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The consultation document sets out the Government's proposed approach to the longer term management of the UK's plutonium stocks for public scrutiny and consultation. Comments on any aspect of this issue are welcome, but the key questions posed in this consultation are:

No	Question
Q1	Do you agree that it is not realistic for the Government to wait until fast breeder reactor technology is commercially available before taking a decision on how to manage plutonium stocks?

Response	Yes, fast breeder reactors may not become commercially available in the future as there are safely concerns and there will be future competition from GenIV nuclear reactors and fusion reactors.
Q2	Do you agree that the Government has got to the point where a strategic sift of the options can be taken?
Response	Yes this is needed now.
Q3	Are the conditions that a preferred option must in due course meet, the right ones?
Response	Broadly yes but the conditions are very strict and it may not be possible to meet all the conditions without accepting some uncertainty
Q4	Is the Government doing the right thing by taking a preliminary policy view and setting out a strategic direction in this area now?
Response	Yes – a strategic direction is needed now, this can always be revised in the future
Q5	Is there any other evidence government should consider in coming to a preliminary view?
Response	Future energy supplies, future uranium prices and supplies, the economic benefit to West Cumbria of a new MOX plant
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	Broadly yes, however I believe the government should make it clear in wants a new MOX plant based in the UK rather than using an overseas MOX plant. This will ensure UK jobs and investment.
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Funding more research into Pu immobilisation technologies in parallel to developing a new MOX plant.