Dr Sarah Wollaston (Totnes) (Con):

It is not only the entire medical establishment that backs minimum pricing on health grounds. I would like to read to the crime prevention Minister an e-mail I have received from a street pastor and to tell him what I am hearing from the special constables and police in my area. They say:

"There is no doubt that the availability of cheap alcohol enables people to get into the habit of being very drunk, very often."

That has disastrous consequences on our streets. A third of people are unwilling to go out into their town centres.

What is the crime prevention Minister's personal view? It would be a shame if he became the crime promotion Minister.

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