



Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

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PART 2

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS AND CONSULTATION

14 Preparation of environmental report

- (1) In relation to any qualifying plan or programme, the responsible authority shall secure the preparation of an environmental report.
- (2) The report shall identify, describe and evaluate the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing—
 - (a) the plan or programme; and
 - (b) reasonable alternatives to the plan or programme,taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme.
- (3) The report shall include such of the information specified in schedule 3 as may reasonably be required, taking account of—
 - (a) current knowledge and methods of assessment of environmental matters;
 - (b) the contents of, and level of detail in, the plan or programme;
 - (c) the stage of the plan or programme in the decision-making process; and
 - (d) the extent to which any matters to which the report relates would be more appropriately assessed at different levels in that process in order to avoid duplication of the assessment.
- (4) Information referred to in schedule 3 may be included in the report by reference to relevant information obtained at other levels of decision-making or through Community legislation.
- (5) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify schedule 3.