

[Correspondence: Robotics, automation and artificial intelligence](#)

Advice to the Prime Minister on opportunities in robotics, automation and artificial intelligence for the UK.

[Policy paper: Greening Government Commitments 2016 to 2020](#)

Updated: Updated the target for 2020 and the Annex A: Greenhouse gas reduction table in the Greening Government Commitments 2016 to 2020 documents.

The Greening Government Commitments set out the actions UK government departments and their agencies will take to reduce their impacts on the environment in the period 2016 to 2020.

They set out targets for UK government departments and their agencies to:

- reduce their greenhouse gas emissions
- send less waste to landfill and reduce the overall amount of waste they produce
- reduce water consumption

They also set out commitments for departments to

- improve sustainable procurement
- report transparently on key sustainability issues

They supersede the [Greening Government Commitments for 2011 to 2015](#).

We have also published an overview of the reporting requirements for central government departments and their agencies.

We publish annual reports on [performance against the Greening Government Commitments](#).

Consultation outcome: Implementing midata in the energy sector: call for evidence

Updated: Added government response.

Midata is a method of electronically transferring customers' data (with their consent), from a company system to a third party or price comparison website (PCW) using an Application Programming Interface (API). For an energy consumer, this means that they can use an application (app) or website developed by a PCW to compare energy tariffs using the actual usage/account details held by their current supplier. Midata makes comparing tariffs quicker and easier and enables more accurate comparisons. Midata also allows energy suppliers to develop customer acquisition tools, including apps, so customers can switch to a supplier without a PCW or Third Party Intermediary (TPI).

The government took powers in the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 that would allow it to mandate third party electronic access to customers' data in regulated sectors, including energy.

The government has developed a draft technical specification with the energy sector. There are, however, a number of practical implementation issues to consider in taking this forward. These include:

- how to derive maximise benefit for consumers
- how to ensure the quality of customer data suppliers provide
- who can access the data
- what safeguards should be in place to protect customers' data from misuse

Responses to this call for evidence will be used to inform draft regulations.

Correspondence: Improving entrepreneurship education

Advice to the Prime Minister on how to encourage more undergraduates to start innovative enterprises.

Consultation outcome: GDA of Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy Ltd's UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor

Updated: The Environment Agency has commissioned and published an independent evaluation of the consultation after the completion of this GDA project.

The Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales are asking for your views on their environmental assessment of Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy Ltd's UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (UK ABWR) nuclear power station design.

All the consultation documents are here on GOV.UK but we encourage you to respond on the [e-consultation tool](#).

Read the [assessment reports](#) with the consultation documents.

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