

Summary of action plan procurement commitments to be embedded into the sustainable operations targets

Sustainable Operations Targets

The Sustainable Operations Targets launched on 12th June 2006 by the Prime Minister included a mandate that accepted elements from the Sustainable Procurement Task Force National Action Plan would be included within the new targets, which have been summarised below. The mandate for Environmental Management Systems (EMSs) has also been clarified.

PRIORITY AREA	TARGETS
CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY	CARBON EMISSIONS FROM OFFICES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reverse the current upward trend in carbon emissions by April 2007. ▶ Reduce carbon emissions by 12.5% by 2010-11, relative to 1999/2000 levels. ▶ Reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2020, relative to 1999/2000 levels.
	CARBON EMISSIONS FROM ROAD VEHICLES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Reduce carbon emissions from road vehicles used for Government administrative operations by 15% by 2010/11, relative to 2005/2006 levels.
	CARBON NEUTRAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Central Government's office estate to be carbon neutral by 2012.
	ENERGY EFFICIENCY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Departments to increase their energy efficiency per m² by 15% by 2010, relative to 1999/2000 levels. ▶ Departments to increase their energy efficiency per m² by 30% by 2020, relative to 1999/2000 levels.
SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION	WASTE ARISING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Departments to reduce their waste arisings by 5% by 2010, relative to 2004/2005 levels. ▶ Departments to reduce their waste arisings by 25% by 2020, relative to 2004/2005 levels.
	RECYCLING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Departments to increase their recycling figures to 40% of their waste arisings by 2010. ▶ Departments to increase their recycling figures to 75% of their waste arisings by 2020.

PRIORITY AREA	TARGETS
NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION	BIODIVERSITY ▶ Departments to meet or exceed the aim of having 95% of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) in sole ownership or control in target condition by 2010.
	WATER CONSUMPTION ▶ Reduce water consumption by 25% on the office and non-office estate by 2020, relative to 2004/2005 levels. ▶ Reduce water consumption to an average of 3m ³ per person/year for all new office builds or major office refurbishments.
GOVERNMENT TO MANDATE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Departments to adopt The Carbon Trust's Carbon Management Programme ▶ The application of BRE's Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) excellent standards or equivalent, to all new builds/major refurbishments. ▶ Accepted elements from the Sustainable Procurement Task Force National Action Plan, (as set out below). ▶ OGC's Property Benchmarking Scheme – aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of corporate estate management. ▶ Departments to work towards an accredited certified environmental management system (EMS) i.e. ISO 14001 or EMAS²⁹. ▶ Data collection and reporting – identification of core data to be reported against the new targets. ▶ All Departments to encourage staff to take an active role in volunteering in the community. ▶ All Departments to conduct sustainability appraisals of office relocations. 	

²⁹ This does not mean departments must replace their existing EMS. Departments can decide whether to implement an accredited certified EMS for their whole estate, or in selected buildings only.

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Leadership and Accountability

- ▶ Permanent Secretaries are accountable for their department's overall progress and for ensuring, from 2007-08 onwards, key staff in their departments have performance objectives and incentives that drive the implementation of this plan, linked to performance objectives for delivering efficiency savings.

Budgeting and Accounting Practice

- ▶ where responsibility for capital and revenue budgets is divided between different organisations sponsoring Departments will review budgeting arrangements and performance frameworks to ensure any barriers to choosing sustainable solutions are resolved. In addition, where Departments believe an upfront cost constraint prevents them from choosing the most sustainable option, they may raise this with the Treasury.

Building Capacity

- ▶ Departments to set out the actions they are taking to ensure procurement practice helps to achieve their sustainable operations targets in their departmental Sustainable Development Action Plans.
- ▶ Government encourages organisations to make full use of the Task Force flexible framework where it helps improve procurement practice and achieve sustainability targets while OGC are developing an new detailed procurement framework.

Raising Standards

- ▶ Departments/OGC to take action in respect of central Government contracts to meet updated and extended mandatory standards³⁰.
 - existing contracts will be updated as soon as is practical;
 - new contracts will be required to meet these standards;
 - steps will be taken to remove offers that fall below these standards from framework agreements within 12 months (where permissible under existing contract terms);
 - Departments will make use of pan-Government collaborative contracts in key areas to achieve compliance.
- ▶ New Government contracts, where relevant, will include appropriate requirements for suppliers and sub-contractors to provide products and services that comply with agreed mandatory standards and assist in the delivery of departmental sustainable operations targets.
- ▶ From 1 April 2009 only timber and timber products originating either from independently verified legal and sustainable sources or from a licensed FLEGT partner will be demanded for use on the Government estate – appropriate documentation will be required to prove it. From 1 April 2015, only legal and sustainable timber would be demanded.

³⁰ formerly known as 'Quick-wins 03 and 06'

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- ▶ OGC will help Departments achieve their sustainable operations targets through supporting the development of pan-Government procurement of goods and services required to meet the sustainable operations targets.

Market Engagement and Capturing Innovation

- ▶ OGC and Government departments will work together to strengthen their strategic engagement with key sectors to ensure key suppliers have plans in place to lower their carbon footprint and that of their supply-chains.

EXISTING SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS (to continue until completion)

- ▶ Departments to source at least 10% of electricity from renewables (31 March 2008).
- ▶ Departments to source at least 15% of electricity from Combined Heat and Power (2010).
- ▶ *The above sustainable operational targets to apply from the reporting period April 2006 – March 2007.*