

HISTORIC SCOTLAND BOARD

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Purpose

1. This note briefs the Board on the work undertaken to establish the Agency's carbon footprint and reports Senior Management Team (SMT) discussion on 4 December.

Background

2. The Board is aware from climate change discussion in November that our initial efforts have focused on energy consumption at our main sites and travel. Figures 1 to 4 at Annex A provide illustrative breakdowns of our carbon footprint; its energy and travel portions respectively; and breakdown of travel by mode and by Group. While almost two thirds of travel is attributed to PIC Conservation and Maintenance, this is of course a direct result of the number of staff (350) and the fact that they cover the whole estate from Shetland to Galloway, in areas where public transport is not an option.

3. Energy accounts for 88% of the footprint and travel 12%. Given that this exercise has counted all business travel but only a limited number of sites – albeit the biggest ones – it is clear that energy will account for more than 90% of emissions once the whole PIC estate is included. The total carbon footprint for activity at 2. above is **4,905** tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e). We believe that the energy: travel ratio is in line with that for other organisations.

SMT Discussion

4. Against this background and the general climate of limited resources, SMT concluded:

4.1 Our main focus should be on reducing energy consumption and that the scope of the footprinting should be extended to include the whole of the PIC estate – not just the main sites and Longmore House. PIC and HR (for Longmore) have been asked to report back by end February 2009 on progress. We will consider setting reduction targets in the light of this further information.

4.2 We will consider business travel in the context of efficiency rather than carbon footprinting.

5. HSB is invited to discuss and endorse the focused approach proposed above.

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Fig. 1 Relative Contribution to Historic Scotland's Carbon Footprint 07/08

