

*These notes refer to the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27)
which received Royal Assent on 26th November 2008*

CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Carbon Target and Budgeting

Determination whether objectives met

Section 20: Final statement for 2050

100. This section places a duty on the Secretary of State to report to Parliament the final figures for the net UK carbon account in 2050.
101. *Subsections (2) to (4)* place a duty on the Secretary of State to report:
 - under *subsection (2)*, the final amounts of UK emissions, UK removals and net UK emissions for 2050 for each targeted greenhouse gas;
 - under *subsection (3)*, the amount of carbon units that have been credited to and debited from the net UK carbon account, and details of the number and type of those units;
 - under *subsection (4)*, the amount of the net UK carbon account for 2050.
102. *Subsection (5)* provides that the question of whether the 2050 target has been met is to be answered by referring to the figures in the statement.
103. *Subsection (6)* provides that if the budget has not been met, the statement must explain the reasons why not.
104. *Subsection (7)* sets a back-stop, requiring the Secretary of State to lay the statement before Parliament no later than 31st May 2052. *Subsection (8)* requires the Secretary of State to send a copy of the statement to the devolved administrations.