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Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Senedd Constituency Member for Aberconwy

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Dear Janet,

I am writing in response to your written question; *What plans does the Welsh Government have to review its policies to ensure Wales is not outsourcing its emissions to other countries? (WQ95833.)*

In line with international protocol, progress against carbon budgets and the interim targets is measured using territorial emissions, meaning those that occur within Wales' borders.

Welsh Ministers report on progress by publishing a final statement after the end of each carbon budget period. The final statement must also include "an estimate of the total amount of Welsh consumer emissions for the budgetary period to which the statement relates". Consumer emissions are those that may reasonably be attributed to the consumption and use of goods and services in Wales, whether they were produced in Wales or elsewhere in the world.

We are working to ensure we are not offshoring emissions through policies currently being developed within the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (UK ETS) to prevent 'carbon leakage.'

The Authority is also engaging with the UK Government on the development of the UK Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, which will be an alternative policy to mitigate carbon leakage by introducing a carbon price for carbon-heavy products coming into the UK. I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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