



Energy Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 32

PART 1

DECARBONISATION

2 Matters to be taken into account

- (1) The following matters must be taken into account by the Secretary of State in setting or amending a decarbonisation target range.
- (2) The matters are—
 - (a) scientific knowledge about climate change;
 - (b) technology relevant to the generation and storage of electricity and to the demand for and use of electricity;
 - (c) economic circumstances, and in particular the likely impact on the economy and the competitiveness of particular sectors of the economy;
 - (d) fiscal circumstances, and in particular the likely impact on taxation, public spending and public borrowing;
 - (e) social circumstances, and in particular the likely impact on fuel poverty;
 - (f) the structure of the energy market in the United Kingdom;
 - (g) differences in circumstances between England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland;
 - (h) circumstances at European and international level;
 - (i) the duties of the Secretary of State under sections 1 and 4(1)(b) of the Climate Change Act 2008 (carbon targets and budgets).

Changes to legislation:

Energy Act 2013, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 68(4) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 302\(4\)](#)