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Thank you for your letter of 24 April, regarding climate change. The First Minister, Mark Drakeford has received and read your concerns, but as the subject matter falls under my Portfolio, I have been asked to respond.

In Wales, we have declared a climate emergency. We have also set legislation to help drive action and reduce our emissions. The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 sets a legal target of reducing carbon emissions by a minimum of 80% by 2050 and places a duty on the Welsh Ministers to set a series of interim targets (for 2020, 2030 and 2040) and carbon budgets. The budgets will set limits on the total amount of emissions emitted in Wales over a 5 year period and act as stepping stones to ensure regular progress is being made towards the long term.

Having consulted with our independent, expert advisory body the UK Committee on Climate Change (UKCCC), secondary legislation was introduced in December 2018, which sets the interim emissions targets for 2020, 2030 and 2040 at 27%, 45% and 67% respectively. These targets will act as stepping stones to reach at least, an 80% reduction by 2050.

In response to the latest evidence from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we have also asked for advice from our statutory advisory body the UKCCC on how meeting the goals in the Paris Agreement might affect our long-term legislative targets.

The UKCCC have now published their advice to the Welsh, Scottish and UK governments and we are reviewing it.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In March we published our first cross Government statutory decarbonisation plan. *Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales*, sets out one hundred policies and proposals, to meet our current carbon budget and set a longer term decarbonisation trajectory for Wales. In the plan, we have looked at emissions from all sectors and it shows how collectively they will be delivering against our first carbon budget 2016-2020 and target to 2020. *Prosperity for All: A Low Carbon Wales* is available on our [website](#)¹.

However, Government action is not enough. The challenge of climate change requires us all to act and take real action on climate change.

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¹ <https://gweddill.gov.wales/docs/desh/publications/190321-prosperity-for-all-a-low-carbon-wales-en.pdf>