

Prime Minister David Cameron 'not getting to grips with the floods crisis'

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Three out of four people do not believe David Cameron is getting a grip on the flooding crisis.

Just 23 per cent reckon the Government is getting the problem under control, a ComRes/Sunday Mirror poll shows today.

An overwhelming 59 per cent do not agree that the Government is getting a grip on the floods.

In the South West, which has had some of the worst flooding, confidence in the Government's ability to deal with the crisis is even lower. Only 16 per cent in the region agreed that ministers had the situation under control.

The floods have strengthened the public's view that humans are to blame for climate change. Almost half those quizzed (48 per cent) said the floods made them more convinced that man-made climate change was happening.

Only 30 per cent disagreed while 23 per cent listed themselves as "don't knows".



The findings on the crisis follow a bitter round of mud-slinging between ministers and flood bosses at the Environment Agency over who is to blame for the failure to prevent thousands of homes being inundated.

Ministers were also at loggerheads this week over whether Britain should seek financial help from Brussels to pay for the clean-up.

However, Downing Street sources insisted an application would eventually be made to the European Union's

Solidarity Fund to help pay for repairs.

One minister who will be escaping the chaos is Chancellor George Osborne. He is due to fly to Australia for a meeting of world finance ministers in sunny Sydney next weekend.