

# Environment (Wales) Act 2016

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## PART 2

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Emissions targets and carbon budgets: main duties of the Welsh Ministers

#### 31 Carbon budgets

- (1) For each budgetary period, the Welsh Ministers must by regulations set a maximum total amount for the net Welsh emissions account (a "carbon budget").
- (2) The Welsh Ministers must ensure that the net Welsh emissions account for each budgetary period does not exceed the carbon budget for that period.
- (3) The budgetary periods are—
  - (a) 2016 to 2020, and
  - (b) each succeeding period of five years, ending with 2046 to 2050.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers must—
  - (a) set the carbon budgets for the first two budgetary periods before the end of 2018, and
  - (b) set the carbon budget for the third and later budgetary periods at least five years before the start of the period in question.

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, Section 31.