Follow-up to the Government response submitted on 10 June 2014 to the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee report: ‘Waste or resource? Stimulating a bioeconomy’

The Government accepted a number of the Committee’s recommendations including that BIS takes the lead on the bio-economy. Matthew Hancock, BIS Minister of State for Business and Enterprise and Minster for Energy at the Department for Energy and Climate Change took on the cross-Whitehall Champion role.

A key development since the Government submitted its response has been the decision that this Ministerial Champion role is now jointly shared with Dan Rogerson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Water, Forestry, Rural Affairs and Resource Management at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This partnership will help the Government to better encompass the waste based elements across departmental agendas and deliver a truly cross-Whitehall vision and action plan for developing a bio-economy, bringing varying expertise and balancing differing priorities. There is a working group supporting both Ministers to develop the long term plan otherwise known as the roadmap. The working group is drawing on advice and contributions from industry, representative bodies and other stakeholders as part of this process.

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