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Your request:

Have there been any scenario planning exercises or strategies created to inform and / or assess the adverse impacts on society from CO2 reduction measures and targets (such as net zero / zero by 2025 / 2030 / 2050)?

If so, how can these be perused by the public?

Our response:

Thank you for your request. We have treated your request as business as usual correspondence and provided links to published material below.

The Climate Change Committee have conducted analysis of the costs and benefits of Net Zero for two key reports: our advice on the feasibility of setting a Net Zero target from 2019 and our advice setting out the Sixth Carbon Budget from 2020. Our conclusions have been that the overall economic impact of cutting emissions is preferable to inaction given the range of risks from climate change globally and in the UK, both directly and indirectly. However, we also highlight the need for appropriate policies to mitigate the adverse impacts on industries, regions, and households.

Please find key publications below:

- Net Zero Report, published 02 May 2019. This is available to download at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/net-zero-the-uks-contribution-to-stopping-global-warming/>
 - See Chapter 7 on the costs and benefits of a net zero target for the UK. Summarised on page 213.
- The Sixth Carbon Budget, the UK's path to Net Zero, published 09 December 2020. This is available to download at: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/sixth-carbon-budget/>
 - See Chapter 5 on the investment, costs and benefits of net zero pathway. Summarised on page 239.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on the CCC website, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the CCC website.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on www.theccc.org.uk. Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,
Climate Change Committee