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Terms of Reference – Net Zero Delivery Tracker analysis of forthcoming Autumn 2022 Budget

Background

Over the course of 2020-21, WWF-UK developed a full [Net Zero Delivery Tracker](#) (previously referred to as Net Zero Test) methodology, which enables assessment, at each Budget or Spending Review of:

- a) Total positive, negative and neutral spending in relation to priority environmental areas
- b) The carbon emissions impact of the overall fiscal event
- c) The extent to which this emissions impact is compatible with a stated emissions pathway to net zero

In 2021, the Net Zero Delivery Tracker (NZDT) was applied to the March 2021 Budget and the Autumn 2021 Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review. The results of the analysis were launched in a series of reports and presented at several events and workshops.

A range of bodies have called for government to adopt a Net Zero Delivery Tracker, including the Climate Change Committee, Energy-UK, and the Corporate Leaders' Group. WWF-UK's work in developing the NZDT has been referenced in many of these discussions.

To ensure the continued prominence of the NZDT in the policy discourse and encourage its adoption by HM Treasury, analysis of the Autumn 2022 Budget is needed. There appears a significant possibility that this Budget will be announced earlier than usual and billed as an Emergency Budget.

Output

Full Net Zero Delivery Tracker analysis of the UK Government's Autumn 2022 Budget (whether this is undertaken to standard timeframes or expedited as an emergency budget).

This will involve applying the previously developed Net Zero Delivery Tracker methodology to the fiscal package, conducting budget tagging and emissions estimate modelling. Due to the nature of the fiscal package, new approaches to emissions estimate modelling may be required for individual line items.

As an example of the expected output, [please see this report](#) based on applying the Net Zero Delivery Tracker to the Autumn 2021 Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review.



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Deliverables

- Engagement with WWF-UK's work on Net Zero Delivery Tracker until now, including all Excel-based analysis
- Attendance at full-day knowledge transfer workshop with technical experts who previously worked on the modelling
- Budget tagging analysis and emissions modelling of Budget, presented in accessible report format, along with delivery of underpinning analysis

Required expertise

Experienced economist or team of economists with strong quantitative modelling expertise and some experience of undertaking economic modelling in an environmental context, preferably including use of emissions estimates.

Ability to thoroughly absorb and understand principles and modelling approach of Net Zero Delivery Tracker and adapt it to new budget items, including designing new approaches to calculating direct, indirect, and induced impact of tax and spending policies.

Please provide evidence of having previously undertaken similar work that demonstrates the required skills and experience, as well as brief professional biographies of the team involved.

Required completion date

Initial budget tagging analysis provided within four weeks of the Budget being announced, emissions modelling provided within eight weeks of the Budget announcement, full report completed and ready for publication by December 2022 at the latest.

Indicative budget

Around £15,000, with some flexibility depending on the content of the bid.

Proposal deadline

Please send your proposal to Rick Parfett via rparfett@wwf.org.uk by 9 a.m. on 19 September.