(b) by 28 February 2021,
 - (b) complete its consideration of the matters mentioned in subsection (5)(a) by that date.”