

Response by Hazel Barkham

1. Yes, provided there is financial security and auditing. Where do the risks fall? It's a difficult balancing act. The operators want detail, certainty and contingency security without knowing storage costs and intermediate waste levels.

2. Yes, but do the Government assumptions reflect reality? Are there alternative assumptions for the operator to challenge? Greater prescription is needed for Phase 1. Is there going to be encapsulation of spent fuel on a single site? Is spent fuel an asset or liability? There would be a higher hurdle for offshore fuel. Who appoints the independent verifiers? There would be liabilities for recycling. What is the obligation of the providers to the Government after the transfer of spent fuel? What is the definition of prudence? Where does the surplus go?

I'm responding as a member of Stop Hinkley.