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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
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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, I agree that it is not realistic for the Government to wait until fast breeder reactor technology is commercially available
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	Not to my knowledge
Q6	Has the Government selected the right preliminary view?
Response	<p>Yes, I believe the Government has selected the right preliminary view. This plutonium is a vital energy source, and whilst it may not be commercially beneficial to convert the Plutonium to MOX, there are vast amounts of energy available from the Plutonium, used in thermal reactors.</p> <p>Since Fast reactors are not currently commercially viable, and the current shift in sustainability prompts us to deal with these problems and not leave to future generations, there is only one answer left –to use this in thermal reactors (as MOX fuel).</p> <p>With the onset of global warming, the disposal of such a vast amount of a commercially useable fuel is not appropriate.</p>

Q7	Are there any other high level options that the Government should consider for long-term management of plutonium?
Response	Not to my knowledge