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Your request:

I am writing to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking information related to geoengineering efforts in the United Kingdom. Specifically, I am interested in the following details:

- 1). The cost to the British taxpayer of geoengineering projects in the United Kingdom during [3rd April 2020 and 3rd April 2023].
- 2). The projected amount of CO₂ that the British government aims to remove through geoengineering initiatives.
- 3). The current level of CO₂ in the atmosphere in the United Kingdom, as reported by the government's official measurements or relevant scientific agencies.
- 4). Information on the threshold of CO₂ concentration at which all life would be endangered due to insufficient CO₂.

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.

The Climate Change Committee does not hold the information. To assist you, we have provided the below additional information.

Points 1-2 would be best addressed to the UK Government -
foi.requests@beis.gov.uk

The Climate Change Committee's advice on greenhouse gas removals is contained in the [sector summary](#) from our 2020 Sixth Carbon Budget advice.

For point 3, it is worth noting that Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) is a greenhouse gas, meaning that emissions of CO₂, no matter where they are in the world contribute to this global effect. Further information about how global concentrations of CO₂ are measured is available on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) [website](#).

We are unable to advise on point 4.

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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