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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	
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	No, it should start convert the plutonium to MOX as soon as possible
Q5	Is there any other evidence government should consider in coming to a preliminary view?
Response	Yes. The dangers to health from nuclear radiation have been severely over-hyped over the years, largely for political reasons during the Cold War and today for lack of public information and education on the subject, see http://www.radiationandreason.com . Plutonium is a valuable source of energy. The unnecessarily cautious attitude to it and to spent fuel in other forms is not in the public interest. MOX is the best route.
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	Yes.

Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Yes. There are other nuclear technologies in development that could burn up actinide waste like plutonium, in particular Accelerator Driven Subcritical Reactors. However there is no need to wait for these; the power is needed now. The Government is too slow and cautious.