

Freedom of Information (FOI) request

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Your request:

Dear Committee on Climate Change,

Section 10 of the Climate Change Act 2008 calls for the Secretary of State and the CCC to take into account inter alia the economic, fiscal and social circumstances when giving advice to the Government. Data published by the Government last September shows we already have the highest industrial and domestic electricity prices in the IEA which is undoubtedly having a significant social impact and on economic competitiveness, taxes are at a record high, debt to GDP is close to 100% and we are running a large fiscal deficit. I would like to request that you release the evidence you used to take account of the economic, fiscal and social circumstances of the country when you compiled your advice to ensure these poor circumstances will not be made worse by implementing your advice.

Yours faithfully,

[name redacted]

Our response:

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

We are refusing this request under Section 21 of the FOIA, as this information is already in the public domain.

The Seventh Carbon Budget (and the associated supplementary research: Impacts of the Seventh Carbon Budget on groups with protected characteristics) outlines how the CCC has considered the economic, fiscal, and social circumstances when giving advice to the Government.

The Seventh Carbon Budget is available here: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/the-seventh-carbon-budget/>

The supplementary research: Impacts of the Seventh Carbon Budget on groups with protected characteristics is available here: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/supplementary-research-impacts-of-the-seventh-carbon-budget-on-groups-with-protected-characteristics/>

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