

## **Annex F: Response form for the consultation document on a Fixed Unit Price methodology and updated cost estimates**

You may respond to this consultation by email or by post.

Please note that if you accessing this document electronically you will only be able to enter text in the response fields.

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### **Please return by 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to:**

Fixed Unit Price methodology and updated  
cost estimates consultation  
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No.	Question
<b>Chapter 3: The methodology to determine a Fixed Unit Price</b>	
<b>1</b>	Do you agree or disagree that prospective operators of new nuclear power stations should be given the option to defer the setting of their Fixed Unit Price? If so, do you agree that this deferral should be limited to 10 years after the nuclear power station has commenced operation? Do you have any comments on the way the Government proposes to determine an expected Fixed Unit Price as the basis for an operator's interim provision in the event that they choose to defer the setting of their Fixed Unit Price?
<b>Response</b>	Disagree with a Fixed Unit Price and consequently deferral of setting a FUP. The nuclear industry should pay the full price of disposal without Government subsidy.
<b>2</b>	Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that the Schedule for the Government to take title to and liability for an operator's waste should be set in relation to the predicted end of the decommissioning of the nuclear power station? Do you have any comments on the way the Government proposes to recoup the additional costs it will incur in this case?
<b>Response</b>	Disagree. Operators should be financially and legally liable for all aspects of waste disposal.
<b>3</b>	Do you agree or disagree that the proposed methodology to determine a Fixed Unit Price strikes the right balance in protecting the taxpayer, by taking a prudent and conservative approach to cost estimation, while facilitating new nuclear build by providing certainty to operators? What are your reasons?
<b>Response</b>	<p>Disagree. The nuclear industry is "sold" to the public by the nuclear lobby as a low risk &amp; cost effective method of providing for our electricity needs. If this is the case then the operators should be prepared to put "their money where their mouth is" and pay for all aspects of nuclear new build and waste disposal.</p> <p>In addition, Government subsidy allows for the opportunity to hide the true costs of nuclear power generation from the public by "creative accounting". If operators are forced to pay all costs then they can only recoup their cost outlay by charging the public for electricity usage. This will show to the public the true cost of nuclear and allow them to better judge whether it is worth it.</p>
<b>4</b>	Do you agree or disagree with the proposed approach to determining an operator's contribution to the fixed costs of constructing a Geological Disposal Facility? What are your reasons?
<b>Response</b>	Disagree. Operators should be made to pay the full amount for a GDF. Reasons include those described for question 3.

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	In addition, the whole issue of a GDF does not seem to have been resolved technically, socially, or financially.
5	Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that the units to be used for the Fixed Unit Price are pence per kWh for spent fuel and cubic metres of packaged volume for intermediate level waste? What are your reasons?
Response	Disagree. Reason is that I disagree with the FUP.
<b>Chapter 5: Updated estimates of the costs for decommissioning, waste management and waste disposal</b>	
6	Do the updated cost estimates represent a credible range of estimates of the likely costs for decommissioning, waste management and waste disposal for a new nuclear power station?
Response	Disagree. I have no faith whatsoever in Government or industry estimates. A GDF has never been built before so there is no previous data on which to base cost projections. Generally these type of projects are seriously under-estimated. The reasons for this are partly technical but they are mainly political in that the public would not accept the proposals if the true cost was presented "up-front".

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Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views. The Government does not intend to acknowledge receipt of individual responses unless you tick the box. ☒

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