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& the Acceleration  
of Climate Change**

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# The Westminster Briefing

## Introduction

The **Westminster Briefing** was commissioned by the Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group to provide the best available scientific update for those currently involved in policy formulation.

It was presented in a packed Committee Room of the House of Commons on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007. The date coincided with the Annual Environment Day of the United Nations, and with the opening of the G8 Summit in Heiligendamm under the Presidency of the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel. Proceedings were filmed and transcribed. The fully illustrated presentations are reproduced verbatim apart from minor editorial polishing for clarity of meaning and grammatical coherence. The style retains the immediacy of the event which would otherwise have been lost in the more usual format of heavily referenced academic papers.

The Summary for Policy Makers was written in Madrid during the Annual Meeting of the Club of Rome. It was completed on the eve of the Special Meeting of Heads of State convened in New York by the General Secretary of the United Nations to address the current crisis of Climate Change and to attempt to overcome some of the difficulties besetting the process of International negotiations prior to the meeting to be held in Bali in December 2007.

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**Two book launches were held.** The first, on 16<sup>th</sup> November, in Westminster Central Hall, at “The Sky’s the Limit” conference jointly sponsored by the World Future Council and Be the Change. The second, on 19<sup>th</sup> November, in the House of Commons was sponsored by the All Party Parliamentary Climate Change Group. It coincided with the presentation to the House of the Climate Bill by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown.

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