

**RESAS Strategic Research Programmes
Annual Reports
2013-14**

**ClimateXChange
RESAS Feedback to Research Providers**

1. Summary

The ongoing restructuring of CXC is making it more responsive to policy need by expanding the areas of greatest policy demand. The CXC Directorate is demonstrating a willingness to give direction to the programme of work. The CXC Secretariat manages projects professionally, is focussed on providing an excellent service to policy customers, has the expertise to judge the priority of policy requests and to specify tightly the required research.

2. Detailed feedback on content

Executive Summary

RESAS agrees with the positive picture presented in the summary.

a. External Context

CXC is responding appropriately and pro-actively to the external policy drivers.

b. Internal Context

Project-based working and changes to the Centre's governance are useful improvements to the way CXC is going about its business. RESAS and the senior management involved could quickly agree to the uplift in the commissioning budget given the proven policy relevance of this element of CXC's work.

c. Outputs and Outcomes

Supporting Policy and Practice:

Stakeholder engagement and knowledge exchange

There is strong evidence of effective and highly relevant stakeholder engagement.

Policy relevant outputs

The policy-relevant outputs demonstrate the wide range of issues CXC covers.

Impact on policy

The impact on policy section shows good examples of the policy benefit of many CXC outputs

Benefits to other stakeholders

There are also some good examples of benefits to non-policy stakeholders.

Collaboration and Multidisciplinary Working

Collaborations

CXC has promoted a significant number of collaborations and it is good to see engagement across organisations.

PROGRESS

Summary of progress

There is a broad portfolio of ongoing projects, most with a 'green' progress rating.

Status report and progress with research deliverables

Variety of projects across different areas demonstrate very good uptake by policy and agency customers. Mix of outputs correspond to KE demands.

JHI ICCRI projects are not represented.

Recommendations for the next annual report

For RESAS to ask for:

- Resource (time/money) against each activity to be able to better gauge size of activity.