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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
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	Yes
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	Use of the plutonium as fuel is the right option. This should focus on MOX to produce fuel for UK PWR plant. Consideration of optimising a PWR built next to the Sellafield site should be part of this strategy.
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	Yes. MOX production is the right option to pursue at this time
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?

Response	The increasing price of oil and the need for energy sources that do not put carbon into the atmosphere will increase the need for nuclear power. This could mean fast reactors are viable commercially sooner rather than later.