

Thank you for writing to me. I will give as thoughtful and honest answers as I can.

- > 1) Given that Israel has continued to expand settlements on occupied
- > Palestinian land in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in defiance of
- > international law and international opinion, do you think the UK should
- > ban the import of settlement goods into the UK?
- > Yes / No / Don't Know

Possibly. I would want to know a little more about whether the producers of the goods had any say or choices over the manner of their settlement. It may be that threatening the removal of trade should be further down the line rather than a first resort - in terms of a hypothetical Green Government, you understand, I realise that this situation has been developing and worsening for many years, and I apologise for any naivety in my answers.

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- > 2) Do you agree that Israel's blockade of Gaza imposed since 2007 should
- > be lifted immediately?
- > Yes / No / Don't Know

Yes absolutely. No country should be kept prisoner by another country. That is how it appears to me.

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- > 3) Do you agree that the government should enforce its own arms export
- > licensing criteria and stop supplying arms to Israel until it ceases its
- > violations of international law?
- > Yes / No / Don't Know

Yes. I would like the Government to stop taking pride in being a global arms dealer, and to stop selling to all regimes and countries who abuse human rights.

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- > 4) Numerous reports have highlighted the mistreatment of Palestinian
- > child prisoners in Israeli military detention. Do you agree that any
- > child prisoner should be treated in accordance with international law
- > and not Israeli military law?
- > Yes / No / Don't Know

A 'yes' is my gut reply but I admit I am not familiar enough to understand what possible reasons there could be to hold children under military law.

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- > 5) Do you agree that future UK trade deals should include a strong human
- > rights clause, and that any trade agreement with Israel should be
- > conditional upon the respect of international law and human rights?
- > Yes / No / Don't Know

I would like this to be the case with all the countries with which we habitually deal.

I would be happy to learn more about the background to your questions, and I thank you for asking them and for the links provided. I am on a learning curve, and have answered from my heart as well as I can here.