

Extract 1: BBC Any Questions, 17th March 2023 (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001k17y>)

Fiona Bruce (FB) moderates a discussion between Theo Paphitis (TP, businessman) and Nick Thomas Symonds (NS, Labour MP). It centres on what Labour promises to do if elected and what the Conservatives have failed to do. Symonds uses numbers clearly (e.g. £28 billion) and vaguely (reference to feed-in tariffs). NS also refers to the cost of living, climate crisis and security as reasons.

1 FB: AhHh .hhh E:r >Nick Thomas Symonds< (.) Kier Starmer has
2 said that Labour is pro (.) nuclear. .hh so- >you're with the
3 government on this one.<
4 NS: .Tch ah I believe nuclear should be pa:rt of the mix >but just to
5 pick up o:n Theo:'s point I hope Theo that it will be within your
6 lifetime because the promise of the next Labour
7 gov[ernment is that- cl-]
8 TP: [I might hold you to that,]
9 NS: You:- (.)
10 AU: ,,,--[((Laughter, chatter))---,,,)]
11 NS: [Feel free feel free. .thh >De]lighted< we'll come back here=
12 AU: ..[(((chuckles-----,,,))]
13 NS: =[again an- and see if it's- it's happened.]hHHH †But- (.) the
14 next Labour government promise:s what we call our climate investment
15 ple:dge <to invest twenty eight billion pounds .hh in each and every
16 ye:ar <in a CLEAN (.) energy (.) sprint. <It is absolutely necessary
17 to do this, <to do the insulation that- Caroline has referred to of
18 nine<teen> million homes out there that don't have the appropriate
19 home insulation. .HHhh to actually have the onshore and the offshore
20 wind and solar. .Hh this government- eh- S- ended the feed in tariff
21 scheme for solar in TWENTy ten, >that was a< hu:ge mistake? .Hh they
22 had a ban on onshore wind in place from 2015? .hh that was a huge
23 (.) mistake (.) as we:ill .Hh and †WE (.) have to make this green
24 energy sprint work. †make it w|ork †not only because we need ENergy
25 security: <we †don't want to be reliant on the whims of dictators
26 around the world .hh for our energy needs, but †also because (.) we
27 nee:d to get that energy security to bring (.) our bills (.) do:wn
28 right across the country. .hh It makes sense to tackle climate
29 change (.) it makes sense for the cost of living crisis too.
30 (0.5)
31 AU:((Applause))[-----,,,)]
32 TP: [Nick >yeah I just want to come in here< <my late
33 mother (0.3) had a saying, that politicians talk a lot of sense
34 (0.8) when they're not in power.
35 (0.2)
36 AU: ((Au[di]ence laughter))-----((Applause))-----
37 P4: [MAKE SURE YOU STICK THAT if you ever get in power.=
38 AU: (((Audience applause))-----((Cheering))-----
39 (NS): =[Heh heh heh heh heh heh heh heh.

Extract 2: BBC Any Questions, 31st March (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001kh63>)

Fiona Bruce (FB) moderates a conversation between Trudy Harrison (TH, Conservative MP) and Lisa Nandy (LN, Labour MP) on the role of coal (as they are opening a new mine) in producing steel. With the counter being about “green steel”. The main point of contention centres on time (13 years in power) and investment (slashed investment in clean energy).

[00:15:07]

1 LN: It- TOTally undermines our commitments to net zero <HOW ON e::arth
2 .Hhh are government ministers going to go around the wo::rld .hh and
3 lecture other countries .Hh bigger carbon emitters than us .Hhh
4 about meeting their obligations when we’re making these sorts of
5 short sighted decisions .Hh=
6 FB: =↑What ab[out–
7 LN: [WE SHOULD BE INVEsting .hh in green steel .hh in new
8 nuclear .hh and as Tommy said [in wind WE’RE ISLAND NATION
9 AU: [((.....Light applause))-----
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11 LN: what on ea:rth is stopping us.
12 AU: -----[, ,]
13 LN: [I-] I- agrtee we should be investing in
14 new nuclear but it takes a hundred and eighty thousand tonnes of
15 steel (.) to- construct just one Rolls-Royce small modular reactor,
16 .Hhhh I also agree we need to be investing in hydrogen .hh and we
17 ARE, .Hhh but how are you going to power those electrolyzers. how
18 are you going to <build> the rail network the trains the factories
19 the electric vehicles <it all takes steel .hh nothing can be done
20 <and yes we have a small steel industry in this area .Hhh in this
21 country .hh but we’ll be exporting this coking coal to Germany and
22 [at the moment THEY’RE procuring–
23 LN: [But you’ve had [THIRTEEN years,] Trudy= [00:16:06]
24 FB: [Okay.]
25 LN: =You’ve had THIRTEEN ye:ars to invest in green steel <instead .Hhh
26 you’ve taken exactly the opposite approach .Hhh you’ve slash[ed=
27 FB: [Okay.]
28 LN: =investment .Hhh into forms of clean energy[and that is why=
29 AU: [...((Applause))-----
30 LN: =>the UK is on[the BACK foot (.) not the front foot.]
31 AU: -----((Applause continues-----
32 TH: [AND THA:T I::S A:::bsolutely
33 rubbi:[:sh. [00:16:19]
34 AU: -----((Applause continues-----
35 FB: [Briefly Trudy on that >because I want to bring in the rest of
36 the panel< <but just on that po[int briefly.
37 AU: -----((Applause continues-----[, , , , , , , ,]

38 LH: [↑FORTY PERCENT (.) forty] percent of
39 our energy comes from renewables <that is down to government
40 investment. .Hhh We have rewritten the nuclear policy .Hhh (0.4)
41 to actually build new nuclear which wasn't what you guys were
42 [doing]=
43 FB: [Okay.] [00:16:34]
44 LH: =in two thousand and [fo:iur,
45 LN: [Well you don't need to convince me you need to
46 convince [them]and I don't see anybody looking particularly=
47 FB: [Okay.]
48 LN: =[convinced (right-).
49 FB: [I WANT TO BRING in the r[est of the panel because thHEhehey- (.)
50 AU: [...((Applause, laughter, heckles))--
51 FB: they- they must have their say on this, Tom- Tommy Sheppa]rd.
52 AU: -----, , , , , , , , ,]