

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“In relation to the [Carbon Neutral Roadmap](#), will the Minister state the amount of Government expenditure for each of the following policies –

- (a) Speeding up adoption of electric vehicles (TR1);
- (b) Supporting transition fuels (TR3);
- (c) Create a Carbon Neutral Network (EN2);
- (d) Delivering the COP26 education pledge (EN4);
- (e) Blue carbon, biodiversity and sequestration (EN5); and
- (f) Carbon offset purchasing strategy (EN6)?”

Answer

All figures are from project inception to October 2023.

- (a) Speeding up adoption of electric vehicles (TR1);

The Electric Vehicle and Charger incentive schemes were launched at the end of August 2023 and **£511K** has been spent to date. Based on the current forecast, it is expected that the full budget will be spent by the end of 2025.

- (b) Supporting transition fuels (TR3);

Due to fluctuating energy prices in 2022, it was decided to put this policy on hold and there has not been any spend on biofuel subsidies to date. However, **£145K** has been spent to date to fund the SGRD cost premium within the GOJ’s fleet. A total of £440K has been set aside for this purpose across 2023 and 2024 with ministerial agreement.

- (c) Create a Carbon Neutral Network (EN2);

£15K has been spent to date primarily on engagement activities like supporting a business network focused on making businesses carbon neutral and Carbon Literacy Training. A fund which will govern the grants process for incentives issued to public grass roots projects designed to tackle climate change is in development and is planned to be launched in 2024. Grants are the primary expenditure of this policy.

- (d) Delivering the COP26 education pledge (EN4);

£26K has been spent to date. This is due to a delay in getting the Education officer in place during the year which has resulted in a delay in this workstream. The officer is now in post and it is expected that when this workstream picks up the full expenditure will be utilised.

- (e) Blue carbon, biodiversity and sequestration (EN5);

£1.1m has been spent to date - biodiversity projects are on target to spend the full allocation as set out in the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, by the end of 2024.

- (f) Carbon offset purchasing strategy (EN6);

No budget was allocated from the Climate Emergency Fund for this policy. The work has not been planned to start yet, as the policy is set to be delivered in 2028.