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### Your request:

Specifically, I would like to know if any member of the Climate Change Committee has provided briefings (written or oral) to government officials and/or ministers, about the risks posed to the UK by climate tipping points.

Specifically, the tipping points I am most interested in are the collapse of the AMOC, changes to the North Atlantic jet stream, and collapse of the West Antarctic ice sheet. Please provide details of any briefings and subsequent correspondence.

This would apply to any written or oral briefing sent by CCC members between Jan 2021 and December 2022. It applies to both briefings on the risks posed by tipping points, and any advice offered about preparing the UK for adaptation to these threats.

### Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). Please find our response below.

We have no record of briefings (written or oral) from members of the Climate Change Committee being given to government officials and/or ministers, about the risks posed to the UK by climate tipping points within the date range requested.

However, we would like to point you towards advice and analysis published by the Climate Change Committee on climate tipping points. Please see a list below:

- Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk published 16 June 2021. This is available to download at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Independent-Assessment-of-UK-Climate-Risk-Advice-to-Govt-for-CCRA3-CCC.pdf>
  - See principle 5, summarised on page 24 - prepare for unpredictable extremes under principles for effective risk assessment and adaptation planning

- See page 51 for a summary of the science on tipping points from the supporting Technical Report
- See page 136 for a paragraph on international impacts.
- CCRA3 technical report and supporting evidence. This was also published 16 June 2021.
  - As part of the supporting evidence, the Committee commissioned a report on climate tipping points - Effect of Potential Climate Tipping Points on UK Impacts. This is available to download at:  
<https://www.ukclimaterisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Effect-of-Potential-Climate-Tipping-Points-on-UK-Impacts.pdf>

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Kind regards,  
Climate Change Committee