

(1) Actions due to be completed in August 2011

Defra had no actions due in August 2011

(2) Actions due to be started by end August 2011

Section	Action	Status
1.2 (v)	Work with the food and drink industry, and OGDs, to take full advantage of the potential for growth through overseas trade (including by identifying global market opportunities and barriers to exports) (due to complete December 2011)	Work ongoing
1.3(viii)	Make the case for significant reform of the CAP as part of the EU's negotiations for the period beyond 2013 (due to complete Jan 2013)	Work ongoing
1.5 (i)	Conduct a pilot project to develop and trial methods for delivering integrated environmental advice for farmers (including on reducing greenhouse gas emissions; adapting to climate change; improving air, soil and water quality; biodiversity; farming competitiveness; performance and resilience; and Environmental Stewardship (due to complete June 2012)	Work ongoing
1.5 (ii)	Review progress made towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture (due to complete November 2012)	Work ongoing
2.1(iii)(a)	Transfer British Waterways from government to a new charity for the waterways in England and Wales, through the Public Bodies Bill (due to complete Apr 2012)	Work ongoing
2.2(i)	Complete a programme of investment to reduce the risk of flooding and coastal erosion for 145,000 households (due to complete Apr 2015)	Work ongoing
2.2(ii)	Implement the findings of the Pitt Review to improve our flood defences and prevent unnecessary building in areas of high flood risk (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing
2.2(ii)(b)	Implement the Flood and Water Management Act (due to complete Dec 2014)	Work ongoing
2.3 (v)	Complete the dispersal of £2.9bn of climate finance, with other government departments (due to complete March 2015)	Work ongoing
2.3 (vi)	Develop proposals for Defra's 2011 expenditure through the International Climate Fund, aimed at reducing deforestation and enhancing biodiversity in developing countries (due to complete September 2011)	Work ongoing
2.3 (vii)	Work with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and other international partners to improve synergies between climate change and biodiversity policy, in particular through the development of advice on biodiversity safeguards in "REDD+" strategies to reduce emissions from deforestation, by the next CBD COP in New Delhi (due to complete October 2012)	Work ongoing
2.3(viii)(c)	Implement legislation to make it a criminal offence to allow illegal timber to enter the UK market (due to complete Mar 2013)	Work ongoing
3.1(v)	Repeal Climate Change Act powers for household charging (due to complete Nov 2011)	Work ongoing
3.2(ii)	Examine the conclusions of the Cave and Walker Reviews and publish a White Paper on the reform of the water industry to ensure a more efficient use of water and to protect poorer households (due to complete December 2011)	Work ongoing
3.3(vii)(b)	Work with Cabinet Office to promote mainstreaming of SD in Departmental Business Plans, including by (b) establishing a process to inform the annual refresh of Business Plans (due to complete April 2012)	Work ongoing
3.3(viii)	Agree UK objectives on the green economy and institutional framework for SD, in the context of poverty reduction, for the UN Conference 'Rio+20' (due to complete June 2012)	Work ongoing

3.4(iv)	In line with the Red Tape Challenge, bring forward proposals to reduce and reform the stock of statutory instruments and regulations for which the Department has overall responsibility (due to complete December 2012)	Work ongoing
3.4(v)(a)	Work with the EU to agree energy efficiency and labelling standards for remaining energy using products in residential and tertiary sectors, and some industrial products, for example: (air conditional units; complex set top boxes (voluntary agreement) (due to complete September 2011)	Work ongoing
3.5(i)	Work with the Treasury and DECC to investigate the options available to help those in remote rural areas with the cost of fuel (due to complete March 2012)	Work ongoing
3.5 (ii)	Work with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to deliver universal broadband at speeds of 2mbps and stimulate private sector investment to deliver the best superfast broadband network in Europe by 2015 (due to complete May 2015)	Work ongoing

(3) Explanation of missed deadlines

Defra had no actions due in August 2011.

The status of missed deadlines from previous reports is:

Deadline missed	Status	Comments
2.3.iv Publish and England Biodiversity Strategy alongside Natural Environment White Paper (due to be complete Jun 2011)	Complete	The England Biodiversity Strategy was published on 19 August 2011.
3.4(i) (b) Produce new supplementary Green Book guidance to assess social impacts (due to complete Apr 2011)	Still not complete	A framework for understanding the social impacts of policy and their effects on wellbeing was published by Defra and the Social Impacts Taskforce in April. Upgrading the guidance itself has required a more substantial cross-departmental project. HMT and DWP published "Valuation Techniques for Social Cost-Benefit Analysis: Stated Preferences, Revealed Preferences and Subjective Well-being Approaches" as a Green Book discussion paper in July. This will be complemented by a Defra-led paper on "Techniques for Non-Monetary and Participatory Valuation".