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Response	Yes
Q2	Do you agree that the Government has got to the point where a strategic sift of the options can be taken?
Response	Yes
Q3	Are the conditions that a preferred option must in due course meet, the right ones?
Response	All the options are bad, so the conditions must seek to minimise the harm of the least bad option.
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
Q5	Is there any other evidence government should consider in coming to a preliminary view?
Response	Current stocks of plutonium should be minimised by sending foreign stocks back to the country of origin. Existing plutonium should not be used to create MOX fuel as this is even more dangerous both in its use as fuel for new build and in its increased volume of waste thereafter.
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	No. The UK has no geological disposal facility and is not likely ever to have one. MOX should not be created from plutonium waste as this

	would cause even more problems than storing the plutonium.
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	The safest option which in itself is highly unsatisfactory, is to continue storage of legacy plutonium. The Government could do what the USA is doing and ship all its nuclear waste including the plutonium of spent fuel to Russia or Sweden but this would only mean a delay in the airborne distribution of radioactive poisonous gases from these countries all around the globe. In view of the impossibility of any safe policy for plutonium or any other nuclear waste the overriding priority must be for the government to rule out any new nuclear build in the UK, and try to persuade other countries that nuclear is a failed industry and has been from the start. If the government is concerned about climate change, nuclear is the last policy they should consider; climate change if not modified is likely to result in increases in human fatalities by the end of this century from starvation and countries becoming uninhabitable due to heat or cold or flooding. Nuclear power and weapons have been causing fatalities since 1945 in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, in the 1950s from atom bomb tests, from 1965 when Hinkley Point A reactors first came on stream, through various nuclear accidents, and now a new wave of fatalities due to releases from decommissioned, defueled Magnox reactors (2006 onwards). Another good idea would be for the UK government to sign up to the treaty to exclude depleted uranium from all defence products as this too continues to cause premature fatalities to service personnel and their families.

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Response	I haven't read the conditions
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Response	YES
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Response	The government should consider that there is no save method for the disposal of plutonium stocks. The Russian disposal facility with spent fuel in caves is a failure as the salt air has corroded the spent fuel cladding and when they drop to the ground, there's be another Chernobyl. The Americans plan to send all their nuclear waste to Russia; they know there's nowhere safe in the US. Some of that will be transported via the coast of Scotland in probably insecure boats.The government have just announced that there is no safe disposal site in the UK. It has also finally been understood that any disposal facility must allow re-access as none of the containment vessels could withstand various forces breaching them sometime in the 100,000 years minimum required. Do not use the plutonium to

	reprocess it into MOX fuel as that creates even more toxic waste after it's been used as nuclear fuel. (See Greenpeace summary)
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	I hope the preliminary view is that in view of the impossibility of safe decommissioning and waste disposal, the government will decide that there can be no justification for allowing new nuclear build in the UK ever again. Go by the record of what's happening with current decommissioning of the old Magnox reactors at Hinkley Point. The American sub-contractors, EnergySolutions Inc have no experience in civil nuclear decommissioning and are currently being allowed by the NDA and the Environment Agency to release uncontrolled poisonous gases into the atmosphere over Somerset coastal communities because they failed to seal the reactors safely and have had to instal vents into the roofs. People are now dying from all the known decommissioning illnesses, including strokes, heart attacks, brain tumours, skin, lung, kidney and liver cancers. And of course, lots more children will die from leukaemia. When will the American company be prosecuted with corporate manslaughter?
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Send it to Russia so that it's all in one place? Not to Norway as that's too close to the UK whose population is already heavily contaminated with lifelong overdoses of radioactive poisonous gases.

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Response	Possibly
Q5	Is there any other evidence government should consider in coming to a preliminary view?
Response	Greenpeace's summary of the arguments against using MOX fuel in UK nuclear reactors, now or in the future.
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	No
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Return any plutonium from other countries back to its source. There is no known safe method for dealing with plutonium stocks. Don't

	increase stocks by importing any plutonium from other countries. Shut down all UK nuclear reactors. Do not build any more nuclear reactors in the UK, ever again.