

The following ten statements are selected from a wide range of issues associated with climate change, energy conservation and renewable energy. Please indicate the answer which best reflects your view by deleting those options you do not agree with. If you wish to explain your view on any question please add a comment below that question. Comments should be restricted to no more than 150 words on each question.

- 1 The recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported that human-induced climate change is happening and needs to be addressed urgently.  
STRONGLY AGREE
  
- 2 If I am in Government I will be working hard to see that the UN Climate Change talks (to be completed in December 2015) result in a successful outcome with binding targets which have a chance of keeping the rise in global temperatures to no more than 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels.  
AGREE
  
- 3 In view of the huge destabilising volatility we have seen in fossil fuel prices over the years it makes sense to invest in the UK's own renewable energy industry – where the prices of the source do not change.  
STRONGLY AGREE – not just because of the volatility of fossil fuel prices but because of the significant economic and employment potential of the renewables sector and the equally important consideration of energy security. However, here in Pembrokeshire the oil refining industry provides high levels of employment to local people and is a very large contributor to the local economy. It is important to recognise this contribution and, whilst it is vital to support the renewable energy industry, we are going to be reliant on fossil fuels for some time and we need to protect the jobs the industry provides in our area.
  
- 4 The UK has a very wide range of renewable energy sources – all of which should be encouraged.  
AGREE - some should be encouraged more than others based on cost, effectiveness, and environmental impact.
  
- 5 Do you agree with the Department of Energy and Climate Change Public Attitudes Tracking Survey  
[www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-tracking-survey-wave-12](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-attitudes-tracking-survey-wave-12)  
which shows that most people either 'strongly support' or 'support' onshore wind?  
AGREE
  
- 6 Experience shows that the cost of capturing wind energy on-shore is half the cost of doing the same off-shore.  
AGREE but there are other factors to be taken into consideration.
  
- 7 Do you agree with the Deutsche Bank report in 2011 which clearly stated 'we do not expect the impact of shale-gas production on EU gas prices to be anywhere near as great as has been the case with US shale-gas production'?  
AGREE It is generally agreed that the price impact of shale gas production in the EU will be considerably less than in the US
  
- 8 It is of prime importance that funds be put into insulating properties as a way of reducing the UK's waste of energy.  
STRONGLY AGREE The Welsh Government, with limited resources, is already working hard to achieve this and is having an impact on fuel poverty as well as reducing energy waste. More needs to be done by the UK government to reduce energy waste through better insulation.
  
- 9 Giving short-term 'grants' for insulation and energy efficiency at specific times causes

providers, working in the insulation business, problems of continuity of work.

NEITHER I don't know enough about this issue to comment, but it wouldn't surprise me

10 Climate Change is the most challenging of the problems facing our planet and we owe it to future generations to do our utmost to address it.

AGREE It is one of the most challenging problems facing our planet, along with population growth, religious extremism and poverty. I completely agree that it is one of the most serious and challenging problems we face, and it requires strong leadership and a sense of urgency to respond effectively. Ed Miliband has said it will be one of his highest priorities as PM, and unlike David Cameron, I think he means it.