

Freedom of Information (FOI) request

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Your request:

Dear Committee on Climate Change,

I note that the capital and operating costs of the 7th Carbon Budget are expressed as the difference between the costs of the Balanced Pathway and a notional baseline level of spending. It is therefore not possible to work out the gross costs of either the pathway or the baseline. I would like to request that you please release the detailed spreadsheets showing the full cost build up of the capital and operating costs for both the Balanced Pathway and the baseline.

Yours faithfully,

[name redacted]

Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The CCC holds some information on the gross capital and operating costs for the Balanced Pathway and the baseline, however we do not hold a spreadsheet showing the full (gross) cost build-up of the capex and opex for the Balanced Pathway and baseline.

We are applying the Section 22 exemption under the FOIA to the information that we do hold on this, as this information is planned to be published in due course. We have assessed that applying this exemption is in the public interest, as this is complex information that is easy to misinterpret and it is therefore important that this information is correctly presented, so that people who wish to use it can do so accurately. The case for presenting this information accurately outweighs the case for an immediate release of the information.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on the CCC website, together with any related

information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the CCC website.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on www.theccc.org.uk. Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,

Climate Change Committee