Sarah Wollaston (Totnes Conservative)

Will the Secretary of State consider carefully how we can prevent students from being deterred from undertaking longer courses such as medicine and pharmacy—very able students in particular may be put off from those courses—perhaps by introducing a three-year cap on fees?

Vince Cable (Secretary of State, Business, Innovations and Skills)

The answer to that question is similar to the one that I gave on the other STEM subjects. Medicine is a costly course, which is why continuing support is needed through the teaching grant from Government to keep graduate contributions at a moderate and reasonable level, and that is what we shall aim to do.