



Environment Act 2021

2021 CHAPTER 30

PART 1

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

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IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Environmental improvement plans

9 Annual reports on environmental improvement plans

- (1) The Secretary of State must prepare annual reports on the implementation of the current environmental improvement plan.
- (2) An annual report must—
 - (a) describe what has been done, in the period to which the report relates, to implement the environmental improvement plan, and
 - (b) consider, having regard to any data obtained under section 16, whether the natural environment has, or particular aspects of it have, improved during that period.
- (3) In considering the matters in subsection (2)(b) an annual report must consider the progress that has been made towards achieving—
 - (a) any targets, or any relevant targets, set under sections 1 to 3, and
 - (b) any interim targets, or any relevant interim targets, set under sections 11 and 14.
- (4) The first annual report on the first environmental improvement plan may relate to any 12 month period that includes the day on which this section comes into force.

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- (5) The first annual report on a subsequent environmental improvement plan must relate to the first 12 months of the period to which the plan relates.
- (6) Subsequent annual reports on an environmental improvement plan must relate to the 12 month period immediately following the 12 month period to which the previous annual report relates.
- (7) An annual report must be laid before Parliament before the end of the 4 month period beginning immediately after the last day of the period to which the report relates.
- (8) The Secretary of State must publish annual reports laid before Parliament under this section.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 9 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 147\(3\)](#)
I2 S. 9 in force at 24.1.2022 by [S.I. 2022/48](#), [reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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