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Committee response

The Joint Committee on Climate Action is unable to report as set in its terms of reference (as detailed in appendix 1) because the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, the Department of Finance and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment failed to produce a policy paper on the results of the public consultation and the fuel poverty review as recommended by the Committee.

As a result of not having the agreed reviews in advance of the Budget 2020, as agreed and requested by the Committee last March, the Committee is not in a position to arrive at a consensus position regarding the precise mechanism for recycling carbon tax revenues for Budget 2020.

Appendix 1:

Terms of reference extracts:

(i) in view of the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Climate Action contained in its report entitled “Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus on Climate Action”, laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas on 29th March, 2019:

(l) having heard more from experts, and having been informed by the public consultation and the review of fuel poverty recommended in Chapter 6 of the Committee’s report, report on:

(A) the optimal and most transparent way of using the increased proceeds from the carbon tax; and

(B) the range of other measures that need to be introduced by the Government to enable those most impacted by the increase in tax either to be directly compensated (through, for example, the fuel allowance), and/or to be able to benefit from State-funded climate action measures (such as retrofitting)

(g) the Joint Committee shall report its conclusions and recommendations on the matters contained in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subparagraph (i)(l) prior to 30th September, 2019.