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Submitted to **Climate change adaptation: proposals for the third round of adaptation reporting**

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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

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4 Would you like your response to be confidential?

Please indicate answer here:

No

If yes, please explain here:

The answer is No, so I should not have to fill this field in

Proposal for reporting

5 Do you agree that reporting in the third round should continue to be voluntary?

Please select your answer here:

No

Please give your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation please include information on how effective a voluntary or mandatory approach to reporting would be for your sector.:

Adaptation to climate change is not voluntary - our climate is changing and we have to adapt. Those most vulnerable to climate change do not volunteer into their vulnerability.

We need to understand more clearly what adaptation measures are already in place. If the objectives outlined above are to be achieved then there does need to be a level of mandate to this exercise. If that can be linked to using reporting required for other purposes then that efficiency should be adopted, but we cannot afford to base our national adaptation to climate change, which is a serious and urgent challenge, to be based on voluntary reporting of actions and outcomes already in place.

6 Do you agree with the principles for reporting in the third round? (These principles are: proportionate, risk-based and streamlined to minimise burdens or duplications; build on previous reporting rounds to improve report quality and participation; and that reporting will primarily support integration of climate change risk management into organisations' work, with a secondary objective to understand levels of preparedness to feed into the ASC's reports to Parliament).

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here:

With the proviso that "minimising burdens" does not become a justification for organisations to avoid reasonable reporting. The ASC has a statutory role to advise parliament and government and needs to be provided with the data it requires through the reporting regime.

7 Do you agree that reporting in the third round should build on the second round by agreeing sector or organisational reporting proposals?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation, please include information on how effective or otherwise a reporting proposal would be for your sector.:

The third round needs to build on the previous rounds, and to show flexibility towards the sectors and organisations that need to report.

Timescales for report submission

8 Do you agree that the reporting date should be determined by sector, reflecting regulatory or business pressures, within the reporting window of 2019-2021, with a final deadline of 31 December 2021?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation please indicate when it would be suitable for your organisation to report:

But we need to move this forward quickly - time is not on our side.

Criteria for identifying reporting organisations

9 Are there any other sectors which you believe should be included on the list?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If yes, please list here with your justification:

Overheating in buildings poses risks to business due to impaired productivity and possibly increased absence; to education due to impaired learning outcomes in overheated spaces; and above all to the health service due to increased vulnerability of certain groups to high temperatures. It is not at all clear that this is being addressed in any way in this exercise. Additionally, increased moisture levels associated with extreme weather events and poor air quality which may occur during periods of high temperatures do not appear to be addressed. They have potential impacts on the health and education sectors. Where information is being collected to support other initiatives then the challenge is to identify the collating body and add them to the list of reporting organisations.

10 Are there any organisations that the Government proposes to invite to report which you believe should not be included?

Please select your answer here:

No

If yes, please list here with your justification:

Answer is no, so I should not need to fill this in.

11 Are there any organisations that have not been included which you believe should be?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If yes, please list here with your justification:

Please see above on healthcare and education.

Additional circumstances in which reports may be required

12 Do you agree with the additional situations in which organisations may be asked to report?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If no, could you suggest any others should be included?:

If no then I should not be filling this in, but its still required.

Additional information

13 Please include any other information you would like us to consider as part of this consultation

Please include any additional information here:

CIBSE is a registered charity which provides extensive guidance on the design of buildings that are resilient to future climate risks. We therefore have a close interest in the work of the ASC and the data which informs its assessments, so that we can provide up to date guidance to those who use our information.

Consultee feedback on the online survey

14 Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

Satisfied

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it. :

If no then the requirement to fill in boxes should be switched off. Irritating but not enough to send me back to submitting a pdf version this time....