

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

The SQA welcomes the invitation from the Scottish Parliament's Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change Committee to comment on the draft Climate Change (Scotland) Bill. We have reviewed the draft and are supportive of the Government's intentions. We support the decision of the Government to seek independent, expert advice on climate change.

We are not qualified to comment on specific and detailed proposals in this important area. We would however make comments on the following specific questions.

Duties of Public Bodies Relating to Climate Change

By imposing duties on all public bodies and by giving appropriate guidance this will ensure a fair and even reporting structure across the public sector.

Energy Efficiency

By implementing improved energy efficiency of Scottish buildings and introducing measures to encourage population behavioural change, the Bill will go a long way towards meeting its overall emission reduction targets.

With Scotland's excellent wind and water resource, the establishment of power generated from these and other natural renewable resources will contribute greatly to Scotland's overall energy efficiency.

Waste Reduction and Recycling

A large proportion of the Scottish population participate, through their Local Authorities, in local domestic recycling schemes. This should make the introduction of further waste reduction and recycling measures, both domestically and in the commercial sector, more readily acceptable.