

Just Transition Commission

Minutes of Sixth Meeting

12 September 2025

Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE)
Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4

1. Attendees

Commission Members:

- Ali Sheridan - Chair
- Conor Minogue
- Dr Diarmuid Torney
- Michelle Murphy
- Oisín Coghlan
- Tanya Ward
- Vanessa Kiely O'Connor
- Suresh Kumar
- Dr Evan Boyle (Remotely)

Secretariat:

- Caroline Lyons - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Greta Szabo – Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Michael Keegan - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Rónán Stokes - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
- Conor Reynolds - Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment

Apologies:

- Seamus Boland
- Ryan McKinney

2. Welcome and Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chair welcomed the Commission. The focus of the day was a just transition in Agriculture, Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry. Agenda to include the Commission's first meeting with Darragh O'Brien TD, Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, a first meeting with members of the Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC), and a roundtable discussion involving representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of the Taoiseach.

Chair and Commissioners adopted the minutes of the fifth meeting of the Commission in June 2025.

3. Internal Session

The Secretariat provided updates to the Commission on operational work progressed since the previous meeting in June.

Chair briefed the Commission on a series of bilateral meetings conducted over the summer with a range of stakeholders in the agriculture sector, and other engagements. The Commission discussed the agenda of the day.

4. Meeting with the Minister

The Chair welcomed the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment, Darragh O'Brien, to the meeting. Minister O'Brien addressed the Commission and engaged with Commissioners in discussion on just transition, along with Assistant Secretary for Climate Action & Environment, Barry Quinlan and Advisor Aine Doyle.

5. Working Lunch with the Climate Change Advisory Council (CCAC)

The Commission welcomed Members of the CCAC for a working lunch. This follows engagements earlier in the year between the Chairs of the two bodies. Members of the two organisations discussed their separate functions, shared goals, and the potential benefits of interactions between them in coming months and years.

6. Internal Session

An internal session took place to reflect on findings of the day and to prepare for the roundtable.

7. Roundtable discussion

Representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Department of the Taoiseach joined the Commission for a roundtable discussion on the agriculture and land use sector. This provided an opportunity for departmental officials and Commissioners to engage in an informal discussion and to explore how just transition principles are being embedded into agriculture and land use policy.

8. Reflections

Chair and Commissioners reflected on the roundtable discussions, and touched on next meetings and future deliverables such as the development of the Commission's next report.

9. Actions arising:

- Connect with Future Generations Commissioner for Wales
- Commission to be included in stakeholder list for Social Climate Plan
- Secretariat to prepare outline of the next report for the Commission's October meeting
- Secretariat and Chair to prepare for 2026 work programme discussions of the next meeting