

Just Transition Commission

Minutes of Ninth Meeting

29 January 2026

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

1. Attendees

Commission Members:

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

Secretariat:

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

2. Introduction and brief updates

Closed session of the Commission. Discussion centred on the Commission's upcoming publications, development of its website, and operational functions.

3. Just Transition Strategy (Facilitated Workshop)

The morning and afternoon sessions comprised of a facilitated workshop for the Commission. The workshop focused on the Commission developing an initial set of recommendations regarding DCEE's Just Transition Strategy.

Initial discussions centred on what function a Just Transition Strategy would have within Ireland's climate governance framework, and the essential elements required to ensure a successful Strategy. Further to this, the Commission discussed the following themes regarding the Strategy:

- The purpose, role and ambition of the Strategy
- Outcomes and accountability
- The effective implementation of the Just Transition Principles
- Governance, tools and resources for the Strategy

4. Work Programme

Commission discussed its work programme for 2026, including its ongoing research projects on just transition, the sequencing of the Commission's sectoral publications, and its input to the Department's Just Transition Strategy.

For the March meeting, it was agreed that the secretariat will prepare scoping papers for the Built Environment and Energy review; the Commission will review its initial recommendations regarding the Strategy; and ongoing updates will be provided regarding the research projects and the Commission's subgroups.

It was acknowledged that the Commission's workload will be heavy during the year, with an especially busy period in March, involving the commencement of three separate research projects commissioned through tendering processes.

5. Actions

For the March meeting, it was agreed the following material would be prepared for the Commission to review:

- Progress update report
- Transport report
- Concept note for Built Environment and Energy
- Progress on the Workforce research, JT vulnerability research and the JT baselining survey
- Proposal for a National Climate Dialogue and an Approach to engagement document (NDCA subgroup)