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Question by Thailand

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Electricity generation projection

Denmark has implemented numerous mitigation measures in energy sector including household, transport and business sectors. The renewable energy sources have high potential especially from wind which will be the country's key driver for phasing out coal-fired power plant from electricity generation. However, figure V.5 has shown that the projection of electricity generation cost from coal remains constant after 2025, why does the projection not correspond with the policy, could Denmark explain a little more in this regard?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by Japan

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Protection of biodiversity as a measure of mitigation actions

Table 4.21 in BR4 (page 235) notes that Denmark is in the middle of working to achieve the protection of biodiversity as one of the mitigation actions in agriculture, forestry and fisheries. It is also said "As a result of the nature package 10.200 acres of forest is designated as untouched forest and another 3.600 acres is designated as forest in which management primarily is based on biodiversity considerations in state-owned areas" on page 233. We would like to know the Denmark's idea on the relationships between mitigation of global warming and protection of biodiversity (for example, how its protection will contribute to mitigating global warming?).

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by Japan

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Denmark's Energy and Climate Outlook

Denmark annually publishes Denmark's Energy and Climate Outlook and annually updates its energy consumption and GHG emissions projections. Could Denmark tell us about the schedule of preparation of Denmark's Energy and Climate Outlook? It seems that some parts of the preparation schedule and relevant agencies involved overlap with the preparation process of the

GHG inventory and the BR. What are the relationships with these in terms of preparation process of multiple reports?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by United States of America

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Renewable energy lessons

Denmark has committed significant effort to increasing renewable energy (RE) both to date and in the future (55% RE by 2030). What are the key elements of RE policy development and implementation that has led to Denmark's success with RE uptake?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by United States of America

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: 70% GHG reduction target

The BR4 references the binding target of 70% GHG reduction by 2030 as established by the Climate Act and notes the last 5% of which is particularly difficult to realize. What additional measures do you have planned to meet the target?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by Canada

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Impact of COVID-19 and mitigation policy

Looking back at the last year and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, what have you learned or experienced that may impact the design of mitigation policies going forward? What lessons could other countries learn from your experience?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by United States of America

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Permanent Committee on Green Transition

Could you outline some of the lessons learned from establishing a permanent government committee on green transition to ensure that climate (among other environmental considerations) are taken into account in all government proposals and bills?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by New Zealand

Category: Assumptions, conditions and methodologies related to the attainment of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Emissions from agriculture

New Zealand notes that greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture are projected to remain constant or increase slightly under existing measures to 2040, and that no additional measures to reduce agricultural emissions were evaluated. At the same time, Denmark's BR4 lists potential measures to support a green transition in the agriculture sector, which were to be debated by the Danish Parliament in 2020. New Zealand would be interested in any update on the outcomes of these debates and potential decisions, and whether their potential impact on future agricultural greenhouse gas emissions has been evaluated and quantified.

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by United States of America

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Lessons from taxation of mineral oil

The BR4 states that taxation of mineral oil is the most significant individual PaMs contributing to progress made towards achievement of the quantified economy-wide emission reduction target. Could you outline some of the lessons learned in the implementation of this policy?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Committee on the green transition

We note with interest the establishment of a permanent government committee on green transition to ensure that the effects on climate, the environment and nature is taken into account in all government proposals and bills. Can you please tell us more about this committee and the improvements you have seen since its establishment, or that you hope to see?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by New Zealand

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Type: Before 05 April

Title: Methods for emissions reduction

Denmark has a domestic goal to reduce greenhouse gases by 70 per cent by 2030 relative to 1990 levels. It is stated in Denmark's BR4 that the last part of the goal, from 65 to 70 per cent will be particularly difficult and will require currently unknown methods. Which sectors does Denmark anticipate these methods will target for emission reductions and what work is underway to achieve this final 5 per cent reduction?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by New Zealand

Category: Progress towards the achievement of its quantified economy-wide emission reduction target

Type: Before 05 April

Title: Sustainable aviation

Can Denmark please provide additional information on what initiatives they are planning to ensure more sustainable aviation?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by New Zealand

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Type: Before 05 April

Title: Effects on climate, environment and nature from government proposals and bills

Can Denmark share any outcomes that they are expecting from mandating that the effects on climate, environment and nature are taken into account in government proposals and bills? Does Denmark plan to introduce a threshold of effect severity that a government proposal or bill can have on the environment or climate?

Answer by Denmark – pending

Question by New Zealand

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Title: Transport measures

The majority of the existing transport measures in BR4 Table 4.18 are reported to have the quantified impacts included elsewhere (G1, G4, G5). Could Denmark please explain what the assumptions are that underpin these calculations? How does Denmark quantify the contribution of these policies to the target?

Answer by Denmark – pending

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