

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister detail which specific incentives and regulations he considers essential to support Jersey achieving a 68% carbon reduction by 2030 and fulfilling its international obligations?”

Answer

The Climate Emergency remains a priority for this Government and the Council of Ministers remains committed to the ambitious emission reduction targets set out in the [Carbon Neutral Roadmap](#) (CNR) and our commitment to the Paris Agreement. The CNR contains the policies considered necessary to meet the emission reduction journey and contains a mix of incentives and regulation.

The focus remains on addressing the two biggest sources of the Island’s greenhouse gas emissions as these will have the greatest impact on achieving our emission reductions. These are on-Island transport and building heating.

The Carbon Neutral Roadmap outlines a number of policies to support the transition away from fossil fuel use in road transport and heating our homes and workplaces.

The policies in the first phase of delivery 2022-2025 of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap concentrate on encouraging early adopters of low carbon technology and helping businesses to upskill and transition to new products and services. Two incentive schemes have been launched and will continue to be supported:

- The [Low Carbon Heating Incentive](#) provides up to £5,000 match funding (and up to £10,000 for those meeting the low-income criteria) to assist with the replacement of oil and gas heating systems with heat pumps and other low carbon solutions. At the end of January 2024, 220 applications have been received. In addition, a new contractor quality scheme and training provision has been facilitated to ensure that local contractors are in a position to be able to install low carbon technology.
- The [Electric Vehicle Incentive](#) provides funding of up to £3,500 towards the cost of an electric vehicle that is new to Jersey. To date, the Scheme has received 356 applications. In addition, a separate charger incentive provides up to £350 towards the cost of an electric charge point.

The short-term incentive programme outlined above is partnered with a medium-term regulatory framework to continue to bring down emissions by transitioning out of fossil fuels. The Minister for the Environment and I will consider the timescales for the implementation of this programme, balancing the need for regulation with the competing pressures currently faced by Islanders.

