

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021**

Question

Given that a potential cost of several hundred million has previously been indicated by the Government in relation to achieving climate neutrality in the Island, will the Minister explain what specific cost has been identified, how it was determined, and what the figure includes?

Answer

A definitive cost is yet to be identified as this will be dependent on the recommended detailed policies which are currently under development and due to be published in December this year in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap ('the Roadmap'). The Roadmap will contain all pertinent information as to the mechanisms, underpinning rationale, and the direct costs of the policies that will be put forward to address the climate emergency. The Preferred Strategy for Carbon Neutral will be published in mid-October and it provides information on progress to date, next steps and five strategic policies including one that addresses the policy development process.

The previous cost of achieving carbon neutral to which the Deputy refers in the question is explained in Section 5.2 - Developing long-term policy options of the Carbon Neutral Strategy (P.127/2019). This provides a detailed assessment of the *potential* decarbonisation policies for our key sources of pollution – heating and transport. An estimate of the direct costs to Government of these policies was given in the underpinned [technical report](#) carried out by Oxera.

This early work has been built upon to develop the final policies that will be put forward in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap and will draw on the following sources:

- [Pathway 2050](#) and [Carbon Neutral Strategy](#)
- [Citizens' Assembly recommendations](#)

Climate Conversation feedback

Experience from Jersey and schemes run in the past

Case studies from the UK, Europe and the world

Aether and Oxera models about the rate of change required to achieve the emissions reduction targets

Discussion in the Carbon Neutral Steering Group and feedback from Council of Ministers

Policy Officer workshops and stakeholder discussions