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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	No. Prototype demonstrations of the feasibility of sodium cooled fast reactor technology have been demonstrated. The next stage of commercial demonstration is moving forward, particularly in France. Any decision made to treat the UK plutonium stock as waste and dispose of it such that retrieval would not be possible is premature.
Q2	Do you agree that the Government has got to the point where a strategic sift of the options can be taken?
Response	A sift of options has already started – I believe that we must retain the option of using the plutonium in fast reactors at some stage in the future. As energy sources are used up (oil, gas, coal etc.) fissionable material will, I believe, become very valuable and this must be taken into account in any sifting of options. To dispose of the UK stock of this valuable resource will be seen by future generations as a major environmental crime.
Q3	Are the conditions that a preferred option must in due course meet, the right ones?
Response	Higher importance must be placed on long term strategic energy supply. Plutonium is a valuable resource and can be used to fuel nuclear reactors without the need for enrichment as is the case for uranium.
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	The need for long term energy supply when the oil and gas run out must be considered in a more strategic way than at present.
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	No, the government are premature is dismissing the fast reactor as the medium for future use of the UK plutonium stock
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	No the set are sufficient.