The Climate Change Bill has now completed the main part of its passage through the Commons, with Report and Third Reading stages both taking place on 28 October.

At Report stage, the Government proposed a number of amendments and supported two tabled by others: all of these were accepted by the House. Significant amendments were made to reflect advice from the shadow Committee on Climate Change that the long-term target should be a reduction of "at least 80%" in all greenhouse gases, and that the carbon budgets should take into account emissions from international aviation and shipping. Amendments were also made on other issues including corporate reporting of carbon emissions and reporting on the Government’s civil estate.

At Third Reading, the Bill as a whole was endorsed by the House by a margin of 463 votes to 3.

**Key amendments agreed at Report**

**Long-term target**

- Increasing the target for 2050 from "at least 60%" to "at least 80%"
- Including all Kyoto greenhouse gases in the target

**International aviation and shipping**

- Bringing forward to “31 December 2012” (from “within 5 years of Royal Assent”) the date for the Government to include international aviation and shipping emissions in the Bill or explain why not
- Placing a new duty on the Committee on Climate Change to advise the Government on the consequences of including emissions from international aviation and shipping in the Bill’s targets and budgets
- New requirement that projected emissions from international aviation and shipping must be taken into account in making decisions on carbon budgets

**Community Energy Savings Programme**

- New powers to support the creation of a Community Energy Savings Programme, as announced by the Prime Minister on 11 September (and to be established following the model of the existing Carbon Emissions Reduction Target scheme)

**Corporate reporting on greenhouse gas emissions**

- Bringing forward the deadline for a Government review of reporting to 1st December 2010
• New requirement that the Government must, by 6th April 2012, use powers under the Companies Act to mandate reporting, or explain to Parliament why it has not done so

**Government civil estate**

• New requirement for annual publication of a report on the sustainability of the Government estate

**Next steps**

All amendments made to the Bill in the House of Commons are expected to be considered by the House of Lords on 17 November.

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