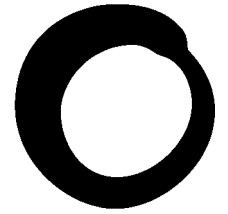


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## **General Election 2010**

# **Questions for candidates**

### **Climate and Get Serious About CO<sub>2</sub>**

Do you agree that green investment should be a priority for national and local government given that it would stimulate the economy, create jobs, cut carbon emissions, increase energy security and cut heating bills?

Do you think the UK should improve its goal on cutting carbon emissions to 40 per cent by 2020 if this results in greater energy security and less reliance of foreign oil and gas?

Do you think that landlords should be required to meet minimum standards for energy efficiency in the homes they rent out, in the same way that they have to comply with standards on gas and fire safety?

### **Get Serious About CO<sub>2</sub>**

All parties supported the Climate Change Act. Do you agree **all** councils should have **Local Carbon Budgets** to help them deliver their fair share of emissions cuts as part of meeting our national climate targets?

### **(if you get a chance to ask a second question)**

Do you agree that it is important that councils invest now to cut their carbon emissions, save themselves and their residents money, and create low-carbon local jobs?

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## **International Climate**

Do you support the introduction of a tiny tax of 0.05 per cent (robin hood tax) on speculative banking transactions to provide money to those developing countries that need it if they are to produce clean energy rather than carbon-intensive polluting energy?

Do you think that the Government-controlled Royal Bank of Scotland should stop investing in polluting fossil fuel projects?

## **Fix the Food Chain**

The UK and Europe's imports of animal feed for intensive livestock production are destroying tropical rainforests. Would you support helping farmers switch to more planet-friendly farming by redirecting the £700 million of taxpayers' money that currently supports intensive livestock production in this country?

Given that the meat and dairy industry is a massive contributor to climate change would you support government legislation and other measures to help reduce emissions?

Biofuel targets for transport fuel were set with the best intentions but sadly they have been shown to actually increase carbon emissions, increase food prices and increase hunger in developing countries. Will you support scrapping the targets and instead focus on other ways to reduce transport emissions?

## **Waste**

Will you stop the use of tax-payers money to subsidise incineration of waste?

Will you support the introduction of an incineration tax to reflect the damage that incineration causes to the environment?

Will you aim to make the UK the best country for recycling in Europe and reduce the need for unpopular landfill and incineration plants?