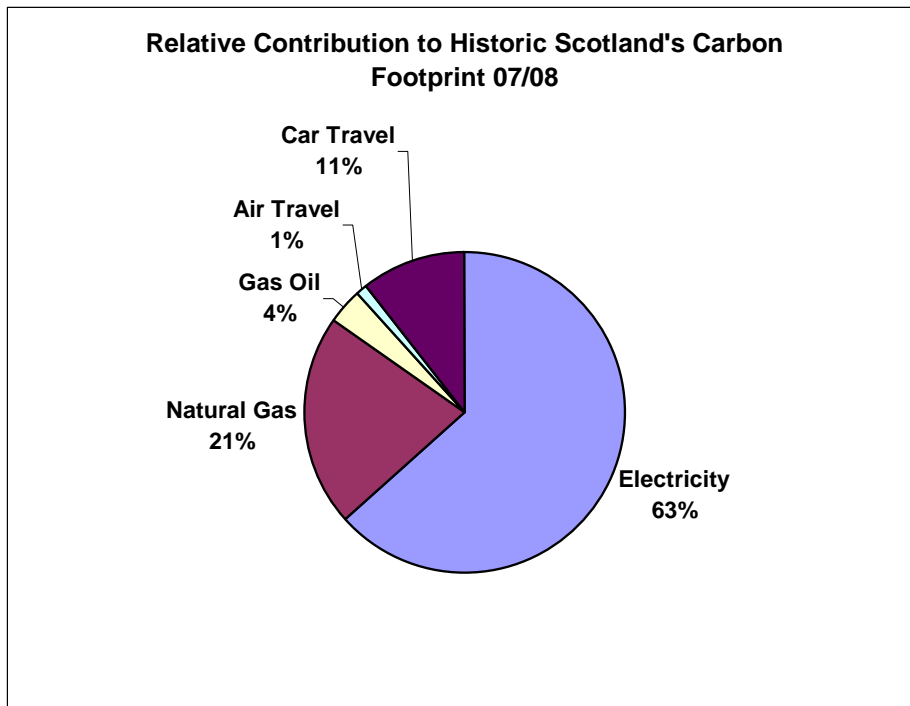


Fig. 2 Carbon Footprint of HS Energy Consumption by Location

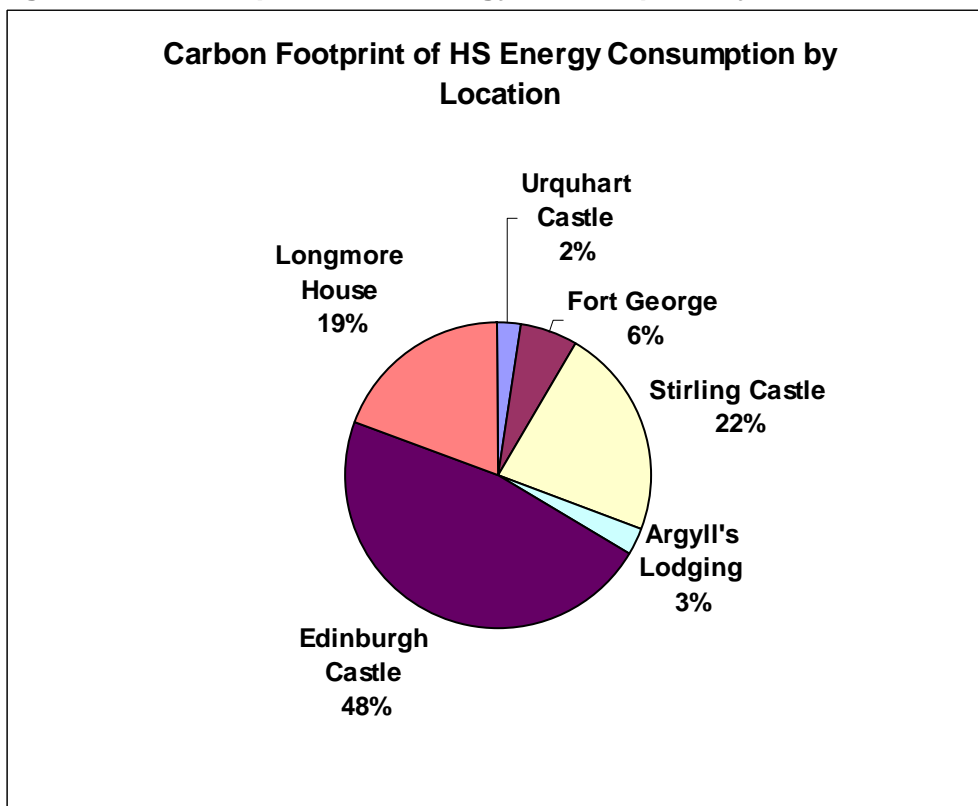


Fig. 3 Carbon Footprint of HS Travel by Group

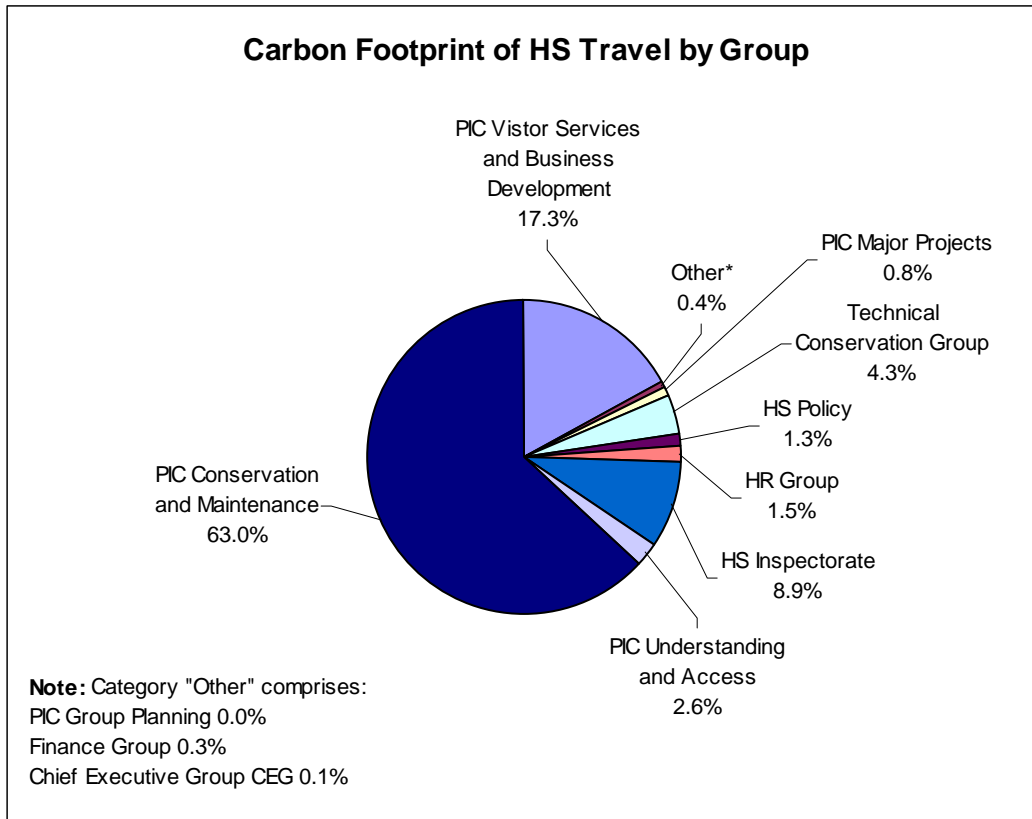


Fig. 4 Carbon Footprint of HS Travel by Mode of Transport

