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Responding to the announcement by the government that it plans for the UK to get 25% of its electricity from nuclear power [1], co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay, responded:

“Nuclear energy is an expensive distraction at a time when we face the dual challenges of spiralling energy costs and concerns over energy security.

“Our focus needs to be on developing renewable energy technologies and a big push on energy efficiency. Both are cleaner and cheaper solutions that can be delivered far quicker than nuclear ever can.

“That’s why we are calling for a £250 billion investment plan for a nationwide home retrofit scheme and renewables in tomorrow’s Spring statement [2].

“Because the safety of nuclear plants requires cooling water, climate change also poses a safety hazard. Extreme weather events and rising sea levels will increasingly render nuclear power plants vulnerable.”

Notes

[1] [Johnson announces aim for UK to get 25% of electricity from nuclear power | The Guardian](#)

[2] [Greens urge Chancellor to announce £250bn home retrofit plan in Spring Statement to tackle cost of living crisis | The Green Party](#)

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