

Scottish Labour Candidates views on Trident Replacement

Opposed to Trident Replacement - 21

Gordon	Banks	Ochil and South Perthshire	Election Survey - Would vote against
Anne	Begg	Aberdeen South	Election Survey - Would vote against
Katy	Clark	Ayrshire North and Arran	Election Survey - Would vote against
Michael	Connarty	Linlithgow and Falkirk East	Election Survey - Would vote against
Ian	Davidson	Glasgow South West	Voted against in March 2007
Frank	Doran	Aberdeen North	Voted against in March 2007
Sheila	Gilmore	Edinburgh East	Election Survey - Would vote against
David	Hamilton	Midlothian	Election Survey - Would vote against
Cathy	Jamieson	Kilmarnock and Loudon	Election Survey - Would vote against
Eric	Joyce	Falkirk	Has spoken out against Trident Replac
Mark	Lazarowicz	Edinburgh North and Leith	Election Survey - Would vote against
John	Mackay	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	Election Survey - Would vote against
Graeme	Morrice	Livingston	Election Survey - Would vote against
Ian	Murray	Edinburgh South	Election Survey - Would vote against
Katrina	Murray	Dundee East	Election Survey - Would vote against
Lindsay	Roy	Glenrothes	Election Survey - Would vote against
James	McGovern	Dundee West	Election Survey - Would vote against
Sandra	Osborne	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock	Voted against in March 2007
Glen	Reynolds	Banff and Buchan	Election Survey - Would vote against
Mike	Robb	Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey	Election Survey - Would vote against
Anas	Sarwar	Glasgow Central	Election Survey - Would vote against

Support Trident Replacement - 17

Douglas	Alexander	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Voted for in March 2007
Willie	Bain	Glasgow North East	Election survey - would vote for
Rt Hon Gordon	Brown	Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath	Voted for in March 2007
Russell	Brown	Dumfries and Galloway	Voted for in March 2007
David	Cairns	Inverclyde	Voted for in March 2007
Thomas	Clarke	Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill	Voted for in March 2007
Rt Hon Alistair	Darling	Edinburgh South West	Voted for in March 2007
Tom	Harris	Glasgow South	Voted for in March 2007
Anne	McGuire	Stirling	Voted for in March 2007
Ann	McKechin	Glasgow North	Election survey - supports manifesto
Jim	Murphy	East Renfrewshire	Voted for in March 2007
Fiona	O'Donnell	East Lothian	Election survey - would vote for
John	Robertson	Glasgow North West	Voted for in March 2007
Frank	Roy	Motherwell and Wishaw	Voted for in March 2007
James	Sheridan	Paisley and Renfrewshire North	Voted for in March 2007
Kevin	Hutchens	Angus	Election survey - would vote for
Cllr Michael	McCann	East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	Election survey - would vote for

Ambiguous or views not known - 21

Claudia	Beamish	Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	No reply to election survey
Mark	Cooper	Orkney and Shetland	No reply to election survey
Barney	Crockett	Gordon	No reply to election survey
Margaret	Curran	Glasgow East	No reply to election survey
Cameron	Day	Edinburgh West	No reply to election survey
Thomas	Docherty	Dunfermline and West Fife	No reply to election survey
Brian	Donohoe	Ayrshire Central	Ambiguous reply to election survey
Gemma	Doyle	Dunbartonshire West	Ambiguous reply to constituent
Mary	Galbraith	Dunbartonshire East	No reply to election survey
Jamie	Glackin	Perth and Perthshire	No reply to election survey
David	Graham	Argyll and Bute	No reply to election survey
Tom	Greatrex	Rutherglen and Hamilton West	No reply to election survey
Keiron	Green	Moray	No reply to election survey
Jimmy	Hood	Lanark and Hamilton East	Abstained in March 2007 vote
Mike	Hood	Fife North East	No reply to election survey
Donald	MacSween	Western Isles	No reply to election survey
Gregg	McClymont	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East	Ambiguous reply to election survey
John	McKendrick	Ross, Skye and Lochaber	No reply to election survey
Ian	Miller	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	No reply to election survey
Pamela	Nash	Airdrie and Shotts	No reply to election survey
Greg	Williams	Aberdeenshire West and Kincardine	No reply to election survey

Statements in opposition to Trident Replacement:

Anne Begg (Aberdeen South) –

“My views on this issue are very straightforward. I will not provide my support for any replacement for Trident, but rather will continue to lobby and make it known that my vision is that of a world free from nuclear weapons”

Michael Connarty (Linlithgow) –

“I opposed Polaris and Trident which replaced it. I have marched with anti-nuclear-weapons groups at Faslane and through my constituency. WMDs are obscene and we need the money for public services. I am a member of the Parliamentary CND group.”

