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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	It is considered that including an additional option, reuse of civil plutonium as Fast Reactor Fuel, would have provided more robust results to the options study rather than dismissing it early on. However it is not considered that including this option would have any significant impact for the management of MoD plutonium.
Q2	Do you agree that the Government has got to the point where a strategic sift of the options can be taken?
Response	It is considered that the available information is sufficiently robust to carry out the option study presented in the consultation paper and hence support sifting of options.
Q3	Are the conditions that a preferred option must in due course meet, the right ones?
Response	The conditions quoted in paragraph 5.3 and elsewhere in the paper are considered sensible and appropriate.
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	The paper states that the UK Government will not make a final decision until more robust information is available. Whilst this is noted, it is considered that a preliminary policy view is worthwhile to assist in providing a focus for further necessary research and development work.
Q5	Is there any other evidence government should consider in coming to a preliminary view?
Response	Not aware of anything else.

Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	It is considered that a re-use option allows more of the energy potential of the plutonium to be utilised, and is likely to provide an optimum option, both economically and environmentally based on the maturity of other options considered.
Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Do not consider that there are any other options available.