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Ruth

I would propose a letter from Keith as follows:

Dorothy

A recent survey by MORI on behalf of the nuclear industry shows that the percentage of MPs who would support building new nuclear power stations to replace existing capacity slightly exceeds those who would oppose. Within this total; as political correspondent Chris Adams has said in his article on 5 October, Labour supporters are indeed outnumbered by Labour opponents. But this is not the full picture. In the same survey 46% of Labour MPs agreed that nuclear energy should be a major contributor to energy supplies in the future, with only 34% in disagreement. This represents a significant shift since the last Parliament, when the figures were 41% and 50% respectively. MORI themselves have commented that Parliament is now more positive to nuclear energy than at any time since 1999.

These results confirm a trend of steadily changing attitudes towards nuclear energy. There is no outright majority in either direction but the turning point has already been reached.

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