



2022 CHAPTER 31

PART 5

FURTHER OVERSIGHT

Climate action plan

51.—(1) The Department must lay before the Assembly and publish a plan, known as the climate action plan, within 24 months from the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) Before laying each plan before the Assembly, the Department must commission a financial, social, economic and rural impact assessment on the effects of the draft climate action plan and carry out a public consultation on the draft climate action plan, including consultation with sector-specific advisory groups, lasting at least 16 weeks.

(3) Subsequent plans must be published within 5 years from the date on which the previous plan was laid before the Assembly.

(4) The climate action plan must set out how the interim targets and the target of net zero will be achieved by the year 2050.

(5) Climate action plans must be climate resilient and support an environmentally sustainable economy.

(6) The plans must include annual targets on—

- (a) greenhouse gas emissions, and
- (b) air quality.

(7) “Climate resilient” means the ability to minimise, mitigate or remedy the effects of climate change.