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- Continued biannual environmental multi-source topic report pulling together natural resources accounts, physical flow accounts and monetary accounts into a single web-based PDF publication.
- Publication in 2004 in *Economic Trends* of an article presenting an industry breakdown of UK environmental tax payments in 2001.
- Report on the impact of households on the environment through the direct and indirect generation of greenhouse gas emissions completed with summary article due for publication in October 2004 edition of *Economic Trends*.
- Review of material flows accounts focusing on timeliness, international comparability, comprehensiveness, policy relevance and accuracy of estimates of hidden flows scheduled for completion by end of the year.
- Improvements made to the estimates of Public Sector Environmental Protection Expenditure through establishing new data source at HM Treasury. Improvements also expected for the forestry and waste accounts.
- Establishment of a new cross-government working group to review the quality of the estimates of energy use and associated atmospheric emissions from transport sources, including those from aviation, shipping and "tank-tourism".

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- Further development of decoupling indicators, based more upon environmental accounts data, following responses to public consultation. Likely to include further work on the measurement of emissions associated with the production of imports, and on the interpretation of material flow accounts.
- Publication of research into environmental accounts for agriculture, covering both beneficial and damaging impacts from farming in monetary and physical terms.
- Publication of research into the environmental impact of 'food miles' - the distance that food travels from farm gate to plate, including overseas impacts.