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AEA HELPS THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ASSESS ITS CARBON IMPACTS

AEA, the leading climate change and energy consultancy, has been working with the Scottish Government to develop methodologies to assess the carbon impacts of the Scottish Government's activities.

AEA's report "Scottish Carbon Impact Assessment Pilots" has today been published by the Scottish Government as part of its wider work on the Carbon Assessment of its spend and regulation.

The report has piloted guidance for quantifying GHG emissions on a selection of policy areas in central government in Scotland, and offered solutions to some of the challenges involved in the attributing of emissions in different policy settings.

The findings from AEA's report will be used to build an evidence base concerning the Scottish Government's role in achieving emissions reductions through expenditure and regulation - and along with other evidence will inform the development of the approach to delivering the Scottish emissions reduction targets.

Jamie Pitcairn, Director AEA Scotland, commented,

"The transition to a low carbon world will see major changes and challenges to the Scottish economy. It is a global transition, but it is at governmental level that policy can be best placed to encourage business and society. AEA has a wealth of experience working with government to deliver far-reaching, innovative thinking with a track record of our research and analysis providing technical leadership for both national and international policy frameworks."

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About AEA

AEA is one of the world's leaders in climate change, energy and technology consulting. The company operates in the UK, Europe, the US and China, advising on issues such as air quality and climate change, carbon management, resource efficiency and the environmental impacts of transport. AEA is an advisor to the UK Government and the EU. It also helps private sector organisations with energy and climate change compliance, risk, abatement, adaptation, and innovation strategies, underpinned by information technology solutions.

AEA manages the UK government's Envirowise project, one of the world's largest resource efficiency programmes and provides carbon management expertise to many of the UK's largest private sector organisations.

AEA is voted Number One Consultancy for Climate Change and Renewables by industry consultants (Edie surveys 2006, 2007 and 2008).

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