

## Climate Change Emergency QSD on 2 April 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Baroness Jones of Moulsecoomb to ask Her Majesty's Government whether they intend to declare a climate emergency.

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

### Key Information

- Bryony Edwards, '[Q&A: The Climate Emergency Movement](#)', *Green World*, 12 February 2019; and Green Party, '[Greens Win Climate Emergency Declarations From 27 Councils](#)', 25 February 2019

*Article on the Green Party news site explaining the origins of the climate emergency movement and what it hopes to achieve; and press release from the Green Party announcing that 27 councils have declared a climate emergency.*

- House of Lords Library, '[Threats Presented by Climate Change](#)', 17 January 2019

*Briefing examining the threats presented by climate change on a global and national level. The briefing also explores the ongoing international response, and government policy on the issue.*

- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, '[Clean Growth Strategy: Leading the Way to a Low Carbon Future](#)', October 2017, pp 5–18

*Executive summary of the Government's Clean Growth Strategy, summarising the Government's approach to achieving a low carbon economy.*

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, '[A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment](#)', January 2018, pp 9–14

*Executive summary of the Government's 25 year environment plan, which outlines the environmental goals the plan aims to achieve and the policies the Government intends to introduce to achieve them.*

- Committee on Climate Change, '[Chris Stark: Towards Net Zero](#)', 19 March 2019

*Transcript of a speech given by the Chief Executive of the Committee on Climate Change (CCC), Chris Stark, to the Business Green Leaders Briefing on the challenges of meeting a net zero carbon target. The speech came ahead of the CCC's next advice to the UK Government and devolved administrations on carbon targets, due to be published on 2 May.*

## Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Oral Question on 'Global Warming'](#), HL *Hansard*, 20 March 2019, cols 1028–31
- [Debate on 'Net Zero Carbon Emissions: UK's Progress'](#), HC *Hansard*, 28 February 2019, cols 590–632
- [Debate on 'Climate Change'](#), HL *Hansard*, 24 January 2019, cols 878–905
- House of Commons, ['Written Question: Climate Change: Greater London'](#), 8 January 2018, 203937
- House of Commons, ['Early Day Motion: UK-Wide Climate Emergency'](#), 13 March 2019, EDM #2177 of session 2017–19

## Press Articles and Comment

- Caroline Lucas, ['Parliament Must Declare a Climate Emergency—Not Ignore It'](#), *Guardian*, 4 March 2019
- Yohannes Lowe, ['Thousands of Children Descend on Westminster for Second School Strike'](#), *Telegraph*, 15 March 2019
- Leslie Hook and Jamie Smyth, ['Students Walk Out of Classrooms in Global Climate Change Protest'](#), *Financial Times* (£), 15 March 2019
- UK Student Climate Network, ['A Manifesto for Tackling the Climate Change Crisis'](#), *Guardian*, 15 March 2019
- Gareth Davies, ['Climate Change Strike: Traffic Outside Parliament at Standstill as Students Take Day Off School to Protest'](#), *Telegraph*, 15 February 2019

## Further Information

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, [Global Warming of 1.5°C: Summary for Policymakers](#), 2018
- Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, [Limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C](#), 11 February 2019
- House of Commons Library, [UK Carbon Budgets](#), 20 February 2019

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