David Hamilton (Midlothian) –

“I have always opposed nuclear weapons. I do not believe they offer a deterrent in the modern world. Nuclear weapons offer no strategic benefit and I believe that global disarmament is a goal that all nations should work towards. When the House of Commons voted on the retention of nuclear weapons in 2007 I voted against the Government and against the renewal of Trident. Nothing since then has changed by mind and I will continue to oppose the UK's retention of nuclear weapons.”

Cathy Jamieson (Kilmarnock and Loudon) –

“I have signed up to Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non Proliferation and Disarmament. I made my opposition to nuclear weapons clear to Labour Party members in Kilmarnock and Loudoun during the recent selection process”

Graeme Morrice (Livingston) –

“I do not believe the replacement of Trident by the UK Government is appropriate at this time when the current threat to our country's security is international terrorism. I believe that there is now an opportunity for the Government, in not replacing Trident, to take a leading role on the international stage in ridding the World of nuclear weapons. I believe the World would be a safer place without the constant threat of nuclear annihilation. I believe the money earmarked for the replacement of Trident would be better spent on socially useful projects, and a diversification strategy devised to ensure people and communities are provided with alternative employment opportunities.”

Ian Murray (Edinburgh South) –

“I was against it even before Nigel Griffiths resigned. It is not just something that we cannot afford but I go back to comments made by Barack Obama during the US elections in 2008. We must show the international community that we lead by the power of our example and not the example of our power. It really isn't a deterrent and is there really much point in the world blowing itself up”

Lindsay Roy (Glenrothes) –

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Jim McGovern (Dundee West) –

"I voted against the renewal of Trident when the issue came to vote in the House of Commons and I will oppose any further plans to build a replacement for Trident"

Glen Reynolds (Banff and Buchan) –

"I am a member of Pax Christie and have a long history of involvement in Peace and Justice issues within a faith context. I freely endorse the aims and objectives of Scotland's for Peace."

Mike Robb (Inverness) –

"I have been a member of CND since being inspired to join after listening to Michael Foot speaking I am opposed – and have been for some time – to the UK's replacement of the Trident missile system. As well as my principled opposition to nuclear weapons, I think the world and the UK's role in it have moved to a point where we may have more influence by giving up such weapons. I also think we have far better things on which to spend such vast amounts of public money".

Ambiguous replies:

Brian Donohoe (Central Ayrshire) -

"If you had asked me the same thing four or five years ago, I would straight away have said Yes I will vote for a Trident Replacement. However the situation has moved on and I admit the position is now weakened as a consequence of the World Order changing rapidly .. my mind is completely open to the arguments ..."

Gemma Doyle (West Dumbartonshire) –

"I believe in multilateral disarmament. ... Whatever happens in regard to our nuclear deterrent, the base must have a future".

Gregg McClymont (Cumbernauld) -

"I am not a unilateralist. However, I do think the next Parliament will have to consider Trident carefully. My own attitude will depend on the cost of the programme vis-a-vis the fiscal constraints the country may be operating within; it will also depend on my judgment about the role that the Trident renewal might play in a further round of multilateral disarmament (following on from the US-Russia accord). So, not an objection of principle to Britain's nuclear deterrent but a concern about the cost and also about Trident's place in a world which will be (I hope) engaged in multilateral disarmament."

Statements supporting Trident:

Douglas Alexander (Paisley and Renfrewshire South) –

“.. in the uncertain world we live in, I believe we still need our independent deterrent”

Tom Harris (Glasgow South) –

“I would support the renewal of Trident if re-elected”

Michael McCann (East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow) –

“The world is a dangerous place and there are nations that are intent on obtaining a military nuclear capability. Therefore, until such times as those threats do not exist; I will continue to support Britain’s independent nuclear deterrent”.

Willie Bain (Glasgow North East) –

“Our nuclear deterrent is reaching the end of its lifetime and, despite our best efforts towards non-proliferation, it must be maintained. The Trident renewal programme is the most cost-effective way to do this”.

John Robertson (Glasgow North West) –

“I believe that maintaining Britain’s nuclear deterrence by replacing Trident is not only affordable, but also necessary in protecting all British citizens and protecting UK national interests.”

Ann McKechin (Glasgow North)

Voted against Trident Replacement in March 2007 but has not repeated this position when asked by Scotland’s for Peace and constituents.

Letter from Scotland’s for Peace

We believe that nuclear weapons have no place in a modern world. They do not prevent war. They kill indiscriminately. They cost enormous sums of money that could be better spent on alleviating poverty and creating jobs. The majority of Scots are opposed to them. I intend to make the future of Trident a key issue in my choice about whom to vote for in the General Election.

Can you please tell me whether, if elected, you would vote for or against the replacement of Trident ?

Cardinal Keith Patrick O’Brien

Rt Rev William Hewitt, Moderator, Church of Scotland General Assembly

Isobel Lindsay, Convenor, Scotland’s for Peace

Replies from candidates of all the main parties are on www.scotland4peace.org